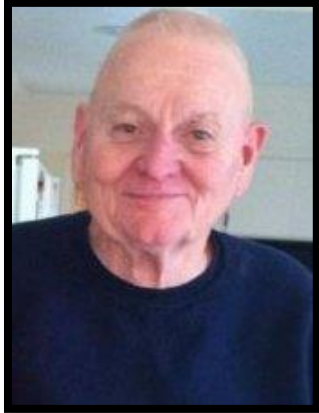


## Dr. Robert Lee Swaim



Dr. Robert Lee Swaim left this earth on Sunday, August 1, 2021, and will be greatly missed. He was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on August 7, 1935 to Maurice Lee Swaim and Viola Nina (Houston) Swaim. Bob passed away peacefully in Oklahoma City surrounded by family. Cremation will follow.

"Bob" graduated as Valedictorian in 1953 from Rensselaer Central High School in Rensselaer, Indiana. He received a B.S. (1957) and M.S. (1959) from Purdue University in Aeronautical Engineering. His Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering was from The Ohio State University in 1966.

He married the love of his life, Wanda "Charlene" Wasson, on February 13, 1960 while he was stationed in flight training with the USAF at Webb AFB in Big Spring, Texas.

Dr. Swaim was inducted into the Rensselaer High School Hall of Fame in 1999. In addition, he was inducted into the Tau Kappa Epsilon National Hall of Fame in 1986 and the TKE Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2005. He was also selected to the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame in 2005.

Dr. Swaim was a U.S Air Force Lieutenant from 1959-1962; a Senior Engineer and Group Leader at the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, from 1962-1967; Associate Professor, Professor, and Associate Head, School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, at Purdue University from 1967-1978. In addition, he was Associate Dean, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology at Oklahoma State University from 1978-1987 and was Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from 1978-1992. He was also Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus, 1992.

Bob was a long-time member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Society for Engineering Education. He was a lifetime member of the National Defense Industrial Association and was a Registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma and Ohio. He was a Commercial Pilot with Instrument and multi-engine FAA ratings and was also an FAA Certified Flight Instructor for Airplanes and Instruments and FAA Certified Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor.

Dr. Swaim received numerous professional awards and citations and honor society memberships. He was also listed in many biographical publications. A few are: Who's Who in America; American Men and Women of Science; Who's Who in Aviation; Community Leaders of America; Bicentennial Edition of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans; International Directory of Distinguished Leadership; and 5000

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Bob was a member and past president of the Stillwater Golden K Kiwanis Club. He was also a Docent at the Pleasant Valley School for 11 years, a former president of the Stillwater Literacy Council, and a member of the Sister Cities Council. He also enjoyed his time delivering Mobile Meals to Stillwater residents. Bob Swaim, also belonged to Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Bob enjoyed flying, fishing, and attending Oklahoma State University sporting events. But, most of all, he enjoyed his family, who adored and treasured him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Charlene; three children: Greg Swaim (Paula), Suzy Roderick (Jason), Debby Swaim; seven grandchildren: Tucker Roderick (Saycha), Brandi Roderick Crown (Kris), Michael Catlett, Sean Swaim (Ciara), Blake Swaim, Seth Swaim, Cale Swaim); five great-grandchildren: Lucas, Landry, Logan, Kenleigh, Kyler; a brother-in-law (Don Lightfoot), and sister-in-law (LaVelle Maynard), and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Carol Ann Swaim Spall, brother-in-laws, Jerry Spall and Doyle Maynard,, and sister-in-law, Jo Beth Lightfoot.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, August 5th, at 10:00am at the Stillwater, Oklahoma Church of Christ, 821 N. Duck.