



# Wallis D Swartz

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**S**wartz, Wallis D. (Wally), 76, of Pinellas Park, went home to be with the Lord on April 14, 2012 while at Bay front Medical Center. Born in Chicago, IL, Wally retired as a Sergeant after 20 years with the St. Petersburg Police Department; he also served in the United States Marine Corps. Wally was a member of the Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57, President of FMDAC, Secretary/Treasurer for the St. Petersburg Police Retired Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the American Legion Post 273. Wally was an active member of Seabreeze Community Church where he helped Pastor Donnie Holley with many projects. Survived by his wife of 34 years Sandy, his faithful companion "Gizmo", sister-in-law Carol Overman, niece Jamie Reis (John Bernstein), great-nephew Nicholas and great niece Alexa, son Michael, daughter-in-law Roberta, grandchildren Joshua and Anna, and son Wally. A wake will be held at the funeral home April 20th from 5-8PM. The service will be on April 21st at 1PM officiated by Pastor Donnie Holley at Seabreeze Community Church 10321 75th Street with the committal service to follow immediately at Memorial Park Cemetery.

A special thanks to Doctor Sotolongo, Koslov, Dresfner, Enos Perez, and to the nurses at St. Anthony's Infusion Center and the staff at Bayfront Medical Critical Care Unit that took such good care of my husband Wally Swartz.



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GG

**George Gatchel** posted:

Sandy, We are all sorrowed to hear of your loss. Wally was a good friend and an icon for all retired officers. Wally was always pleasant to talk with, having good thoughts for all. Wally will be missed and may God Bless you and your family.

April 30 at 5:34 AM

SH

**Sue And Chance Hohenstern** posted:

Sandy, I pray that GOD will bless you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

April 23 at 9:48 AM

TH

**Terry Hensley** posted:

Sandy: I am sorry I missed Wally's service. I was out of town and just returned this afternoon (Sunday). Wally was a good man, a good officer and always a friend. We will miss him. Terry & Gert

April 22 at 11:30 AM

TM

**Trista, Wes And Miranda** posted:

Sincere heart-felt sympathy for this tremendous loss to Wally's family. He was such a pillar of strength fighting a tough battle but Always had a smile on his face. We will all miss him greatly at SeaBreeze! Already do! Just isn't the same not to see him sitting up in front of us at Church! His memory will live on in the very special way he Blessed SeaBreeze with his gifts. Praise the Lord he is now singing with the Angels and is in pain No More! XOXO

April 20 at 12:20 PM

SB

**Sherrie Burke** posted:

Wally, I will miss you every time I walk in and see that you are not in your seat! I know you are now helping our LORD build something. You are missed and always will be.

April 20 at 11:57 AM



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SW

**Sara Wild** posted:

Wally was a wonderful, wonderful man who is at peace now and the only ones sad are the loved ones he left behind. He always had a smile, even through the pain and suffering he long endured. The world is going to miss him.

April 19 at 6:32 PM

NS

**Northway Barber Shop** posted:

My deepest condolences to the family for the loss of a great man. May he always get that perfect flattop in Heavens Barbershop.

April 19 at 5:59 AM

CB

**Chris Buchanan** posted:

wally you will truley be missed you was an awsome guy im so glad i knew you i remember working on the church with some youth and pastor you always made me laugh i will truley miss you.

April 19 at 2:10 AM

MH

**Maggie Thomas Hartling** posted:

Uncle Wally was the sweetest guy. We all had lots of fun together when we were young and crazy. Sandy was one lucky girl! Bless you. Maggie Hartling

April 17 at 1:21 PM

GA

**Gerri And Jim Adams** posted:

We were so saddened to hear about your loss. In the end Wally's faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is what mattered most. He is now in perfect health with our Lord - He will be missed by many!

April 16 at 2:08 PM

ST

**Sharon Tillman** posted:

Wally had such a strong love for the Lord. He was a man that I respected much and looked forward to seeing on Sunday at Seabreeze Church. I will miss him a lot. I love you Wally.

April 16 at 1:21 PM



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PS

**Pat Small** posted:

I will miss Mr Swartz so much, he always was so upbeat even when he didn't feel well. He always made my day better. He will be missed by all of us at Dr. Murphy's office.

April 16 at 12:50 PM

MM

**Melissa McIntyre** posted:

So sorry for your family's loss. I didn't know Wally well but he was always a fun guy to be around and I enjoyed seeing him at church. I went through sort of the same thing with my grandmother, everything happened so fast.. But I take joy in knowing they're both in heaven with the Lord. I'll keep the family in my prayers and let me know if you guys need anything. RIP Wally!

April 16 at 10:15 AM

JD

**Jerry And Chris Davis** posted:

So sorry to hear about Uncle Wally, he was a great man and friend to many of us. He will be missed... cherish the memories, he will always be your guardian angel and will still be watching over you.

April 16 at 7:47 AM

CO

**C.J.& Tootie Oudendyk** posted:

I'll miss our get togethers, and the instructions on the computer. You were a good friend, and a gentle soul. Semper Fi Brother cj

April 16 at 4:47 AM

PC

**Phil Calhoun** posted:

We will all miss your smiling face and willingness to do more than your share. You are indeed, one fine Marine. Semper Fi Brother.

April 16 at 4:36 AM



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JR

**Jamie Reisi** posted:

Where do you start for someone like Uncle Wally....I will miss you so much, this still does not seem real to me. You really were like a 2nd dad to me. I will ALWAYS remember everything we did together, camping, of course going to Disney, metal detecting at the camp grounds, going on my first cruise with you and Sissy, and just being your "rent-a-kid" There will never be anyone like you, you have been alot to many people, but you will always be my Uncle Wally, and I will always be your "Fred" still not sure how I got that name, but I LOVE YOU with all my heart.

April 15 at 7:36 PM

NR

**Nicholas Reis** posted:

I'm going to miss you Uncle Wally. The days we sang in the car. Ha-ha, the days we didn't see eye to eye and we both had to have the last word, listening to your police and marine stories, when I would say it was too hot in the house you would tell me when I went out to the desert and stayed for a while then come back and complain. When we laughed at the dogs, laughed at each other, chased sarge around the house as he had a broken light bulb in his mouth, had to move unbelievably heavy furniture into the house and laughed at each other's facial expressions, and when we tried to sell our camper we had and he was going into detail about how good it was and I shot him down saying well the screen doors dented not knowing that the guy would have a problem with that then we all laughed. The time we went to Chicago and you told us about your childhood, the time a few years ago when me, Uncle Wally, and sissy went to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Singing and dancing to the Atlantic Rhythm and Blues cds. Ah the good days. We are all really going to miss you. Semper fi marine!

April 15 at 6:56 PM

JS

**John & Sheryl Swartz** posted:

We're so sorry to hear about Uncle Wally, we had just recently reconnected, I just wish I could have got to know him more.

April 15 at 4:18 PM



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