



## Donald Richard Swift

October 6, 1945 - April 4, 2019

Donald Richard Swift Donald Richard Swift, a long-time resident of Bend, Oregon was born on October 6, 1945, in Los Angeles CA, and passed away after a long battle of illness at St. Charles Medical Center at the age of 73 on April 4, 2019. He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Joan and his daughter, Kimberley Saville of Overland Park, KS. Donald touched and made an impact on so many lives in his 50 years of service in law enforcement in various capacities. He was a retired Lieutenant from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department after 28 years of service. Upon his familys move to Bend, Oregon Don developed, implemented and ran the Central Oregon Law Enforcement Reserve Academy in Redmond for 20 years. Also, Don was a Captain in the Redmond Police Reserve Officer Program and retired from this service in 2018. Don was always devoted and passionate about his law enforcement work. He remained involved in individual expert witness casework and non-lethal weapons training through pepper ball technologies during his years of retirement. His passion for his work was always fueled by the goal of saving Officers lives in the field. Donald will be missed by so many. His memory and his passion for law enforcement and his devotion to others will continue to be carried on by those that he touched and positively impacted in life. Service details are pending for late April and will be forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy in Dons name are appreciated.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:39 PM

JW

“ Just recently heard about Don's death. I worked with Jim at Firestone for 3 yrs. I was civilian. He was my favorite Sgt. Did a lot of ridealongs with him. Loved his stories. His imitation of a frog! Great man.

**Judy Williams** - October 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ *Donald Richard Swift*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Our family sends its heartfelt condolences and prayers. He is loved and is missed. Sending prayers to you and Kim , Joan.*

**Steve Condou** - June 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Don was my drill instructor in 1974 the same year his daughter was born. He was so fair and helpful as I struggled on those Long runs. I would not have made it, if not for his encouragement . I served 30 years as a Deputy. My heart goes out to his wife and daughter.

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**Pam Sivelle** - June 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Susan Jungling** - April 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I was very proud to have known Don and worked with him for many years. His dedication to the betterment of the police agencies in Central Oregon will have a lasting impact on all who know him for many years to come. Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Mike Porterfield** - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Joan & Kim, I know Don will be missed so very much, It was such a shock to hear that he had passed. I always looked up to Don as kids growing up, and I still remember when we said we both wanted to be "cops". we were around 9 years old, and we both succeeded. He was more a brother to me back then than my cousin, His pain is now gone and he is now at peace. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Dean Hastings** - April 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Rest In Peace Don... your work is done

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**Paul and Debbie** - April 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *We are diminished with your passing.*

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**Ronnie and Debra Frigulti** - April 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Kim, thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Kathy White** - April 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM