

William D. Sweeney

October 8, 1946 - February 9, 2021

William D. Sweeney, age 74, husband of Carole A. (Ziegler) Sweeney, of Royersford, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in his residence surrounded by his family. Born on October 8, 1946 in Media, he was a son of the late Mary (Fahey) and Walter Sweeney.

Bill had a passion for cars and sales and combined those two in his career in auto sales. After retirement he was known as "The Ambassador" at Patriot Chevrolet in Limerick. He loved talking shop, attending auto auctions and was incredible at training those new to the industry. He was all about numbers, loved making sales work for customers and had a way of asking questions to get the answers he was seeking.

Bill served two tours in the United States Marine Corps Infantry during the Vietnam War, until his honorable discharge as Sergeant. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 and was heavily involved with the proposed Vietnam Memorial near First Avenue in Royersford. Bill struck up a conversation with any person he saw wearing a "Veteran" hat - always asking about their service. He served as point person for other veterans helping to ensure they received the veteran's benefits they deserved.

Bill loved watching football, working out at the gym and as an avid Dale Earnhardt fan, loved racecars. He equally loved dogs; at one time showing

Tibetan Mastiffs and owning a team of Siberian Husky Sled Dogs.

Ever the gentleman, Bill was very generous to others and treated everyone with respect. His eyes had a mischievous sparkle, and he had a debonair sense of style and was always ready to raise a glass to celebrate. His motto was, "I never had a bad day."

In addition to his loving wife, Bill is survived by his children: Jennifer L. (Kara) Paziora - Benner, of Boyertown, Corina L. Benner, of Philadelphia, Anne (fiance of Josh Mathias) Benfield, of Boyertown and Brent (Sandy) Benner, of Alburtis; grandchildren: Laney Lee Benfield, Rylee Benner and Wyatt Benner; brother: Jerry (Michele) Sweeney of Landenburg, PA, and several nieces and nephews.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Bill's Life will be planned for a time when family and friends can gather together safely. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Montgomery County SPCA, 19 E. Ridge Pike, PO Box 222, Conshohocken, PA 19428-0222. Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

DZ

“ *Bill was larger than life. He contributed to the lives of many others and made it his mission to help veterans. I will always love Bill more like a brother than a brother in law. I will miss him and his great hugs. SEMPER FI dear Bill.*

Deborah Ziegler - February 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM

CO

“ *Carole & family ,sorry to hear about Bill,our thoughts & prayers are with you. Sincerely Carol Ohara*

Carol Ohara - February 17, 2021 at 09:57 AM

 Corina Benner

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Corina Benner - February 16, 2021 at 06:44 PM



Bill was my Best Man... Fellow Marine, buddy, we stayed intouch over the years... a friendship that spanned many years... lots of memories... Thank you for being my "Best" Man...

Bob Paxson - February 17, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ Carole,

Just learned of Bill's passing. Having met at LA Fitness 5 years ago we developed a close relationship, shared many good stories (and some not-so-good!) and many laughs together. He was very generous in helping our nonprofit organization, Ann's Heart in Phoenixville with both his time and donations. His service, as a beyond proud Marine, to our country and to disabled vets is everlasting. As he often said "someday I'll be guarding the gates of heaven and I'll be very choosy who gets by"!!! I'm confident he's already started.

My prayers are with you and your family. A Mass will be dedicated to him soon.

God bless, Jim De Bow

Jim De Bow - February 16, 2021 at 11:37 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - February 15, 2021 at 09:24 PM

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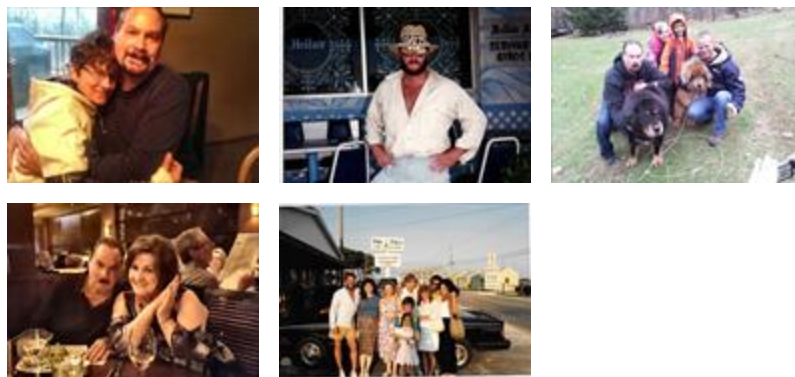
“ My uncle Bill was a real Man's Man! I remember my dad taking me to Hix Gilberts' to visit him when he worked there back in the day. Uncle Bill would give me one of those little plastic footballs they had, and get me an orange soda out of the machine. He seemed larger than life back then, he truly carried himself like the Marine he was! My dad passed down so many stories about the legend that was Bill Sweeney. I recall telling my girlfriend at the time back in about 2001 some stories of ole uncle Bill, and we were knocking at my grandmothers door to visit for easter. Unexpectedly, as I was finishing up a story about him, sure enough uncle Bill answers the door!! Uncle Bill I love ya and I'm glad you're in a better place. Until we meet again. Your Nephew,

Daniel R Sweeney

Daniel Sweeney - February 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

 Corina Benner

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Corina Benner - February 15, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JM

I've known Sgt Sweeney, since the mid 90's not a lifetime but the of life there is. He was mentor. Marine. Friend. The best of the best and until time ends, will never be forgotten. That you Sween-man for the friendship and advice that kept me strong... I love you.

John Maltese - February 23, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JP

“ I haven't known Bill for very long, but it didn't take me very long to find out that he was the "real deal". I love you Bill and I am going to miss you.

John Paulding

John Paulding - February 15, 2021 at 02:53 PM

KA

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Kathy Anderson - February 14, 2021 at 03:13 PM

KA

We will remember Bill Sweeney as the always smiling happy guy who never had a bad day and lived and loved with a passion.. Bill and Kathy Anderson

Kathy Anderson - February 14, 2021 at 03:22 PM

JC

“ *Death leaves a heart ache, no one can heal, love leaves a memory, no one can steal... Sorry for your lost, he is now guarding the gates of heaven with all his fellow Marines..Brothers forever, Bill , will miss your face a the meetings....*

JOE CARACAPPA - February 14, 2021 at 01:56 PM

JU

Bill was a great Marine, veteran, advocate for veterans, and friend. He would do anything to help his fellow brothers and sisters who served.

Bill's ability to talk to veterans resulted in DAV Chapter 25 receiving three consecutive awards from DAV National for recruiting efforts. He was my brother and I will miss him very much.

*Semper Fi Marine
Jim Ulinski*

James Ulinski - February 14, 2021 at 02:17 PM

BA

“ *Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever! Rest in Peace Marine! Semper Fidelis!*

Buck Appel - February 14, 2021 at 09:56 AM