

SAWCA SAYS GOOD-BYE TO A FORMER PRESIDENT

Former SAWCA President, John Baxter Swing, 72, died Friday, April 13, 2007. The service will be at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with burial at the Old Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Quincy. Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home on Riggins Road (850-877-8191) is handling arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. He was born June 2, 1934 in Greensboro, Florida. Mr. Swing graduated high school from Gadsden County High School in 1952. He played high school football as center and played baseball for the American Legion League in Quincy. He graduated from Florida State University in 1957 with a B.S. degree in Business. He was a member of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. He worked for the Development Commission from 1955 to 1957 and worked for the Florida Industrial Commission, which later became the Department of Labor, from 1957 to 1985, retiring as Director of the Division of Workers Compensation. He then began working as the Executive Director with the Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association in 1985 retiring from the Association on January 2, 2003. He was a member of the Tallahassee Jaycees serving as president in the late 1950s. He also served as president of the **Southern Association of Workers Compensation Administration** and as president of the International Association of Industrial Accident Board and Commissions. He served in the Florida National Guard from 1952 to 1990 retiring as a colonel and Signal Brigade Commander. He earned numerous medals and awards including the highest, Legion of Merit. He participated in several state active duty tours including several hurricane disasters and the Martin Luther King assassination. He also served in a number of European tours. Baxter is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol McCall Swing, two daughters, Claire Swing Zapert of Tallahassee and Pamela Swing Taylor of Orlando; five grandchildren, John Addison Ferrara, Caroline Zapert and Michael Zapert, all of Tallahassee, Amanda Taylor Vaughan and Mallory Taylor, both of Orlando; and two sisters, Troy Moore of Tallahassee and Blanche Vickers of Jacksonville. Baxter will be greatly missed by his family and numerous friends.