



## George W. "Pete" Swain

March 3, 1943 - October 15, 2018

George W. "Pete" Swain 75 of Conley Branch, Delbarton, WV went home to be with the Lord on October 15, 2018 while a patient at the CAMC Hospital in Charleston, WV. He was born March 3, 1943 at Matewan, WV the son of the late Herbert S. Hatfield and Kathleen Chapman Hatfield. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Stefanie Kathleen Swain.

Pete was a retired coal miner having worked more than 40 years for Sprouse Creek Processing. He was a member of the America United Baptist Church where he drove the bus for the Sunday School and dearly loved the kids. Pete had a passion for helping the local kids. This was well evident by the way he treated the kids on the hollow as well as his nieces and nephews over the years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time in the outdoors. He spent many hours fishing with his buddies, Bub and Charlie Justice. He was a prankster who always loved telling jokes and pulling others legs. He was well respected within his small community of Belo where he resided for 47 years.

Those left behind to cherish his memories include his loving wife of 54 years, Shirley Preece Swain, son; George and his wife Launa of Williamson, WV and the light of his life, his granddaughters; Abrielle and Kinsley. Pete loved his grandkids and enjoyed every minute spent with them. It was the highlight of his day to see them running toward him and yelling "papaw". He had brother in laws that he loved as true brothers as well a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at Chafin Funeral Home on Friday October 19, 2018 at 12:00pm with Rev. Kenny Workman and Bro. Leo Walker officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. View Memorial Gardens at Maher, WV. Visitation will be at the funeral home chapel Thursday evening from 6-9pm.

Pallbearers will be Sonny, Aaron, Craig, Brett, Tom, George, Larry and George Herman Preece and Chad Slater. Online condolences can be made at [ChafinFuneralHome.Com](http://ChafinFuneralHome.Com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home  
215 Riverside Drive  
Delbarton, WV 25670  
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<https://www.chafinfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

OCT **19** (ET)

Mt. View Memory Gardens  
Maher, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *George W. "Pete" Swain*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Pete was the sweetest kid in high school. Love and prayers to his family. God bless!*

**Buddie Klein** - October 21, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



October 18, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



October 18, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



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October 18, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ *Holly Subyak lit a candle in memory of George W. "Pete" Swain*



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**Holly Subyak** - October 17, 2018 at 08:08 PM



*Love and prayers for the family.*

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**Holly Subyak** - October 17, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



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October 17, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



October 17, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



October 17, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dianna Lockard Davis lit a candle in memory of George W. "Pete" Swain*



**Dianna Lockard Davis** - October 17, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *A fixture of Conley Branch will surely be missed! I'll miss hearing Pete blow the horn when he passes by my Momma's house. And getting to chat with him every now and then when I get to come back to WV to visit. My love and prayers go out to this very loving family. I'll miss you Pete!*

*Dianna Lockard Davis*

**Dianna Lockard Davis** - October 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



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October 17, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George W. "Pete" Swain.*



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October 17, 2018 at 05:34 AM



“ *Pete was so encouraging to the youth at Little Dove and brought fun, mischievousness and Shirley into our lives. Very grateful.*

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**Moniqua Hall Suits** - October 17, 2018 at 04:51 AM



“ *Although I only knew him for a little while he and his family made you feel like part of their family. He will be miss by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family*



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**Pansy Jackson** - October 17, 2018 at 01:59 AM

