



Lance Herbert Swisher

December 12, 1983 - April 11, 2025

Lance Herbert Swisher was born on December 12, 1983, at the Tallahassee Birth Centre and died unexpectedly on April 11, 2025, in Tallahassee at age 41. He lived in Tallahassee, Florida for most of his life.

Lance graduated from Rickards High School International Baccalaureate program in 2002. Boy Scouts of America was a big part of this time in his life. He became Chief of the Order of the Arrow and was awarded the Vigil Honor of Order of the Arrow. He was given the Indian name Linchpin Sakima which means “diligent chief.” He also achieved the highest honor in Scouting, the Eagle Award. One highlight of his Scouting career was when his entire troop went on a trip to America’s largest national high adventure base camp, Philmont Scout Ranch, in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Following high school, he worked with the Seminole Boosters for a few years. Then, he began his 20-year journey in the culinary world by working his way up from dishwasher to chef. Lance apprenticed under French chef, Laurant Poupart and cheffed locally at Chez Pierre, Georgio’s, A La Provence, and Albert’s restaurants before moving to Houston where he was sous chef at award-winning Reef restaurant. Later, he returned to Tallahassee as a caterer and private chef. He then established a food truck with his fellow chef and friend, Terrance Bond. The pandemic led to a change in the business model. He then created home cooked meals to order and cheffed at Orchard Pond for

hunting events. This career change allowed him to spend more time on the water fishing, which he loved to do.

This last year, Lance lived his dream as a personal chef and traveled all over the country. He always put love into the food he created for others to enjoy. Lance was a gentle soul who loved animals, nature, camping, and music. He adored his nieces and nephews. When he was not in the kitchen, he would join friends and family in karaoke, kickball, ping-pong, volleyball, or other games.

He is survived by his parents, Harvey and Beth Swisher, his brother, Kevin Swisher, his sisters and their husbands, Jennifer and Richard Lynes and Bethannie and Jeremy Smith, his nieces, Morgan, Madison, and Montgomery Lynes, his nephews, Aspen and Canyon Swisher and Dylan and Crosby Smith, and his great-nephews Langston and Haiston Swisher.

The family will receive friends from 6:00PM until 8:00PM on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee. The funeral service will be at 1:00PM on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral, 4784 Thomasville Road in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Ocean Clean Up in Lance's honor (<https://fund.theoceancleanup.com/fundraisers/kevinswisher/community-usd?ref=4YD16923LL3947225>).

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Swisher family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

MAY 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Peters Anglican Cathedral
4784 Thomasville Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lance Herbert Swisher.

May 08, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lance Herbert Swisher.



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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lance Herbert Swisher.



May 05, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lance Herbert Swisher.



April 27, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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“ Kathleen and Donald Parker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Herbert Swisher.

Kathleen and Donald Parker - April 26, 2025 at 08:49 AM

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“ Kathleen and Donald Parker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lance Herbert Swisher.




Kathleen and Donald Parker - April 26, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ I randomly meet Lance when he and Terrance opened up a kitchen in fire Betty's. Lance offered me work helping them in the food truck and catering. They taught me alot about cooking. More than I had known. They sold the food truck. But lance continued to reach out to me pick me up to go fishing talk to me about sobriety and struggles. He was a very good friend to me. I knew lance for about 3 years but I have great memories of his kindness. He gifted me a fishing pole with a bunch of tackle. We would go fishing at st marks. Thanks for all the great memories. This only touches the surface of how impactful lance was in my life as friend! You will be missed.



Donald Moses - April 25, 2025 at 09:55 AM

 Kirsten Parish

“ Freshman year 2002, my friend was "with " your dorm roommate (or trying to and I was dragged along so she would feel less awkward, and as these things usually go you and I were left alone while they, ya know, and through those hours that could have been burdensome they instead kindled a friendship that lasted 23 years. You were at my wedding, came to see my new daughter, I watched you go from Girogios to better and better work then your food truck coming to my job regularly with DELICIOUS food. So proud. Ill miss celebrating our birthdays together since mine is Nov. 23rd right before yours. This is such a loss...

Kirsten Parish - April 24, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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To the Harvey Swisher Family. My condolences for your loss. I'll be praying for God's love envelope you during this time of transition in your lives. May God give you wisdom, peace, and comfort. He loves you.

Sharon Linton - April 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM

JS

Lance was an amazing brother and uncle. My kids would always light up every time we walked in the house. Lance would go out of his way to help anyone that needed help. He was quick with a smart comment and had a great sense of humor. Lance lived with Bethannie and me on 2 separate occasions and there were many nights I spent on the porch talking about movies, music, life and always had a great time. I also helped out with the food truck taking orders and delivering the food. We had so much fun and Lance and Terrance always cooked amazing food. Lance is my brother and always will be in my heart. I love you so much Lance!!!!

Jeremy Smith - April 25, 2025 at 02:27 PM