



## Ronald W. Swacker

June 8, 1943 - March 25, 2026

Ronald W. Swacker, age 82, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, with his loving family by his side.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Melody Lee Swacker (née Stauber), with whom he shared 51 years of marriage; his parents, William and Marta Jean (Jones); one brother, William Swacker; and one sister, Bonnie Levan.

Ronald is survived by his two daughters, Melody Lynn (William) Winkle and Kimberly Joy (Jack) Howe; and his five grandchildren, Mitchell Polka, Madeline Polka, Justin Smykowski (Morgan), Ellie Smykowski, and Jillian Wilson (Brandon).

He is also survived by his brothers, Howard Swacker (Karen) and Bobby Swacker (Paula); and his sisters, Patricia Nore, Pam Kilpatrick, and Jeannie Webber (Greg); as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Ronald was born on June 8, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a former resident of Country Club Hills and had resided in Joliet for the past 27 years. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather who had a passion for cars and traveling to his favorite resort with his fiancée, Trixie. He also shared a special bond with Trixie's daughter, Melissa Navarro (Tom), and Jasmine, and had a deep love for his dog, Wiskey.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park I

West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 774-9220  
delgadofunerals@gmail.com  
<https://DelgadoFunerals.com>

## Entombment

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Woodlawn Memorial Park I  
West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL

# Tribute Wall



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

March 30 at 09:08 PM



“ Steven E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald W. Swacker.

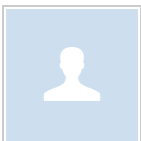
Steven E. - March 30 at 12:38 PM



“ Steven E. purchased the *Angel's Embrace Bouquet* for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



Steven E. - March 30 at 12:38 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



March 30 at 11:03 AM



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

March 30 at 11:03 AM



“ Ron C. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



Ron C. - March 30 at 09:45 AM



“ Kimberly, Jack & Maggie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald W. Swacker.

Kimberly, Jack & Maggie - March 29 at 10:14 AM



“ Kimberly, Jack & Maggie purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



Kimberly, Jack & Maggie - March 29 at 10:14 AM



“ Atkinson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald W. Swacker.

Atkinson Family - March 28 at 08:37 PM

AF

“ Atkinson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



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**Atkinson Family** - March 28 at 08:37 PM

TF

“ The Reese Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



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**The Reese Family** - March 28 at 05:14 PM

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“ Melody L. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ronald W. Swacker.



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**Melody L.** - March 28 at 04:37 PM

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“ Ron was a wonderful man, who put relationships first. His love of, pride in and gratitude for Trixie and their entire families was evident in every conversation he had. I will cherish the support and appreciation he showed me throughout our time working together. A conversation did not pass that he didn't share his thanks for me as a person. What a gift he gave me, the knowing I was appreciated. I strive to do the same for others. He was dedicated to his profession as a commercial real estate broker to the end. We were supposed to have our monthly touch point meeting the afternoon of his passing.

Ron had a genuine interest in how the people in his life were doing. He loved life. He loved experiencing life with those he cared about. His stories from his trips with Melody, when she was alive, (such as traveling the country in an RV) and those with Trixie (like zip lining and Xcaret) were filled with unfiltered love and joy.

My thoughts and prayers are with Trixie, and Ron's & Trixie's entire families as they adjust to his sudden departure and mourn his loss.

With love and deepest sympathy,

Amy Hall

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A.J. Hall - March 28 at 10:21 AM