



James David Swords

January 12, 1947 - December 29, 2020

JAMES D. SWORDS

1947-2020

James D. Swords, 73, of Guntersville, Alabama, died Tuesday, December 29, 2020 surrounded by his loved ones.

Born January 12, 1947, he grew up in the East Lake neighborhood with his parents and three brothers. He attended and graduated from Marshall County High School where he was an outstanding football player and athlete.

After attending Jacksonville State University, he began working in the jewelry sales locally, then eventually established his own chain of jewelry stores throughout Nashville, Tennessee. After

many years, James and his wife, Cicely, returned home to Guntersville where he opened his

own local jewelry business, Swords Diamond Shop, serving the people of Guntersville, Albertville and Boaz.

Besides his love for people and jewelry, he loved his involvement in the community. He was highly involved in leadership of the Guntersville Chapter of Civitans, the

Marshall County

Reunion Committee for the Class of 1965, and all aspects of the First Baptist Church of

Guntersville.

James loved his family widely and deeply. He is survived by his wife, Cicely Shaw Swords; son,

Josh Swords (Kim) of Tuscaloosa; daughter, Calley Swords Kutner (David) of Guntersville;

grandchildren, Miller and Allee Belle of Guntersville, Caroline and Joshua Swords Jr. of

Tuscaloosa; his brother, Gary Swords (Debbie) of Guntersville and Steven Swords (Lenora) of

Guntersville; and many loved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Vinnie Swords and his brother Thomas

Swords, all of Guntersville, AL.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life gathering on Saturday, January 2,

2021 from 12:00-2:00 PM with the funeral following at First Baptist Church-Guntersville

located at 1000 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976.

In his memory, contributions may be made to Civitan International (www.civitan.org or One

Civitan Place, Birmingham, AL 35213-0744); or Apple Foundation (www.applegrants.org or PO

Box 921, Guntersville, AL 35976)

Tribute Wall

MM

“ So sorry to hear this a great man helped me tremendously in my youth you will be missed

Marlin McCurdy - January 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM

PJ

“ Polly Jex lit a candle in memory of James David Swords



Polly Jex - January 01, 2021 at 01:32 PM

PJ

“ Ken and I are sorry for your loss. He is a good man and a wonderful friend to Leo William Jex. I have thought of Bill and Hazel greeting him on the other side of the veil soon after his departure from this life if Heavenly Father allows it as Jim and him are good friends and they loved each other so much serving in civitans together. We saw him at Bills once and saw the expression of love that he felt for Bill as they communicated with each other love and respect for each other, almost like family. I am sure that he is kin through my side of family.

Polly Jex - January 01, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JW

“ Sorry for the loss of your loved one. Saw him several times when I went to Barne's barber shop in GSV. He will be missed and we are praying for the family. Jerry Walls, Bus driver for Gsv. schools.

Jerry Walls - December 31, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Steve, Kacey, and Daniel purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James David Swords.*



Steve, Kacey, and Daniel - December 31, 2020 at 09:12 AM