



## Douglas Swilley

February 22, 1933 - May 18, 2025

Douglas Swilley, 92, passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday, May 18, 2025. He was born on February 22, 1933, in Jacksonville, Florida, to parents Anthony Swilley and Edna Turner.

A devoted husband, father, and community pillar, Douglas was widely known for his generosity, his quiet strength, and his unwavering support for those in need. He spent most of his life in and around the St. Augustine area, where he built a home and legacy alongside his beloved wife, Redonia Swilley (deceased), and their son, Michael Swilley.

Douglas was best known as the proud owner of Swilley's Grocery Store on Riberia Street, where his friendly demeanor, hard work, and skill as a butcher made him a beloved figure in the neighborhood. His store was more than a business—it was a gathering place for generations of families who came not just for groceries, but for advice, stories, and friendship.

Over the years, Douglas also operated several other small businesses throughout the city, always with the same commitment to honesty, service, and community. Even after retiring, his love for people and the land kept him active, running a small produce stand on South Holmes Boulevard. Locals knew they could count on Douglas not only for fresh fruits and vegetables but also for a warm smile and a kind word.

Details regarding memorial services will be announced by the family at a later date.



MS

“ *St. Augustine has lost a gem. You were such a light in our community and will be deeply missed and always loved.*



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**Melody Siddons** - June 01, 2025 at 12:44 PM

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“ *May you rest in God's love. Mr Swilley was a beautiful soul. I used to buy wood from him and we always shared a laugh and smile. You will be missed by many.*

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**Susie Hall** - May 31, 2025 at 12:44 PM

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*Growing up as a kid over in Lincolnville Mr swilly really bless the neighborhood He will let families get groceries on credit May you continue to rest in God's presence Mr swilly You was a great pillar to the community of Lincolnville the Edwards family*

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**Rosetta e** - June 06, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RW

*Pops was awesome!! I would buy collard greens and firewood from him all the time. Sometimes I would stop over and bring lunch for him and his son Micheal and we would sit around and talk about his past life experiences. I really miss him and did not find out that he had passed until last week. May he rest in peace and God bless his family. Robert W.*

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**Robert Winchester** - September 06, 2025 at 02:58 PM