



Randy Lee Swinford

December 15, 1952 - October 25, 2017

PRINCETON — Randy L. Swinford, 64, of Princeton passed away at home on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, after battling cancer.

Randy was born Dec. 15, 1952, to the late Max Swinford and Betty Rose Swinford in Champaign. He married his high school sweetheart, Lani Frandsen, on Sept. 7, 1974, in Elgin.

After graduating from Elgin High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Eastern Illinois University and did additional graduate work at Northern Illinois University. In 1976, Randy and his wife moved to Princeton where he began his career teaching industrial arts at Princeton High School.

Randy was a beloved wrestling and football coach from 1976 until he retired in 2011, when he was inducted into the IWCOA Coaching Hall of Fame. He was a member of the TKE brotherhood and served in the Naval Air Reserve.

Randy enjoyed time spent with his family and Sally D. Dog. He loved all of his “sons” acquired through years of coaching. He always had an inappropriate joke to tell and could challenge anyone at Words with Friends.

Randy is survived by his wife, Lani; three daughters, Katie Swinford (Joel Hanlon) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jillian Swinford of Chicago and Elise Swinford of Princeton; one grandchild, Lucas Hanlon of Cincinnati, Ohio; his mother, Betty Swinford of Bonita Springs, Fla.; one sister, Mary Swinford of Green Bay, Wis.; one sister-in-law, Tammy Swinford-Potts of Downers Grove; two nieces and two nephews; and cousins.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Max Swinford; a brother, Lonnie Swinford; and his grandparents.

Randy's final wishes were to buy a round for his friends and family. Come as you are to toast to Coach Swinny and share your memories on Sunday, Nov. 5, from noon to 5 p.m., at The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton.

A memorial scholarship to a trade or vocational school will be established in Randy's name. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to the scholarship fund.

The Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens

Tribute Wall

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“ Heart Of Illinois Coaches "Coach Q." sent a virtual gift in memory of Randy Lee Swinford



Heart of Illinois Coaches "Coach Q." - October 30, 2017 at 04:54 PM

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"Dear Swinford Family, Friends and Athletes Randy was a part of your lives: Our memories of Randy's dedication to young peoples lives will last FOREVER! Heart of Illinois Coaches send our Condolences- God Bless From All of Us- Jim Querciagrossa Heart of Illinois Hall of Famer"

Heart of Illinois Coaches "Coach Q." - October 30, 2017 at 05:05 PM

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“ Dear Swinford Family, friends and relatives, sending our condolences on the loss of Randy Swinford. We are truly sorry for not introducing ourselves as your neighbors for the past year. May the Lord be with all of you in your time of grief. Benny and Susan Nooks

Benny and Susan Nooks - October 30, 2017 at 12:16 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Lani, Sending prayers of comfort for the family.

Patricia Schofield - October 28, 2017 at 01:01 PM

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“ We will miss you Coach, you truly inspired everyone to be the best



Dale Swanson - October 27, 2017 at 08:39 PM