

## JOHN SWANCY SNELL

Mr. John Swancy Snell was born December 26, 1925 in Lovelady, the son of the late Lois (Shaw) and Byron Blain Snell. Mr. Snell passed away early Thursday morning, January 3, 2008. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Van Elizabeth. Mr. Snell was baptized in the Lovelady Church of Christ when he was a teenager.

Mr. Snell graduated from Lovelady High School in 1943 and went in the Merchant Marines. Following his Merchant Marine service he met and married Joyce Jordan on November 29, 1949. In 1952 he became a switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Houston, where he made lifelong friends, and was there until he retired in 1988. Mr. Snell was Secretary-Treasurer of the Switchman's Union for ten years during the 1970's.

Mr. Snell spent the last nineteen months in Community Care Nursing Home in Crockett where he knew all the employees by name and knew most of the residents even though he was completely bed-ridden. Mr. Snell was interested in everything that went on and encouraged his wife to attend functions so she could come back and tell him everything. Likewise he told her everything that went on at the nursing home.

Mr. Snell was usually a cheerful soul and when feeling good would sometimes startle employees by bursting out in song. Mr. Snell kept a cell phone in speakerphone mode as he could not raise it to his ear but could manage to open it. Wednesday morning he called his wife and sang to her on voicemail. Mr. Snell had to vote by mail ballot and he kept up with the time for the mail

ballot to be requested because one time he didn't get it in time for the deadline and Joyce thought she was going to have to go to the State and get special permission for him to be able to vote.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joyce Jordan Snell, of Crockett; daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Reagan George, of Chantilly, Va.; son William Snell, of Bryan; daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Craig Williams, of Crockett; son and daughter-in-law Fred and Mary Snell, of Houston; daughter and son-in-law Vanna and Jim Fillion, of St. Louis, Mo.; son and daughter-in-law Rex and DeAnna Snell, of Elgin; brother and sister-in-law B. B. and Dorothy Snell, of Houston; sister Lois Allen, of Houston; grandchildren John-Allen and Jennifer George, Aubrey Crabtree and Brock Williams, Josh, Tim and Kathleen Snell, Thomas and Jordan Heagy and Savannah Fillion, Sydney, Kyle and Colin Snell; numerous nieces and Nephews;

special friend and cousin  
Grover Ham and wife Bobbie.

Funeral Services for Mr.  
John Swancy Snell were held  
Sunday, January 6, 2008 at  
2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-  
Allee Memorial Chapel with  
Mr. Craig Williams officiating.  
Interment followed in the  
Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to  
The Myositis Association,  
1233 20th Street NW, Suite  
402, Washington, DC 20036.

**Callaway-Allee Funeral  
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