



Mr. Philip L. Swift

August 14, 1925 - August 22, 2020

Philip L. Swift, 95, of Frankfort, KY died peacefully in his home August 22, 2020.

Phil was born in Kokomo, IN to Geraldine M. Burns and Franklin C. Swift. He was the widower of Reva J. Jenkins Swift and preceded in death by his brother Gene F. Swift.

After serving in the 306th Bombardment Group of the 8th US Army Air Corps during WWII where he flew 33 combat missions, Phil went to Indiana University earning a bachelor's degree. Because of his passion for journalism he spent ten years serving as an editor-in-chief, first for the Spencer Magnet, then The Woodford Sun, and finally The State Journal.

Phil went on to work in KY State government under Gov. Bert Combs and Gov. Ed Breathitt as the Commissioner of Aeronautics. From the early 1970s to the early 1980s, Phil supported U.S. Sen. Walter Dee Huddleston in the role of campaign manager and as his chief of staff in the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C.

After retiring in 1984, he and Reva returned to Frankfort. Phil then volunteered his time serving as president of the KY State Book Fair for several years.

Phil is survived by his children Ben J. Swift, Amy E. Bersson and Brian C. Swift; his grandchildren Laura E. Bersson, Jonathan S. Bersson, and Elizabeth M. Bersson; his son-in-law Thomas F. Bersson; and his niece Gina Caine.

Phil's ashes will be placed in the Lawrenceburg Cemetery alongside his wife,

Reva and son, David. LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Brian, Ben, Amy*

I am sorry for your great loss.

Phil was a remarkable man who will be dearly missed. I admired him and loved the times I spent talking and laughing with him.

May your memories give comfort as you lay him to rest.

Mary Ashcraft Watts

Mary Ashcraft Watts - August 25, 2020 at 05:43 AM

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“ *In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a contribution to the Bluegrass Hospice Care. They are a wonderful group of people with tremendous hearts.*

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Thank you all for you well wishes and condolences.

Ben, Amy and Brian

Amy Bersson - August 24, 2020 at 03:24 PM