

Swaim, Nelson James 'Slim'

1936-2021

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Nelson James (Slim) Swaim went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in Chico.

He was the loving husband of Velda Ann Swaim for almost 60 years.

Nelson was born in Sunset July 18, 1936, to Jim and Eunice Swaim. He attended Sunset School when he was a child and graduated from Alvord High School. After graduation he worked on a road crew for a short time. Then went to work for TXI and worked there 43 years before he retired.

He is survived by his daughter Debbie Cleveland; son Stephen Cleveland of Chico; bonus daughter Jacquelyn Cast of Bridgeport; brothers Roger Swaim and wife, Glenda, and Carroll Swaim and wife, Janice, all of Bowie; numerous nieces and nephews; and grand puppies Sassy and Buddy.

He was preceded in death by his wife Velda Ann Swaim; parents Jim and Eunice Swaim; sister Anita Clayton; and nephews Gary Clayton and Bobby Clayton.

His memorial service will be held May 8 at 11 a.m., with family visitation being held at 10 a.m. All will be held at Victory Baptist Church, 4346 N. State Highway 101, Sunset.