

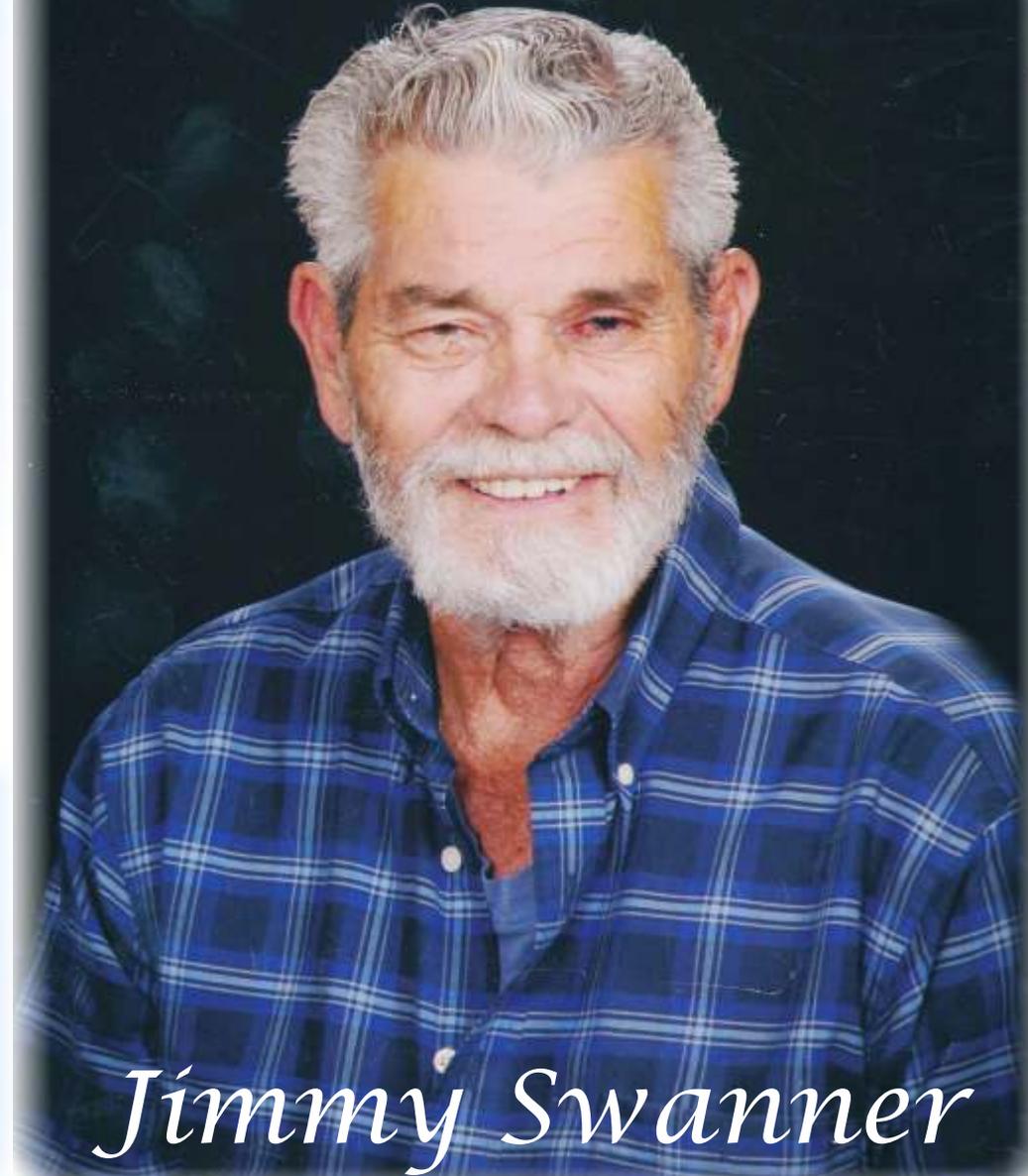
# *In Loving Memory Of*



Jimmie “Jimmy” Ray Swanner, 79, of Sheridan passed away at home on March 3, 2018. Jimmy was born on July 13, 1938 to Elton Troy and Gertrude (Blohm) Swanner in Floresville, Texas. After high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Moffett Field, California. He married Sherry Yvonne Mayfield on June 6, 1958, while home on leave. After his tour in the Navy, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a clerk in San Antonio, TX, then in Corpus Christi, TX where he was promoted to Supervisor. In 1984, Jimmy and his family moved to Sheridan, WY, and he worked for the Sheridan Post Office until he retired in 1993.