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“ I HAVE LOVED PETE AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER BEING ALIVE. HE AND CUZ ALWAYS PAID ATTENTION TO ME GROWING UP AND SHOWED AN AWKWARD KID HOW MUCH HE MEANT TO THEM. THAT WENT A LONG LONG WAY AT MAKING ME A WELL ROUNDED COUSIN TO THEM. THAT'S WHAT SHIRLEY AND I ALWAYS SAID AT THE FAMILY REUNIONS. WE WERE WELL ROUNDED. I THINK THAT MEANT WE TALKED A LOT AND IT COULD HAVE MEANT I WAS FAT. BUT WE HAD THE GIFT FOR GAB AND NEVER MET A STRANGER, SO WE JUST LAUGHED AND WERE HAPPYT TO SEE EVERYONE NO MATTER WHERE WE MET THEM. ONE MEMORY OF PETE THAT HAS ALWAYS STOOD OUT IN MY MIND IS WHEN I WAS ABOUT 13-14 YEARS OLD, AND JUST STARTING TO CARE ABOUT MY APPEARANCE. DADDY HAD ALWAYS TAKEN ME UP TO UNCLE MILLARD VANCE'S TO GET MY SAME STRAIGHT HAIR CUT. BUT ALL SUMMER, I HAD LET MY HAIR GROW BECAUSE I WANTED IT FEATHERED LIKE THE BEE GEES. IT WAS THE 70'S & HAIR SPRAY WAS OUR FRIEND. DADDY WORKED 2ND SHIFT, SO HE AND I RAN OVER TO THE HOLDEN HOSPITAL EARLY THAT FRIDAY MORNING TO SEE MOM. THEN WE WENT TO RALPH QUEENS TO GET OUR HAIR CUT. HE HAD CUT OUR HAIR ALL THE TIME WHEN I WAS ABOUT 3 YEARS OLD. BUT THAT WAS BEFORE WE MOVED BACK TO DUNCANFORK. DADDY WAITED AS LONG AS HE COULD BUT THE PLACE WAS PACKED. I WANTED TO STAY BECAUSE SCHOOL WAS STARTING AFTER THE WEEKEND. I JUST KNEW IF I DIDN'T GET MY HAIR CUT THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE BUZZED OFF WITH CLIPPERS. PETE WAS THERE AND IT WAS NEARLY HIS TURN TO GET HIS HAIR CUT. HE TOLD DADDY HE WOULD WAIT ON ME. WE STAYED AWHILE LONGER AND I WAS WAY BACK IN LINE. THE LADY STYLIST ASK WHOSE NEXT AND PETE SAID HE IS AND POINTED TO ME. SOME OF THE OLD MEN STARTED TO COUNT REAL QUICK AND HE SAID, "I'M GIVING HIM MY PLACE TODAY. I JUST NEEDED A TRIM, SO I'LL COME BACK LATER IN THE WEEK." DADDY HAD FOLDED UP SOME MONEY AND

HANDED TO ME, BUT I HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE COST WOULD BE OR WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO MAKE IT "FEATHER." SO I HAD THAT TALK WITH THE STYLIST. I GOT THE HAIRCUT AND SHE JUST SPRAYED IT. I DIDN'T NEED A SHAMPOO AND ALL THAT. SO I GOT READY TO GO AND WENT TO PAY, BUT PETE HAD ALREADY PAID. I FELT SO ASHAMED AND EMBARRASSED. I HAD KNOCKED HIM OUT OF GETTING HIS HAIRCUT AND IT HAD COST HIM I KNOW ABOUT \$15.00 EVEN BACK THEN. NOW I ALSO HAVE TO ADD. THAT I WAS REALLY BACKWARD ABOUT THINGS, I HAD NEVER BEEN ANYWHERE OR RIDDEN IN A CAR WITH ANYONE EXCEPT MOTHER AND DADDY OR PAW WIB EXCEPT MY COUSIN MARION ONE TIME. PETE MUST HAVE SENSED I WAS NERVOUS AND HE HAD ME LAUGHING AND WE TALKED ALL THE WAY HOME. I HAD SLIPPED AND COUNTED MY MONEY THAT HE TOLD ME TO PUT AWAY. I HAD \$7.00 WHICH IS ALL DADDY GAVE ME. A MAN'S HAIR CUT WAS NEVER OVER \$5.00 BACK THEN BUT I WANTED THE STYLIST TO DO MINE. AND THAT WAS PARAMOUNT TO GOING TO A BEAUTY SHOP. SO WHEN WE WERE PULLING UP TO THE HOUSE I TRIED TO GIVE PETE THE MONEY AND HE REFUSED TO TAKE IT. WELL I SLIPPED IT NEXT TO THE SEAT AS I GOT OUT AND RAN IN TOWARD THE HOUSE. HE CALLED ME BACK AND FOR JUST A SECOND I THOUGHT I HAD MADE HIM MAD OR HURT HIS FEELINGS. HE ASK WHY I WOULDN'T LET HIM DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR ME AN LET IT BE AT THAT. AND THEN HE MADE ME TAKE THE MONEY AND MADE ME PROMISE TO KEEP IT AND SPEND IT ON ME. HE SURE WON BIG BONUS POINTS THAT DAY. I HELD ON TO THAT MONEY AND USED IT JUST AS CAREFULLY AS I COULD BECAUSE DADDY HAD HAD KNEE SURGERY AND DIDN'T GET TO WORK THE WAY HE LIKED TO SO THINGS GOT TIGHT FOR HIM AND MOM. I NEVER TRIED TO TAKE FROM THEM.

