



Benjamin R. Sweeney

June 5, 1925 - June 2, 2019

Benjamin R. Sweeney

WEST BLOOMFIELD – Ben Sweeney passed away Sunday, June 2, 2019 after a brief illness. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan on June 5, 1925. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife JoAnn E. Sweeney, daughter Susan, and son Scott. He is survived by daughters Sandra (Dennis) Feloni and Sally Sweeney (Kenneth Hook), and grandchildren Christopher, Evan, and Emma.

Ben served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a B-29 pilot. He was a graduate of General Motors Institute and enjoyed a distinguished automotive engineering career, culminating as an executive of Ford Motor Company. He loved boating, fishing, golf, tennis, bridge, and MSU football. He was a lifetime member of Pine Lake Country Club. He cherished time spent on Crystal Lake in Beulah, Michigan. Ben was an excellent cook and loved baking pies for family & friends. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ben. He and Joey were beloved members of the MSU potluck group for over 60 years. I grew up hearing that group laugh and have fun at their monthly potluck dinners. Ben often brought the pie. Deepest sympathy to the Sweeney family. Abbie (daughter of Bev and Jim Leese) and Tom Holden

Abbie holden - June 09 at 09:25 PM



“ My dad, Bill Higgins, saw your dad's death notice in the paper. Your parents and mine were very good friends growing up. Bill is saddened that he wasn't able to connect with Ben since he moved to a senior living home and can no longer drive. Our parents shared many happy memories including golfing and card playing. Our condolences to your family.

bill higgins - June 04 at 12:53 PM



“ My favorite memory of Ben Sweeney is when I dropped off a few boys who were friends of his grandson Evan, and were about 8-10 years of age at his house. He was going to take them to a park/beach for the day. I offered several times to accompany him to help and he refused my offers. He said he would find a tree to sit under and that they would just come and check in with him periodically. I thought, good luck with that. They likely listened to him just fine and the boys came home happy!
He opened his home on Crystal Lake countless times to friends of his children and grandchildren. Those memories and his kindness were priceless!

Diane Flynn-Hahn - June 03 at 07:38 PM



“ Condolences to the entire Sweeney family from the Carsons. Another one of the really good ones is gone but never forgotten.

Caren and Curt Carson - June 03 at 06:24 PM



“ I never knew your dad, but my dad did. From what I gather, theirs was a mutual admiration society. They were true gentleman, from a different era. Smart, hard working, kind, compassionate. How lucky we were to have them as our dads. I always loved seeing the love that radiated from the photos of him and your family. My heart breaks for you. And he will always be in yours. Barbro

Barbro Andren - June 04 at 09:38 AM