



## Irley Lane Oxford

September 21, 2019

Irley Lane Oxford, known as Swede to family and friends, departed this life to his eternal home on Saturday, September 21, 2019, in Gulfport, Mississippi. He resided in Gulfport with his wife of 69 years, Doris Oxford.

He was born November 8, 1929, in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, to George and Nadine Oxford. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Charles (Sue), Milas (Thelma), and Neal (Rosalie), and sister, Barbara (Robert) Leep. He is survived by his wife, son Donald (Audrey), daughters Barbara (Rodney) Bettevy and Penny (Henry) Kowalski; and grandchildren Mary (Ricky) Chapman, Jennifer (Patrick) Sullivan, Vicky (Michael) Blake, Raymond Nester, Clara (Ryan) Rutledge; and great grandchildren Elissa, Rylie, and Iris. He is survived by his brother, Wesley and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1948 to 1968. He served in the Berlin Airlift, and the Korean War, and numerous assignments in Europe and the US. Following retirement from the USAF, he served as an electronics instructor at Keesler AFB, followed by a career in the Federal Aviation Agency in Ogden, Utah, Casper, Wyoming, and Kosciusko, Mississippi, finally retiring and moving back to Gulfport, Mississippi.

He loved his family and the many friends that he made everywhere he lived and worked. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, especially with family and friends. Mr. Oxford was a member of the Unity 18 Lodge in Ogden, Utah.

He was an active member in the Mississippi City United Methodist Church. He volunteered at the Truck and Seaman's Center, Feed My Sheep, and various other Gulfport community service projects.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital, Mississippi City United Methodist Church, or to a charity of one's choice.

The family wants to thank Deaconess Home Health and Canon Hospice for their care and professionalism in their caring for Mr. Oxford.

The funeral service will be Friday, September 27, 2019, at noon at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, 15th Street, Gulfport, where friends may visit beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Biloxi National Cemetery with Masonic rites and military honors.

# Cemetery

## Biloxi National Cemetery

400 Veterans Ave.  
Biloxi, MS, 39531

# Events

<b>SEP</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	11:00AM - 12:00PM
<b>27</b>	<hr/> Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home - 15th Street 1726 15th Street, Gulfport, MS, US, 39501	
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Service</b>	12:00PM
<b>27</b>	<hr/> Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home - 15th Street 1726 15th Street, Gulfport, MS, US, 39501	

# Comments

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“We extend our sincere sympathy and value your trust during this time of remembrance and reflection. We pledge our support now and in the future.”

~The Staff and Management of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes

**Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes** - September 30 at 04:40 PM

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“Doris you and all of family in our thoughts and prayers at this time we love all Ronnie Frances and Brian

**Frances King** - September 27 at 08:10 AM

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“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Irley Lane Oxford.



September 26 at 09:50 AM

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“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irley Lane Oxford.



September 25 at 09:44 PM