



Johnnie Swaims,

December 25, 1943 - September 2, 2009

Johnnie Lynn Swaims, Sr., 65, of Batesville died, Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at the White River Medical Center. Johnnie was born December 25, 1943 in Batesville and was the son of the late Johnnie Case Swaim and Thelma Pearl Fitzsimmons McDonald. He was a 1961 graduate of Cushman High School where he was active in sports. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and then served in the Army National Guard for many years. Upon his honorable discharge with the Guard he was Staff Sergeant with the military police. He was a retired Little Rock Police Officer having served from November 22, 1971 - February 6, 1992. During his career he was certified by the FBI - Narcotics, Vice and Counter Intelligence. He received numerous awards and recognition through the years and was named police officer of the month three different times. He was of the Baptist faith, a Master Mason with the Bell Lodge #322 in Bethesda and was also a master mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Bettie Swaims of Batesville; son, Johnnie Swaims, Jr. (Kala) of Benton; Renee Riggan (Billy) of Lonsdale; brothers, Paul Swaims (Bonnie) and Buck Swaim (Sharron) of Batesville; sisters, Janet Poole and Loressia Fulbright all of Batesville; step-father, Lindy McDonald of Bald Knob; grandchildren, Wesley, Bradley, Sarah Myers and John Kuper, Kole, Kalyn and Kirby Swaims and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and one uncle, Eldus Fitzsimmons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and twin granddaughters.

Visitation will be Friday, September 4, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob. Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnes Cemetery in Batesville with military and Little Rock Police honors. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall



“ *To Betty, and Johnny Jr.*

I had the honor of working with Johnny at the LRPD for a long time. He was a character. I wouldn't fear the Devil himself as long as Johnny was with me. He was just plain old Country Tough, and I loved him and will miss him. Betty, you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marty Garrison (Pulaski County Sheriffs Office)

March 29, 2013 at 02:14 PM



“ *The thoughts and prayers of an entire department are with you and you family. My prayer is an extra measure of grace will sustaing you through this difficult time. Mark Knowles, President Little Rock Fraternal Order of Police.*

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“ *Johnny was a great man and a tough policeman. I was never afraid when I went on a call with him, he always had your back. He was very wise and always looked out for the young guys. He will be greatly missed.*

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“ *I am proud to call Johnny a friend and enjoyed our time together with the LRPD, we did have fun together and I will never forget you*

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“ You are in our prayers

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*“ Johnny was a friend of mine! I will NEVER forget him!
My thoughts and prayers are with his family, Michael*

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“ I WORKED THE STREETS WITH JOHNNY FOR 3 YEARS. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE STORIES AND FRIENDSHIP JOHNNY SHARED WITH ME. I WILL KEEP THE FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS.

September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Johnny was a great police officer and a fun guy to be around. As a young officer on the same watch with Johnny I was able to learn a lot from him. My deepest sympathies to his family and know that he will be greatly missed.

September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Johnny and Kala, I know all to well what you are going through right now. Just know that I am praying for all of you and that if you need anything all you have to do is call.
Love ya'll*

September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *All of us here at the Police Department will keep ya'll in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate all of the years of service that Johnny provided.*

Little Rock Police Department Honor Guard Detail

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