



## David Ray Delk

February 28, 1935 - March 29, 2021

Funeral Services For David Ray Delk, Age 86, Of Monterey, Tennessee, Were Conducted On Thursday, April 1, 2021, At 11:00 AM From The Chapel Of Goff Funeral Home. Bro. Michael Waters And Rev. Nick Turner Officiated And Interment Followed In The Whittaker Cemetery. Mr. Delk Was The Oldest Of 11 Children Born On February 28, 1935, In Jamestown, Tennessee, To The Late Noble Rutherford And Betty Enola Whited Delk. Mr. Delk Passed Away On Monday, March 29, 2021, At His Home. Mr. Delk Had A Strong Work Ethic And Went To Work At The Age Of 13 As A Paperboy In Monterey. During High School, He Worked At Looper's Service Station And Bought His First Car At The Age Of 15. During The Summer Of His Junior Year, He Went To Work In The Automobile Factory In Detroit, Michigan, And Then Returned To School At Monterey High School To Graduate With The Class Of 1954. After Graduation, He Was Employed At General Motors - Cadillac Division In Detroit, Michigan, For 15 Years. He Moved His Family Back To Monterey In 1968 And Worked For 25 Years At Middle Tennessee Natural Gas As A Service Technologist. He Was Also Involved In The Community As An Alderman For The Town Of Monterey For 8 Years. He Retired At The Age Of 58 And He And His Wife Enjoyed Many Road Trips Across The United States To Visit The Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, Niagara Falls, And The East Coast. He Was An Avid Gardener And Baseball Fan; Enjoying Especially The Atlanta Braves And The Detroit Tigers. He Loved Old Cars And Restored Several After His Retirement. He Was Involved In Family Genealogy And

Loved Sharing Stories About The History Of The Family. He Attended Monterey Assembly Of God. He Was Known As A Man Who Loved His Family And Was Devoted To Them And Also As A Man Who Helped Others. He Is Survived By His Wife Of 66 Years, Bernice Looper Delk Of Monterey, TN, Who Was His High School Sweetheart. They Began Sitting Together At The Movies In The 8th Grade And Eloped To Rossville, Georgia, On December 25, 1954. For Over 70 Years, She Was Always His Sweetheart. He Was Also Survived By 1 Daughter, Dr. Melinda (And Blake) Swafford Of Monterey, TN; 2 Sons, Bobby (And Judy) Delk Of Baxter, TN, Eric Delk (And Christi Hacker) Of Monterey, TN; 6 Grandchildren, Brad (Amy) Swafford, Megan Swafford, Sara (Tim) Golden, Matt (Jessica) Delk, Spencer (Brigitte) Delk, And Savannah Delk; 6 Great Grandchildren, Ally Golden, David Golden, Kynnedi Delk, Sadie Swafford, LoraLeigh Delk, And Lucas Delk; 4 Sisters, Patricia Woodford Of Murfreesboro, TN, Sheryl Buckner Of Murfreesboro, TN, Carolyn (Jerry) Beasley Of Celina, TN, Peggy (Steve) Swallows Of Monterey, TN; 2 Brothers, Ronnie (Margaret) Delk Of Carlton, MI, John (Leann) Delk Of Cookeville, TN; 1 Sister-In-Law, Setsuko Delk Of Monterey, TN. In Addition To His Parents, He Was Preceded In Death By His Son, David Randell "Randy" Delk; Sister, Lillian Waters; Brothers, Tony Delk, Wayne Delk, And Roy Delk. The Family Received Friends At Goff Funeral Home On Wednesday, March 31, 2021, From 5:00 PM Until 7:00 PM. Arrangements And Care Provided By D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone 931.839.2311.

# Cemetery Details

## Whittaker Cemetery

306 N. Elmore Street  
Monterey  
Monterey, TN 38574

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc.  
205 E. Cleveland Ave.  
Monterey, TN 38574  
(931) 839-2311  
<http://www.gofffh.com/>

## Funeral Services

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of David Ray Delk*



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**D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *David Ray Delk*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM

CS

“ I worked with David for several years at the start of my MTNG career 34 years ago. I was always impressed by his work ethic and his willingness to teach a green hand like me. He always had a story, including many about his time "back north." I remember how he would hold a straight face as long as he could and then that smile would split his face and laughter would erupt. I felt like I knew his family from the stories he shared. He made sure the whole world knew he loved his wife, Bernice, and the family they had built together. Our prayers are with you. Middle Tennessee Natural Gas has lost part of our family, but he lives in our hearts. To this day I can hear his voice making his MTNG radio call, "33 to KTB927." Thanks, David, for continuing to teach a green hand about life. ----  
Cliff Swoape



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**Clifford Swoape** - April 01, 2021 at 02:52 PM

MS

Thank you for your kind words about Dad. He was one in a million. That is a great picture of him.

