

A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The flag is draped and slightly wrinkled, creating a sense of depth and texture. The colors are vibrant and the lighting is soft.

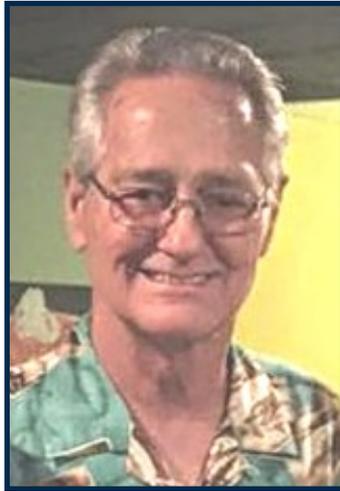
IN LOVING MEMORY

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FUNERAL SERVICE

11 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC
Officiated by Brother Bob Lowery

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

Time of Remembrance

“The Anchor Holds”

Message

“Scars In Heaven”

Closing Prayer

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PARK.
Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession.

PALLBEARERS

Mark Barnes
Kevin Peel

Zachary Barnes
Norman Peel

Caitlin Peel
Dave Wilson

Swindell Wayne Barnes, 90, of Morehead City, North Carolina, passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Carteret Health Care.

Born on February 18, 1935, in Nashville, NC, Swindell was the cherished son of the late Johnny and Berta Barnes. His legacy is marked by his honorable service of 12 years in the United States Air Force, where he proudly upheld the values of duty and patriotism.

While Swindell was a man of many talents and interests, his heart truly belonged to the culinary world. He created lasting connections within the community through his ownership of several beloved establishments, including Captains Choice on Harkers Island, Beaufort House Restaurant, and the Eldorado Restaurant in Atlantic Beach. Known for his commitment to serving exceptional local dishes, Swindell took pride in offering not just amazing food but a warm and welcoming experience to every patron. His signature greeting, a handshake at the door, endeared him to all who crossed his path.

An avid antique car enthusiast, Swindell founded the Morehead Chapter of the Antique Car Club where he remained an active member for many years. His adventurous spirit, which he was quite proud of, led him on countless trips, whether on the road or in the great outdoors where he loved to hunt and fish. Diving was another of Swindell's interests, a notable highlight of his life was the incredible achievement of diving at the Great Barrier Reef at the age of 77.

Above all, Swindell treasured his family, which served as the cornerstone of his life. He will be lovingly remembered as a devoted husband, a wonderful father, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sherry Lynn Peel (Kevin); son, Mark Wayne Barnes (Janet); sister, Pat McIntyre; grandchildren, Caitlin Peel, Zachary Barnes and Norman Peel (Kathryn); and great grandchildren, Savannah Michelle Barnes, Annie-Jean Barnes, Jameson Thomas Peel and Kally Ann Peel.

In addition to his parents, Swindell was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Annie Ruth Brantley Barnes; and his siblings, Jerry Barnes, Russell Barnes, Shirley Moss, Donald Barnes, and Elsie Carrell.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 7262, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

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Afterglow

BY HELEN LOWRIE MARSHALL

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

In the words of Swindell:

I HAVE LIVED A
blessed life!



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