



## Marc Franklin Swift

January 7, 1958 - August 24, 2022

Marc Franklin Swift, 64, left this world for the next on August 24 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital from complications arising during his courageous battle with a brain tumor. A celebration of Marc's life will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at Byne Church, 2832 Ledo Rd, Albany, GA 31707 at 11 a.m. Before the service, the family will receive friends at the church at 10 a.m.

Born on January 7, 1958, Marc is the oldest son of the late Robert Fillion Swift and Monique Barbet Swift. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut and moved with his family to Paris eight years later. As a child, Paris sparked his imagination and interest in film, art, language, and ideas. At thirteen, he entered Rugby School in England where he received a challenging and rich education. Upon graduating from Rugby, he was accepted by both Yale and Brown; he entered Brown University in 1976. In the spring of 1977, he met Joy Sheffield in a film class. That friendship was rekindled over 40 years later and led to their marriage in 2021.

In the spring of 1977, Marc was diagnosed with an astrocytoma and ultimately given 5 years to live after surgery and cobalt treatments. In 1978 he became born again through witnessing the changed life of his roommate. Months later in a worship service he was healed, and his doctors later confirmed that in follow-up tests. Marc's faith in God guided his life.

Moving to Tulsa Oklahoma in the mid-eighties, Marc supported his family by starting a car detailing business that promised to give customers a “new car” in exchange for the old one. He worked diligently, and he created a successful and respected business. As his boys grew, they helped him after school. Those times were precious to Marc as they gave him time to talk to his sons and to memorize scripture together.

Later in life Marc’s oldest son died in his early twenties. Marc wrote *The Coolness of Josh* to honor his son’s life. After twenty-five years, he left Tulsa to care for his father who was suffering with Alzheimer’s. His book *From Alzheimer’s With Love* chronicles that part of his journey and his amazing breakthrough in reaching his father. He also co-authored *Healing of the Heart Workbook: New Joy and Peace After Childhood Abuse*.

Marc reconnected with Joy through social media and their texts and long conversations resulted in his proposing to her and then buying a house in Albany, Georgia to be near her. With great delight, they discovered that they could write songs together and composed words and lyrics in a studio Marc built. They longed for their music to glorify God. Marc and Joy married July 24, 2021. Their happiness was challenged with Marc’s diagnosis of a glioblastoma the following March. Though Marc could no longer play his beloved guitar, he accepted a box of oil pastels from Joy one day. He began to create beautiful semi-abstract drawings with rich colors and fascinating compositions in mid-May. By July, he had created over 60 beautiful drawings working at least 5-6 hours a day. David and Cathy Lanier saw value and beauty in his work and organized an exhibition of his work in their beautiful gallery. Marc continued to work on his art even during the last week before he left this life for the next.

Marc Swift is preceded in death by his parents, his son Joshua David Swift, and his stepson Joseph Stuart Handelman. He is survived by his wife Joy Handelman-Swift, his son Michael Joseph Swift, his stepson Daniel

Handelman, and his brother Greg Swift.

Marc's exuberant faith in his Lord and his kindness to others made him memorable to anyone who met him. For those who loved him, he is irreplaceable and will be missed until we see him again.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Byne Memorial Baptist Church  
2832 Ledo Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

### Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall

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“ Woodruff Real Estate Services purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Marc Franklin Swift.



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**Woodruff Real Estate Services** - August 30, 2022 at 09:04 AM

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“ Marc was a talented guy who late in his life started painting and created beautiful abstract pastels. He was a friend and gave to his family and community.

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**Roger Marietta** - August 26, 2022 at 09:36 PM

DT

We are thankful for being able to know Marc in the short time we did. He was a remarkable person! His faith in his Jesus was amazing. The love between Joy and Marc was so sweet and I loved watching it. He will always be remembered.  
Debbie and Robert Titus

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**Debbie Titus** - August 27, 2022 at 04:22 PM

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Marc was a very talented man! His art and music will last forever. His faith and courage is an inspiration to all of those he touched. He was devoted to his family, and unselfishly gave his time to help care for his Joy's parents. Marc will be missed!! Bonita and Todd Handelman

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**Bonita and Todd Handelman** - August 28, 2022 at 08:29 AM