



Claude Anthony Swonke

November 26, 1945 - September 29, 2008

Claude A. Swonke, 62, of Montgomery, Texas, peacefully went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on November 26, 1945 in Houston, Texas. He was a very brave, kind, calm, smiling, gentle, loving man who could easily make everyone laugh. He had a great sense of humor and was loved by all. Claude began his career in printing in Texas; then moved to Arizona with his family where he raised three children. He moved back to Texas in 2005 and bought his dream home in Montgomery in 2006 where he enjoyed the country living and his wood art. He was welcomed home by his Lord and his parents, John C. Swonke, Sr., and Emma Mock Swonke. He leaves behind to cherish his memory; his brother, John C. Swonke, Jr., and wife Nona of Magnolia, Texas; sister, Mary Elise Klaus and husband Louis; nieces, Terri Silquero and her children Elissa and Nikki, Deanna Perez and husband Cid; nephew Stephen Klaus, all of Houston, Texas. His stepchildren; Lori Groover, John Hall and Tammy Cole; grandchildren, Natasha and Leanna Cohen, Dustin Hall, Payton, Jenee', and Jarren Cole all of Mesa, Arizona. He was greatly loved by his family and friends, and will be dearly missed. He was our family treasure and God's inspiration to us all. The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 28, 2008 from 6-8 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas. Funeral services celebrating his life will be held on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Plantersville, Texas. Pallbearers will be John Andrus, Kenneth Diehl, Stephen

Klaus, Willie Hoffart, Thomas Mock, Charles Swonke, Josh Tilley and Jacob Tilley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Children's Hospital, 6621 Fannin St., First Floor, A125, Houston, Texas 77030 in Claude's memory... You are invited to leave memorial condolences on our website www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ Claude Anthony Swonke

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Claude and I were best friends in the 1970's. We played golf together and had many good times. I have thought of him many times over the years. Tonight I was surfing the internet and decided to look up his name and found this memorial. He was a good friend and will always be in my thoughts.

Jim McKinley - March 11, 2011 at 10:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We met Claude on several occasions and knew he had touched many lives. The simple things in life that we take for granted had given Claude so much joy. John and Nona always spoke affectionately of him and his path to peace led him closer to them. The memories of him are surely a treasure...Bruce, Tina, Hunter and Hayley Kenner.

The Kenner Family - September 28, 2008 at 10:11 PM



“ I just met Claude a few times, but it was clear he was a kind and gentle soul. When I met him, I knew I had met someone special who made the world a brighter place to be. He was soft spoken, but was always smiling and cheerful no matter the circumstances. He'll be missed by his family and friends, and we'll all miss his smile and kind heart... Mike, Delia, Joshua, Kristen, Kara, and Kathryn Huff

The Huff Family - September 28, 2008 at 04:38 PM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy and support during this difficult time. Claude was a wonderful friend to us, a humomous addition to many birthdays, holidays and ad hoc dinners. We will miss him greatly and feel fortunate to have been a part of his life and enjoyed seeing him settle into a life beyond his wildest dreams. I know he could not have lived in a better place, close to both of you, John and Nona. Hoping your love and memories help you through this difficult time...John, Dana, Shelby and John Andrus.

Andrus Family - September 28, 2008 at 02:18 PM