Jimmy enjoyed and was loved by his family and friends. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed salt-water fishing on the Texas coast. He also enjoyed hunting in the Big Horn Mountains, gardening, bowling, and barbecuing. He loved to barbecue for his family, and was well-known by family and friends for his homemade barbecue sauce and salsa.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, his younger brother, Walter Swanner, and his brothers-in-law, Marcus “Buddy” Mayfield, Estes Lindley and Richard Hughey. He is survived by wife, Sherry; his daughter, Kimberly Anne Cummins (Phillip), and sons, Steven Mark Swanner and Kevin Todd Swanner (Keri), of Sheridan, WY; his sisters, Barbara Hughey of San Antonio, TX and Betty Mills (Richard) of Floresville, TX; his sisters-in-law, Charlotte “Molly” Lindley and Darleean Mayfield of Sheridan, WY, and Estella Swanner of Pflugerville, TX; 7 grandchildren, Joshua Cummins (Becky), Benjamin Cummins (Gail), Zachary Cummins (Amanda), Matthew Cummins (Cassidie), Beth Ann Malkemes, Brianna Swanner, and Nathan Swanner (Kyllisha); 13 great-grandchildren, Kobie, Brandon, Eli, Matthew, Connor, Afton, Madison, Caleb, Blake “Biggie”, Aiden, Kennedie, Karter, and Natalie; 3 step-grandchildren, Jenny, Jeremy, and Kyle; and 9 step-great-grandchildren, Chance, Kaci, Xayan, Kaleb, Tije, Brysn, Lane, Aydyn, and Keaton.



## *Jimmy Swanner*

## *Memories Of "Paw"*

An old white Ford on Hwy 87, Peppermints in a Folger's can  
with a couple a Werther's thrown in.

The 8-track playing above a smoldering ash tray  
Humming an old country tune

You're a grizzled beard against the winter's wind.  
But still wears slaps (flip flop's) in the sun.

Legendary Bowler, one off the perfect Sunday night game.

Hand-maker of the perfect jig cast and reeled just right.

Hunter party blizzard castaway. Leisurely stranded under feet of snow.

Fisher on a late night Texas Pier patiently watching your grandson play  
with a net in an island of lamp light.

Patient & Cautious Never stirred or hurried even when  
Life says "YOU GOTTA SHOOT PAW SHOOT!"

Chauffeur of the scenic route to Texas White-knuckled, nicotine-starved  
driving with a backseat full of hecklers.

You're a slow cooked-brisket, Sausage with a cold Big Red kind of Sunday afternoon.

Chef & engineer of sauces and salsas; Chef & engineer of young men.

A husband to a wife, A Grandfather to young men who know how to be husbands;  
because they watched you.

A father to a few grandfather and great grandfather to many & a father again for two.  
Principal owner & executive of Paw-Mart, Where nothing goes to waste.

Reluctant landlord to exiled family pets & keeper of the family pet cemetery.

A guru of southern hospitality, reminding kids that ma'am is important & so is a held door.

Care taker of sick grand kids & secret keeper for those who were great at faking.

Inspiration for Beverly Hillbilly road trip songs, yet still  
"The Most Interesting Man in the World."

Part time gardener who never got to taste how great the strawberries were.

You are a reminder that a kind word travels further than any harsh word ever could.

Season ticket holder to every game a grandchild could play in.

*A constant presence, A rock, A foundation*

*Love Matt "Bubba"*

## *In Loving Memory of Jimmie "Jimmy" Ray Swanner*

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Bethesda Worship Center

With Military Honors

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Scott Lee

### **MUSIC**

Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

#### **"Grandchildren"**

Joshua, Ben, Zachary

Matt, Beth Ann, Brianna,

Nathan, Jenny, Jeremy & Kyle

#### **"Nephew"**

Chad

#### **"Son-In-Law"**

Phil

A reception to follow at the Church.