

## *A Life of Love ...*

*Sunrise ~ December 30, 1954 Sunset ~ August 26, 2017*



Johnny Ray Maxwell passed away Saturday, August 26, 2017 in Wichita, Kansas. The son of Alfonzo and Pauline Chapman Maxwell. Johnny was born on December 30, 1954 in Topeka, Kansas. He was the youngest born to this union. Raised in North Topeka, he was a member of Second Baptist Church.

On August 1, 1981, Johnny married Barbara Ann Swopes. To this union, three children were born. Johnny and his wife raised their

children and resided in Wichita, Kansas for 37 years. Johnny worked for and retired from Cessna as a CNC machinist's programmer and associate engineer. He later started his own machine shop, Aero Dynamics, where he designed and manufactured airplane parts. He loved cars and had many hobbies such as collecting model cars and tinkering with toys and gadgets. He also had a passion for computers, computer aided drawings and technology. He was also a member of Make ICT which is an Open Machine Shop to members where he would design speakers with advanced audio. Johnny had a love for planes, birds, hats and music especially guitars. He was a jack of all trades.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfonzo Maxwell; his mother, Pauline Chapman Maxwell; his brothers, Larry Maxwell, Joseph Maxwell, Al Maxwell and one sister, Yvonne Vick.

Left to cherish Johnny's memory is his wife of 36 years, Barbara Ann Swopes Maxwell (Wichita, KS); two sons, Joshua Ray Maxwell (Wichita, KS) Michael Ray Maxwell (Wichita, KS); two daughters, Brittany Maxwell (Wichita, KS) and Cecelia (Carl) Greene-Miles (Aurora, CO); his sister, Barbara Porter (Memphis, TN), 6 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews other family and lifelong friends.

*Prelude*

*Processional*

*Musical Selection*

*Scripture:*

Old Testament/New Testament - Deacon Kenneth Chapman

*Prayer:* Deacon Kenneth Chapman

*Solo:* Angel Ross

*Acknowledgement of Condolences:*

Danielle Dempsey Swopes

*Obituary (Read in Silence)*

*Solo:* Savannah Payne

*Reflections of Life - Family & Friends* (2 mins please)

*Solo:* Angel Ross

*Words of Comfort:* Pastor Vernon L. Steele Jr.

*Closing Prayer:* Pastor Vernon L. Steele Jr.

*Special Tribute from Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel*

*Parting View*

*Recessional*

*Postlude*

*Order of Service*

### Casket Bearers

Alonzo Harrison  
Stacey Hannah  
Alfonzo Maxwell Jr.  
Ronnie Robinson Jr.  
Arcy Swopes  
Joseph Keith Swopes II

### Honorary Casket Bearers

Johnny Birdwhistle  
Marlon Jones  
Alfonzo Maxwell  
Alfonzo Maxwell Sr.  
Joseph Maxwell  
Larry Maxwell

### Flower Bearers

Alejia Maxwell  
Andrea Maxwell  
Ari Maxwell  
Cortni Maxwell  
Erin Maxwell  
Jelah Maxwell  
Raylynn Maxwell  
Yazmyn Maxwell  
Samayah Ridge

### His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away--  
his journey's just begun  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched--  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

### Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Topeka, KS

### Services Entrusted to



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# Celebration of Life Service Johnny Ray Maxwell December 30, 1954 - August 26, 2017



## Saturday September 2, 2017 Ten o'Clock

Visitation  
September 1, 2017 - 3:00-7:00 pm

Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel  
Topeka, Kansas

Pastor Vernon L. Steele, Jr. - Officiant & Eulogist