



## Gregory Swift

August 30, 1955 - April 19, 2022

Gregory Swift, 66, of Estero, Florida, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Greg was born in Boulder, Colorado, the oldest of three children. The family moved to California while he was still young, then later to St. Louis. He attended one year of high school in England, and after graduation worked at a school in rural Kentucky, doing everything from teaching to driving the bus over mountain roads and creek beds to pick up students. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Pomona College, and a Masters from Washington University. He lived in both Annecy and Paris, France, and spent most of his career working in Information Technology in Washington, DC.

He retired from the National Gallery of Art in 2015 and moved to Estero to help take care of his in-laws in 2016. Although diagnosed with leukemia that same year, he resumed his interest in running and consistently achieved first place for his age group in a number of 5K races in the area. He later developed Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and suffered treatment-related complications for a short time before his death.

Survivors include his loving wife, Lyn A. Donaldson; his former wife, Patti Litman, and their sons Galen R. Swift of Washington, DC, and Jay B. (Lauren) Swift of Eatonville, Washington; mother-in-law, Jean Donaldson of Estero, Florida; brother Grant (Lynn) Swift of Lafayette, Colorado; and sister, Alison

(Don) McCormack of Boulder, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Wilda Swift.

Greg was a gentle, loving, and insightful person who was devoted to his family, and consistently promoted the value of integrity, science, and nature.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 3:30 PM of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Donations may be made to Be The Match.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory Swift

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ It grieves me greatly to hear, even belatedly, of the death of Greg Swift, my first roommate at Pomona College. He was an altogether decent, funny, generous, optimistic and brilliant person -- a lot brighter than his former roomie, who could only whistle and admire his prowess in advanced math. That he should pass away now is clear but unwanted proof that life is not fair. Funny that we should both end up in museums, I as a curator and he as an IT specialist. The coincidence delights me. My deepest condolences to his family. Truly, there was never a better man.  
Robert Evren

Robert Evren - August 03, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ Greg and I went to Pomona together. This is a photo of him when he was about 20 years old. He was always beautiful and meant a lot to those of us lucky to have known him. I remember him rushing to the "Computer Lab" at all hours -- so early on! When there were still computer tapes! My deepest sympathy to his family. Greg was a fine man. Best, Gina Friedlander Harris



Gina Harris - July 27, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rest In Peace. Our prayers are with your family. Sending love and grace. Penny King*

Penny King - April 22, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *I'm so sad to learn that my cousin Greg has passed away. I remember him being such a nice, soft spoken man who loved nature. My sincere condolences to his entire family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

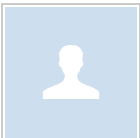
Cyndi Willis - April 22, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Swift.*



April 21, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Swift.*



April 21, 2022 at 09:14 PM



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April 21, 2022 at 01:41 PM