



## Carroll Jay "Swede" Murphy

January 15, 2019

C.J. Murphy, "Swede" to all who knew him well, age 79, died January 15, 2019 in Fort Collins after a several-month battle with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and a brief bout with lung cancer.

Swede was born in Colorado Springs, CO to William and Lucille Murphy. He grew up in Manitou Springs, graduated from Manitou High School and served in the U. S. Navy. He married Sandy Bennett on August 18, 1962 in Colorado Springs, where they called home for nearly all his life. He and Sandy moved to Loveland in 2018.

Swede worked as a Farmers Insurance agent for over 50 years. He kept active playing tennis and golf and was a longtime member of the Country Club of Colorado.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; two daughters, Staci (Chris) Miller of Fort Collins and Melissa Murphy of Denver; and two grandsons, Adam and Ryan Miller.

During the course of his illness, Swede received excellent care from several facilities. His family would like to thank his caregivers at Memorial Hospital and Cheyenne Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Colorado Springs, Northern Colorado LTACH in Johnstown and The Suites in Fort Collins.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations be made to the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation, 3300 East Bayaud Ave., Suite 201, Denver, CO 80209 or the Gary Sinise Foundation ([www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org)), PO Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carroll Jay "Swede" Murphy*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Andi and I are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Swede. Swede was the most professional I ever knew in the Insurance industry. He helped me many times when we moved to the Springs. The nicest and most sincere person I have ever known. I will never forget my friend Swede.*

**Bob Leopoldus** - February 08, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *I'm so sad to read about Swede's passing. He looks so young! Rollie would be devastated. To think that Swede worked for Farmers for 50 years. It's hard to believe. Rollie appointed him and was proud that he did so well over the years. I remember the many get-togethers we all had. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time. Nicole (and Rollie) Paulson*

**Nicole D Paulson** - February 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *May God be with you during this sad time. Our prayers are with you and your family. We are very sorry for your loss. Mr and Mrs Ted Carrillo and Family*

**Mr and Mrs Ted Carrillo** - February 05, 2019 at 01:01 PM

MS

“ Swede and I were great friends, He was in my class at Manitou (jr. high and high school).  
Class of 1957. He was always a gentleman, fun and very good looking. Altho I didn't see him in our golden years I know what a good man he was and loved by so many people.  
My condolences to you Sandy and the rest of the family. May he rest in peace in the arms of our Lord. His very dear friend, Marilyn (Hart) Slocum

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**Marilyn (Hart) Slocum** - February 04, 2019 at 04:35 PM

RH

“ Sam, Missie, Staci and family,  
We were sad to read about Swede. We send our thoughts and condolences to all of you.  
Tom, Bobbi and family

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**Roberta Harris** - February 03, 2019 at 09:26 PM

SC

“ Dear Sandy and family,  
Swede will be missed so much. It was an honor to know and work with such a great guy. Now he and my Dad can tell old Farmers stories again! Heartfelt condolences to you all. -  
Sherrie Laxton Campbell and the Laxton family

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**Sherrie Campbell** - February 01, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ Sandy, Our deepest sympathy. What a kind, upbeat, gentle man. His passing will leave a hole in your life, but he will also be missed by so many who called him friend. Hugs and prayers. Judy and Dave Bondurant

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**Judy Bondurant** - January 31, 2019 at 10:28 AM

JR

“ Swede was always a true gentleman. Both he and Sandy always had a kind word and hopeful outlook that made them a pleasure to be around. Here's to you, Swede!

*John Rohde*

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**John Rohde** - January 29, 2019 at 03:01 PM

MU

“ Dearest Sandy and family,  
I am just heartbroken to read of Swede's passing. I am so sad for you, the girls, and grandkids. I have such fond memories of Swede during you and mom's Volvo tennis days, and the years following. He was a great man. Sending you my love, and praying for you.  
*Musette Grage*

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**Musette** - January 29, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JS

“ I was friends and played tennis with Swede for over 30 years, will certainly miss him.  
*God bless John Senter*

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**john senter** - January 29, 2019 at 10:54 AM

VM

“ HAVING KNOWN SWEDE SINCE 1960 I HAVE TO SAY HE WAS A CLASS ACT IN EVERY WAY. I ENVIED HIS OFFICE ORGANIZATION AS WELL. ALL IN ALL HE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO FEEL SUPERIOR TO THE REST OF WE AGENTS, BUT HE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL WELCOME AND NEVER LORDDED IT OVER US. OF COURSE HE TOO WAS A U.S. NAVY MAN. VERN AND DONNA MCDONNELL, COLORADO SPGS.

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**VERN MCDONNELL** - January 28, 2019 at 07:09 PM

JL

“ *Sandy and family,  
We are very sorry to hear about Swede. Sending you our deepest  
condolences  
Dr. Matthew Lovato, Jodi, Chris and Vanessa*

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**Jodi Lovato** - January 28, 2019 at 03:16 PM

IM

“ *Dear Sandy and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Swede's passing. In the love that  
surrounds you, may you find strength... In the memories you  
cherish, may you and your family find peace. I have one fond  
memory, do you remember that convertible sports car and you took  
us all for a ride, when we came back the smile on Swede's face was  
priceless. That's what I remember!! Our deepest sympathy go out to  
you and your family.*

*Gary and Iris Murphy  
And Family*

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**Iris Murphy** - January 28, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JA

“ *Sandy,  
So very sorry to hear about Swede. I've missed seeing both of you  
around the club. You both always had a special greeting for me  
when we would see each other! I'll always remember his wonderful  
smile. I send my love and sympathy to you and your family.  
Jan Atha*

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**Jan Atha** - January 28, 2019 at 12:10 AM



Michele  
Engle

“ *Sandy we are thinking of you and your family at this time. You and Swede were always such kind and friendly people! I'm grateful to have known Swede. Peace be with you.*

*Michele Engle*

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**Michele Engle** - January 27, 2019 at 05:14 PM