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**Melinda Kay Swafford** - April 05, 2021 at 12:14 PM

PB

“ David and I worked together at Middle Tennessee Natural Gas for several years. He was a kind, and very dependable man. David loved his family, loved talking about his grandchildren. Sending my prayers to Bernice, Melinda, Bob and Eric. May God comfort the entire Delk family. Pat Bennett

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**Pat Bennett** - April 01, 2021 at 12:01 AM

MS

*Thank you Pat for your kind words about Dad. He was a wonderful father, husband, and grandfather. He enjoyed working at MTNG.*

**Melinda Kay Swafford** - April 01, 2021 at 07:26 AM

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**Clifford Swoape** - April 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM

TH

“ *Delk Family*

*We are so sorry for your loss, our deepest sympathy to the entire family. There is nothing said that can lessen the sorry for a family member. Our thoughts and prayers are with with you and family at this time of grief.*

*Tom and Bobbie Hotsinpiller*

**Tom Hotsinpiller** - March 31, 2021 at 09:18 PM

MS

*Thank you Tom and Bobbie. I remember when Bobbie was Dad's nurse when he was in the hospital a few years ago. He liked her taking care of him.*

**Melinda Kay Swafford** - April 05, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to the Delk Family in the loss of your loved one. Just letting you know you are thought of in your time of grief.*  
*Rebecca Hudelston*

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**Rebecca Hudelston** - March 31, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MS

*Thank you Rebecca. We appreciate you thinking of us.*

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**Melinda Kay Swafford** - March 31, 2021 at 08:43 PM

BG

“ *we are so sorry for your loss Bill and Brenda Gentry*

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**Brenda Gentry** - March 31, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MS

*Thank you.*

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**Melinda Kay Swafford** - March 31, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JH

“ *Delk family,*  
*I worked with David at Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Sparta office for a couple of years before he retired. He was such a kind man and a great service technician. He knew everyone and took care of everyone. He loved to tell stories about his work experiences and we enjoyed hearing them.*  
*May God comfort you and bless you. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you.*  
*Janice Holman*

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**Janice Holman** - March 31, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MS

*Thank you Janice. He loved working for MTNG. He enjoyed taking care of the people of Monterey.*

Melinda Kay Swafford - March 31, 2021 at 08:44 PM

BS

“ *Brad, Amy and Sadie Swafford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Ray Delk.*



Brad, Amy and Sadie Swafford - March 31, 2021 at 12:08 PM

JT

“ *You are all in my thoughts and Prayers.*



Jeannie Templeton - March 30, 2021 at 10:58 PM

MS

*Thank you Jeannie for your kindness.*

Melinda Kay Swafford - April 01, 2021 at 07:24 AM

RF

“ *Ronnie and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of David Ray Delk.*



Ronnie and Family - March 30, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of David Ray Delk.



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March 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM

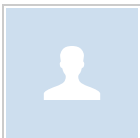


“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of David Ray Delk.



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March 30, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of David Ray Delk.



March 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ Benny Whalen lit a candle in memory of David Ray Delk



benny whalen - March 29, 2021 at 11:38 PM



Thank you.

Melinda Kay Swafford - March 31, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Delk family, We are sorry for your loss. David Delk was a part of Monterey that can never be replaced. He was such a hard worker and loved his family so much. He always kept you all's house looking so good. We are praying for you all during your grief. God bless your family. Harry Gene , Emily, and Nathan Harris



Emily Harris - March 29, 2021 at 08:29 PM



Thank you Emily, Harry Gene and Nathan for your kind words and condolences. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Melinda Kay Swafford - March 31, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SC

“ *Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of David Ray Delk*



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**Susan Clark** - March 29, 2021 at 02:52 PM

SC

*So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Susan Clark** - March 29, 2021 at 02:53 PM

BC

*For Eric and Melinda,*

*Your dad was a very good man. He worked hard and was always accurate. I had wanted to come up and see you but that fell through. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Our best wishes for you and your mother.*

*Bill & Nelta Corn*

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**Bill & Nelta Corn** - March 30, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MS

*Thank you for your kind words about Dad. He was the best.*

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**Melinda Kay Swafford** - March 31, 2021 at 09:14 PM

MS

*Thank you Susan for your kind words.*

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**Melinda Kay Swafford** - April 01, 2021 at 07:23 AM