



Kenneth Swaim

September 5, 1938 - March 28, 2025

Kenneth Oran Swaim, 86, of Drakesville, Iowa passed away on March 28, 2025 at the Bloomfield Care Center. He was born on September 5, 1938 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Jacob Oran and Clara Lorene Croft Swaim. Kenneth graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1955. He married Jo Ann Daugherty on August 18, 1955 in Lancaster, Missouri.

Kenneth was a farmer and sheep shearer. He sheared sheep all over the United States and won many competitions – he was especially proud to be a 3x Iowa State Fair Champion. He was a member of the Davis County Sheep Producers. Kenneth enjoyed coyote and coon hunting as well as playing volleyball, baseball, and softball in his younger days. He was also a very good hand-picker while fishing. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Swaim; two sons, John Swaim, Jeff (Debbie) Swaim both of Drakesville; two daughters, Becky (Dave) Hopkins, Betsy (Jay) Bassett both of Bloomfield; eight grandchildren, Hallie (Dean) Bragg, Hannah (Tucker) Schubert, Jessie (Mike) Masteller, Cole (Devia) Swaim, Katy (Jay) Peers, Spencer (Moriah) Bassett, Dusti (Brian) Bogert, J.T. (Ashley) Hopkins; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sheilia (Ralph) Hopkins of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Pat Swaim,

Danny O'Brien, and Connie King.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Bill Eakins officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. A memorial has been established to Hospice Serving Wapello and Davis Counties.

Cemetery Details

Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

APR 3. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

APR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.* ”



April 02, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.* ”



April 02, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.* ”



April 02, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Swaim.* ”

April 02, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ JBS Marshalltown purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Swaim.



JBS Marshalltown - April 02, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ JBS Marshalltown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Swaim.

JBS Marshalltown - April 02, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.



April 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Swaim.

April 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM

CS

“ Chris S. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Swaim.



Chris S. - April 01, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ Chris S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Swaim.

Chris S. - April 01, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.



April 01, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Swaim.

April 01, 2025 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ Becky, thinking of you, Dave, and your family in the loss of your father.
With deepest sympathy,
Karla Wilson Roberts

Karla Roberts - March 31, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Swaim.



March 29, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SD

“ *Hallie, I'm sorry to hear of you grandpa's passing. Prayers for your family. Sara Downing*

Sara Downing - March 29, 2025 at 06:23 AM

RC

“ *Becky and Dave Hopkins I'm so very sorry for your loss of your Dad. Im keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers 🙏*



Rebecca coyne - March 29, 2025 at 03:31 AM

JB

“ *An outstanding farmer and hunter. Gary Cossel always said Kenneth never had a crop failure. He may of not had much for a tractor but he was kept a good planter! Arch Marshall told me Clarence Bogle told him the 2 best farmers he knew were a old young and a young one. The old one was Gerald Forsthye the young one, Kenneth Swaim. No one was a natural born coyote hunter like he was. He was the TRUE purse money seek and destroy hunter. My deepest condolences and sympathy!*

Jeremy Breckenridge - March 28, 2025 at 10:49 PM

TK

“ *Trevor and Maggie Koellner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Swaim.*



Trevor and Maggie Koellner - March 28, 2025 at 10:28 PM

RG

“ Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Swaim



Regina Gooden - March 28, 2025 at 10:12 PM

RG

Our deepest sympathy to the family, with prayers for all.

Regina Gooden - March 28, 2025 at 10:13 PM

BG

Jeff, I am sorry for the loss of your Dad, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!

Brett L Garrett - March 29, 2025 at 06:37 AM

SL

“ Steve Lowe lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Swaim



Steve lowe - March 28, 2025 at 09:44 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Swaim



Lynn roberts - March 28, 2025 at 09:24 PM