OVER THE YEARS I MENTIONED THIS TO PETE A FEW TIMES AND I TOLD HIM HOW MUCH IT MEANT TO ME. AND I REALLY HOPE HE KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVED HIM FOR BEING SO KIND!!!!

*I LOVE YOU SHIRL AND BUB. I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL AND ALL THE FAMILY.*

**DOW** - October 17, 2018 at 01:54 AM

ST

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with his family and many friends, he will be missed by all that knew him.*

**Sheila Trippett** - October 16, 2018 at 11:07 PM

SC

“ *Saundra Chafin lit a candle in memory of George W. "Pete" Swain*



**Saundra Chafin** - October 16, 2018 at 10:52 PM

MB

“ *Malena (Coleman) Browning lit a candle in memory of George W. "Pete" Swain*



**Malena (Coleman) Browning** - October 16, 2018 at 10:09 PM

ML

“ *Melissa Lockard lit a candle in memory of George W. "Pete" Swain*



**Melissa Lockard** - October 16, 2018 at 09:56 PM

BM

“ *Barbara (Hunt) Marshallb lit a candle in memory of George W."Pete" Swain*



Barbara (Hunt) Marshallb - October 16, 2018 at 09:37 PM

TH

“ *I am so sorry, I do not know what to say. Pete is the best! I still remember the bunny rabbits Pete and Shirley got us as kids. I love you all and will lift all in prayers. Teresa Melaine Hall*



Teresa Melaine Hall - October 16, 2018 at 09:13 PM

GH

“ *Gail Hall lit a candle in memory of George W."Pete" Swain*



Gail Hall - October 16, 2018 at 08:29 PM

GH

*Was so saddened to receive this news. Sending positive thoughts and love to family/friends along with prayers that our Heavenly Father will wrap His loving arms around each, giving you comfort, peace in your hearts, and strength/courage for these days and those ahead.*

Gail Hall - October 16, 2018 at 08:33 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pete. He was one of the sweetest men. Always smiling and laughing. Praying for all of you.

Louella Mattingly - October 16, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ Have alot if memories of Pete loved him like a dad always made me laugh an he always believed in me. Love all the family

Michael Evans - October 16, 2018 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ Lord! We have loved Pete since our kids went to school together..... we loved him even though we have moved away , the memories are still there. Shirley we love you and are praying for the family.

Josephine and Gary Canada - October 16, 2018 at 06:36 PM

LP

“ One of the finest men I know. A few years ago he and Rockey were at a family reunion. He said look around because someone won't be here next year. Our cousin Marion wasn't there the next year. I think they did this every reunion. Pete was a crackerjack He will be missed. We love this family

libby Pope - October 16, 2018 at 06:34 PM

JC

“ Pete was my oldest cousin, my first and longest friend, and was always close to my heart. He was much loved by my father, mother, and brother who are rejoicing, along with all the rest who have gone before, at the family reunion. We shared much together; joy, sadness, humor, and love. Our GOD is welcoming back one of his cherished children. cousin Jack

Jack H Chapman - October 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *Pete always had a big smile whenever he met someone!!! Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

**Ron Gilman** - October 16, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ *Pete was a good man sorry for your loss praying for you all.love you*



**mary ooten hunt** - October 16, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sue Light lit a candle in memory of George W."Pete" Swain*



**sue light** - October 16, 2018 at 02:06 PM



*Cuz hate to hear about brother Pete, I have always loved you two, my heart is broken! Love and Prayers!*

**ed maynard** - October 16, 2018 at 01:53 PM



*sorry for your loss*

**sue light** - October 16, 2018 at 02:06 PM

BR

“ *Shirley, so sorry to hear this, my condolences with love. Brenda!*

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**Brenda** - October 16, 2018 at 01:39 PM