



## Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.

February 14, 1947 - April 14, 2020

To view the service for Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr. live stream use the link below:

[www.facebook.com/ZandersFuneral](http://www.facebook.com/ZandersFuneral)

Ernest C. Swift, Jr., affectionately known as “Coach Swift”, was born February 14, 1947 in Orlando, Florida to parents, Ernest C. Swift, Sr. and Thelma Austin. He was a proud graduate of the historic Phyllis Wheatley High School Class of 1965. After high school, Ernest attended Bethune-Cookman College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1969.

Ernest went on to join the United States Army and proudly served from 1970 to 1972. After returning home, he continued his education at Rollins College and earned his Masters of Education degree in 1978. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration from Jones College in 1981.

Ernest met and married the love of his life, Mollie Mae Poole Swift. To this union was born one son, Othellus Swift, Sr.

Coach Swift’s heart was as big as his stature. His career was equally the same. He began his career as a Physical Education Teacher at Robinswood Jr. High School from 1973 to 1984. He went on to serve as Head Coach at the historic Jones High School from 1984 to 1993, where he led the schools football team to a record of 66-41 during his tenure.

Coach Swift returned to his home town of Apopka, Florida to serve as Dean of

Students and later an Assistant Principal at Apopka High School until his retirement in 2012.

Coach Swift was very involved in his church, New Hope Mission-ary Baptist Church and his community. He was indeed an icon within the Apopka community and abroad as he has touch so many lives throughout his career as an educator.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Ernest Swift, Sr. and Thelma Swift; wife, Mollie Mae Swift; and brother, Othellus Swift.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Othellus Swift, Sr. And Tangela Thomas, both of Apopka, Florida; siblings: Eugene Swift, Sr. (Kaye) of Apopka, Florida and Grace Swift of Maryland; faithful cousins: Steve Austin, "Baby Sister", and Annie Seal; 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
927 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

## Service

APR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

# Tribute Wall



“ *Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *My condolences to the Swift family .I as many was a student of Coach Swift's at Robinswood Jr High. On and off the field he thought "life lessons" It will take a Big Man to fill his shoes . May he Rest In Peace.  
Lynn& Jason  
Stough*



**Jason Stough** - July 25, 2023 at 05:32 AM



“ *MARGIE WILKES lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



**MARGIE WILKES** - August 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Angela Britten lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



**Angela Britten** - May 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C.Swift Jr.*



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**Dot Newsome** - May 20, 2020 at 12:43 PM

PN

“ *Pam Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C.Swift Jr.*



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**Pam Newsome** - May 18, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C.Swift Jr.*



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**Dot Newsome** - May 18, 2020 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ *Thank you for inspiring dreams into reality. #Archers4Ever*

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**Cynthia Harris** - May 18, 2020 at 01:32 AM

KH

“ *Kim Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**Kim Howard** - May 14, 2020 at 09:09 AM

KH

“ *Kim Howard lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**kim howard** - May 14, 2020 at 09:08 AM

RE

“ *Rose Mary Early lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**Rose Mary Early** - May 02, 2020 at 12:27 AM

AN

“ *Audrey and Annie Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.*



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**Audrey Newsome** - April 26, 2020 at 05:51 PM

J&

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family , Johnny and Ruby Robinson and Family* 🙏

**Johnny and Ruby Robinson &Family** - April 26, 2020 at 12:05 PM

J&

“ *Johnny And Ruby Robinson &Family lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



**Johnny and Ruby Robinson &Family** - April 26, 2020 at 12:00 PM

TW

“ *Tony White lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



**Tony White** - April 25, 2020 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ *Rosie Bush lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



**Rosie Bush** - April 25, 2020 at 03:59 PM

LH

“ *Linda-Roberta Hughley lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**Linda-Roberta Hughley** - April 25, 2020 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ *Jennifer Moss lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**Jennifer Moss** - April 25, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MK

“ *To: Eugene and Kaye Swift and Swift's Family,*  
  
*Praying that God will be your strength and give you peace as you go the passing of your loved one. May your faith in God comfort the family.*



*With Love and Deepest Sympathy,*

*Minnie Long Scott and Mamie Long Kelly*

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**MAMIE LONG KELLY** - April 24, 2020 at 09:32 PM

DF

“ DeSue Family lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



DeSue family - April 24, 2020 at 06:17 PM

EM

“ Eddie Lee Marayne lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



Eddie Lee Marayne - April 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM

VA

“ Val lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



Val - April 24, 2020 at 01:08 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Swift family as the prepare to celebrate Ernest's life.

Donald C. Baker



Shirley R. Baker - April 24, 2020 at 11:35 AM

AN

“ Audrey and Annie Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Audrey Newsome - April 23, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr..



April 23, 2020 at 07:32 AM

BP

“ Barbara Postell lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



Barbara postell - April 23, 2020 at 01:28 AM

JC

“ Joyous Culver an Family send their Deepest sympathy to you.



Joyous Culver - April 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JS

*My prayers are with you. Sorry for your lost.*

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**Joselean Slydell** - April 25, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr..*



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April 22, 2020 at 06:25 PM

BW

“ *Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.*



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**Betty Washington** - April 20, 2020 at 06:27 PM

EW

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the family during this time of sorrow. To God be the glory.*

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**Edgar & Diane Williams** - April 20, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the family. It seemed like just yesterday that I met Coach Swift at Apopka High School back in 1998 or so. Just seeing his face as a leader on that campus when there were just a few minorities made me feel proud to be an Educator. He carried himself with such authority, but he was also a gentle person as well and easy to talk to about anything that crossed your mind. He was a great listener! You will be missed Coach Swift.



*Dr. Ann Hodge Richbourg*

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**Dr. Ann Hodge Richbourg** - April 20, 2020 at 08:08 AM

MA

“ My prayers are with you, From Miss Mary Alston & Son Marlon Woods



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**Mary Alston** - April 20, 2020 at 05:23 AM

AD

“ Allenea Home Depot lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



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**Allenea Home Depot** - April 19, 2020 at 08:42 PM

ER

“ Ernestine lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



Ernestine - April 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM

RE

“ Richard and Ernestine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr..



Richard and Ernestine - April 19, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr..



April 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ My deepest condolences....



Lawanda Stewart - April 19, 2020 at 08:46 AM

EM

“ To the Family. It is with great sorrow and sadness to learn of the passing of your loved one. I like others have great memories of coach Swift. As a graduate of Jones High School class " 66" I met coach Swift and the static that came about this meeting was one that can not be explained. What a man to meet. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Eddie Marayne

Eddie Lee Marayne - April 18, 2020 at 08:55 PM

AN

“ Audrey Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Audrey Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 03:59 PM

AN

“ Annie Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Annie Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 03:54 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Dot Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 03:51 PM

TD

“ A virtual gift was sent in memory of Coach Ernest C Swift Jr.



Terric and Candace Durden - April 18, 2020 at 03:44 PM

PN

“ Pam Newsome lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Pam Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 03:41 PM

DN

“ The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift Jr.



Dot Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PW

“ Pastors Fernando And Gladys West sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Ernest C. Swift, Jr.



Pastors Fernando and Gladys West - April 18, 2020 at 03:23 PM