



## Dennis Swift

July 1, 1952 - December 7, 2023

Dennis grew up in southeast New Mexico, just west of the Texas border and not far from Roswell and White Sands National Park which he, always ready to interject some humor, would often describe as looking like 100,000 square miles of kitty litter. He was the second of three sons born to Lawrence (Larry) Swift and Charlene (Dye) Swift.

In High School Dennis developed rapidly academically, athletically, and spiritually. His range of knowledge and talent ran so wide that while he would eventually major in theology and ministry, he earned a full culinary scholarship offer. He was also a gifted long distance runner, qualifying for the Olympic Trials in marathon. And when he was just sixteen years old, he prayed to receive Christ at a James Robeson evangelism event and answered a divine calling to preach from that day forward.

Dennis studied for multiple degrees at six different universities and colleges, completing his B.A. and M.Div. at Point Loma Nazarene University and Th.D. from University of South Africa. Over a remarkable 50 year period, he pastored churches in Missouri, California, and Oregon, notably answering the call of the Lord to plant Church of All Nations in Portland, Oregon, after 17 years leading Beaverton Church of the Nazarene. He preached passionately through November 2022, stretching for the finish line beyond what his physical body could handle.

Known as 'Dr. Dino' to thousands worldwide, Dennis' charismatic storytelling, humor, unique discoveries, treasure trove of artifacts, and photographic

memory captivated adults and children alike. Dennis launched the longest running, most attended creation conference, the Northwest Creation Conference, gaining recognition as a subject matter expert in dinosaur and ancient human archaeology.

He appeared in various tv shows and publications in the US, Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, and Russia for his work in this field. He authored the book 'Secrets of the Ica Stones and Nazca Lines' after decades of research and discoveries in Turkmenistan, Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, Cambodia, Israel, and his beloved southwestern United States. Dennis was well known for always looking for the opportunity to minister to those in need when he worked in these locations, coming to gain the name 'el Super Pastor' in the communities surrounding Nazca, Peru.

Dennis retired to Georgia near his daughter (Rory), son-in-law (Lee), and their 6 children. Dennis was preceded by his beloved wife Sharon (Kendall) Swift and is survived by Rory, Lee, Elisha (19), Eva (17), Maisey (15), Willoughby (13), Ahijah (11), and Titus (4) Cookman; his daughter Jenna (Swift) Dukes; and his son Joel, daughter-in-law Ellie, with their children Nolan (11), Nolan (8), and Emery (1) Swift. He will be missed greatly by thousands worldwide including his church members, creation conference attendees, family, friends, marathon running mates, and staff at every Mexican restaurant in the greater Beaverton area.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday, January 5, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 Legion Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 5.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

**JAN 5.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Dearest Rory, I was looking for your dad today, Jan. 4, 2026, to find his obituary.

Your Father was the most delightful, interesting and brilliant man Terry and I have

had the privilege of knowing in our lives. Beautiful and wonderful memories from COAN.

We are so sorry for your loss, both your Mom and Dad. I know it's been a couple of years but I hope after all this time this message reaches you.

Love to you all, Joel's family included.

Terry and Rebecca Burcham.

Ocean Park, Wa.

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Revecca Burcgam - January 04 at 12:42 PM

IC

“ Meeting Dennis in 2014 was such a pleasure. I had heard him online, ordered his book about the Ica stones, and contacted him as I was leaving a trip to India about a possible dinosaur petroglyph that had been discovered there. We met up in Portland and had a nice lunch together. I had hoped at one point to help him write another book as I have done work as a ghost writer, but life got busy and I dropped that ball. I hope his work lives on - he was a sincere and beautiful person and I think his work was very important.

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Iain Cook - July 03, 2024 at 10:16 PM

AA

“ *Bitter Sweet to learn of my friend Dennis' graduation. Sad because the world will be without him now and I will miss him, but happy he is now with our Lord and his beloved wife he was so lonely without. I became friends with Dennis in 2015 when he learned I was a Photographer and we lived only 5 minutes away from each other. He asked if I would photograph his ICA stones for an article he was writing for the Journal of Creation December issue 2016. Me and my 4 year old son went to his house, photographed his amazing ICA stones. Dennis was so kind he gave my son some books, and I received several copies of his Secrets of the Ica Stones and Nazca Lines. Until we meet again my brother in Christ.*



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**Aaron** - July 01, 2024 at 12:21 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album memories*



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**Cosmos Shatto** - February 01, 2024 at 02:07 AM

EH

“ *Exuberant, Bighearted, Authentic, Educated, Generous, Gifted, Resilient, Amusing, Clever, Creative, Faithful, Adventurous, Ambitious, Witty, Talkative, ... the list could go on but I sure did love Dennis Swift. I had the pleasure of enjoying conferences with him, going on trips with him, and loved putting up with his hilarious personality!*

*His love for God and desire to see others know God was always first. His love for the ancient cultures was profound. His knowledge was broad and deep!*

*I loved his presentations as he entertained both the audience and himself while he spoke! What an amazing guy!*

*I first met Dennis in person in 2005 and loved every chance I have had to be with him, travel with him, and spend time on the phone with him.*

*Love you buddy, Thrilled that you are reunited with Sharron, but I am sure that pails in comparison to seeing your Savior face to face!*

*Eric Hovind*



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Eric Hovind - January 09, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dennis Swift.*

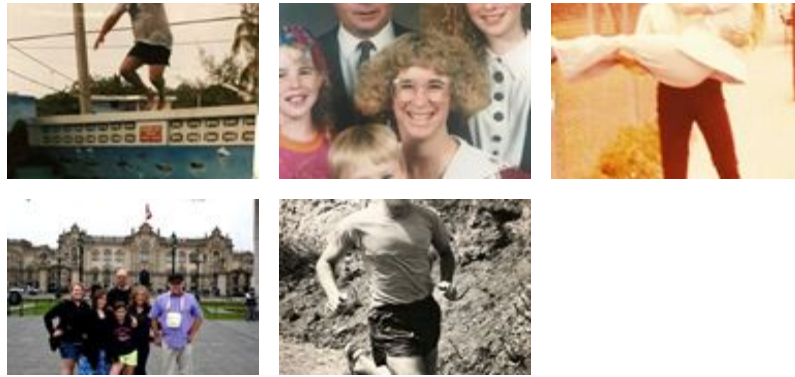


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January 04, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - January 04, 2024 at 02:55 PM