



## Henry Swanner

February 18, 2012

### Obituary of Henry Swanner

Henry L. Swanner, 93, Weirsdale, FL died Saturday, February 18, 2012. He was born in Edenton, NC. He was a shipyard owner.

Mr. Swanner began as a sharecropper with a fifth grade education. He developed and started a shipyard which employed hundreds of people. When he retired, he turned the company over to the employees. He loved the people he worked with, his friends and his family. He was a very generous man and was loved by many.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years Joyce Swanner, Weirsdale; son James (Linda) Swanner, Camden, NC; daughters: June (Moody) Munford, Suffolk, VA; Carol Davis, Chesapeake, VA and Joyce (Tom) Ruhser, Denver, CO; stepdaughter Kathie (Leon) Thompson, Hillsville, VA; stepson Ralph (Gayle) Keating, Virginia Beach, VA; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

There will be no services held locally.

## Services

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Dear Joyce and Swanner, Please know that you all our in a thoughts and in our prayers. Mr. Swanner was a kind man and allows very friendly to us. Take care.

Scott and Laurie Simpson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Grief can be so hard , but special memories help us to cope, Remembering All the Good Times we had at Metro Machine Corp. Thanks Henry for everything. God Bless The Family.

Thomas Davis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Dear Joyce, We were saddened to read about Henry. We so enjoyed getting to know you both on our trip to Key West with the BLS group. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Ed & Helen Panowicz

Ed & Helen Panowicz - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To the Swanner family you are in our thoughts & prayers.Mr Swanner was a great man To work for,he will be missed very much. God bless

David collins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our condolences to the Swanner Family. I will remember the visits to the Swanner home in Virginia and meeting Henry and Joyce.

Steve & Betty Bilenky - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Joyce and Family~ We befriended Henry here in the Bridgeport neighborhood when we'd be walking our little Pekingese in the mornings, and he'd be strolling with his beloved Yorkies. We'd always stop and chat, and we came to know a wonderful man....he was a gentle man, and a true gentleman's gentleman. Please know that we thought of him often after you'd moved, and, too, will continue to do so now. Sincere sympathy, Judy and Bill Reardon  
865 Scott St.

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**judith reardon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Joyce; We are so saddened to hear of Henry's passing. We enjoyed your company on the BLS travel trip to Key West. We send our sincere heartfelt sympathy. We will keep you both in our prayers.

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**Bob and Linda Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ My father Valand Copeland Jr. worked and knew Mr. Swanner very well. He was in the first group to work at Metro when it started beside the Midtown tunnel locations. My father retired around 1992 after 27 years with the company. Henry had a retirement party for him and gave him a beautiful gold watch and also one of the few framed and number print of Metro Machines Corp. My father is still living and he stated yesterday what a good and caring man Henry was. In this age it is great to see that Mr. Swanner cared and took care of his employees. Plus also cared about his community. I also worked for a man like that which was Frank Batten Sr. Again my father really enjoyed the time and years that he worked with Henry.

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**Wanda Copeland Vineyard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *To Joyce Swanner Ruhser My deepest condolences in the loss of your father. With fond remembrance, Brenda Calhoun Paschall*

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**Brenda Calhoun Paschall** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Ralph, Jimmy and Joyce as well as the other remaining Swanner family members. From my heart and home I want to share my condolences to you on the loss of your loved one. Mr. Swanner was a good man that provided me an opportunity to realize what hard work and dedication could provide. I thank him for all he was to me and for me. GOD rest his soul and continue to bless the family. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.*

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**Walter N. Brazell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM