



# Edward "Don" McSweeney

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**E**dward Donald McSweeney, beloved husband of Sheila Meehan McSweeney, peacefully joined God in Heaven on Saturday evening, the 29th of June, 2013. "Don" was a happy loving man of great intellectual curiosity. He was an avid reader and traveler, climbing the Mayan ruins in several countries, riding a camel through the desert to the pyramids of Egypt, and exploring via air, land and sea the cultures of Central America, the Middle East, and Europe with his best friend in life and marriage, Sheila. Side by side, they thoroughly enjoyed the beaches of Florida, bicycling the Pinellas Trail, and playing bridge with their many friends in Florida as well as being frequent visitors to New York State where they enjoyed Melody Lake in the summers. A veteran of the United States Army, Don was an active member of the Florida Suncoast Dixieland Society, a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, and a member of the deaf and hearing impaired community. A graduate of Union College and New York University, Don worked in the financial field in his 35 years of employment at IBM, and then continued his studies and received certification as a Certified Financial Planner in his later years, helping friends and colleagues with their financial planning in retirement. He is surviving by his loving wife of 55 years, Sheila Meehan McSweeney, his sister Gail Vincent of Tennessee, his children Brian (Kimberly) McSweeney, Erin (Dean) Bettinger, and Taryn (John) Potts in addition to his grandchildren Colleen, Laurie, Mackenzie, Cormac, Avery, Colby, Griffith and nephew Chris. Don was a quiet man of great love and acceptance to all. He was a wonderful husband, attentive father and adored grandfather. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Calling hours are at Moss Feaster Funeral Home on Saturday 10-11 am, and a funeral Mass will be said at Our Lady of Lourdes at 11:30



## Tribute Wall

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LM

**Laurie Mcsweeney** posted:

Grandpa, I am extremely blessed to have had you as my grandfather. We shared so many wonderful memories together, from the banks of melody lake the lines at Disney world. If everyone in this world had the amount of kindness that you had in your heart, the world would be perfect. I will miss your wise insight and smiling face. What a privilege it was to have you as my grandfather! Love, Laurie

July 18 at 8:00 PM

BR

**Bob And Carol Rosati** posted:

Sheila, our hearts go out to you, we were so very saddened to hear of your loss. You have so many very special memories to hold close to you, draw strength from that. He was a very special man, and I can still see the two of you biking around the lake, and taking your swim..... Hugs and Prayers go out to you.....Love, Carol and Bob Rosati

July 17 at 8:00 PM

CM

**Colleen Mcsweeney** posted:

Grandpa, I miss you so much. I have always respected and looked up to you greatly. You have shown me how to think logically, live with kindness, and treat others with respect. I feel incredibly lucky, and blessed to have known you, and honored to call you my Grandfather. I will miss you immensely for the rest of my life, and I aspire to live my life with as much success and grace as you did yours. I love you so much.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Sheila Mcsweeney** posted:

Don, I love and miss you so much, honey. We have had a wonderful marriage for 55 years. I hold our love close in my heart and think of you all the time, and will be so happy to be with you again, someday, in heaven. You will always be my love. Sheila

July 16 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear McSweeney family, Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember your dad's smiling, friendly presence at family gatherings. So glad that he and Sheila had 55 wonderful years of love and friendship....what a gift! So glad that you all had him in your lives. Wishing you peace. Love Kim, Mike, Karalyn, Jon, and Joey Sikora

July 9 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dad,I smile to think of the reunion you are having in heaven with the family that has gone before you. We will carry on here, as you would have wanted us to. You will always be with us. With love and respect, your daughter-in-law, Kim

July 9 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Every single memory I have of times spent together is happy and full of laughter, good times, and good food! We will miss you "Uncle" Don....Rest in peace!Love,The O'Hern family: Dianne, Mike, Holly, Rory and Ryan

July 8 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Kindness. Wisdom. Grace. Loyalty. Thank you for being such a wonderful dad and showing us how to love and how to live. Taryn, John, Avery, Colby and Griffith

July 6 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dad, Thanks for everything! Your legacy will live on forever in your children and grandchildren. They will continue your legacy of leaving every job, place and encounter a better place after you left.Brian McSweeney

July 6 at 8:00 PM



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**Patrick Ruhlman** posted:

My condolences to your family on your loss.

July 5 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Will miss you and that wonderful sense of humor of yours so much. So glad we had all those fun times. Love, Joan Sikora

July 4 at 8:00 PM



**Kathie (Nobs) Richmond** posted:

My deepest Sympathy to your family on your loss. May your many memories sustain you all.

July 4 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Don, We will miss you greatly. You inspired us to accept early retirement with grace, never give up on travel, and just reach out to enjoy life. All the fun things we did with you over the years created fond memories of you which can never be erased. You set a standard for grace, and your quiet strength showed us how to accept life's demands. Love, Jeanne and Lance James

July 3 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dad, I will never forget you, as you made me the person I am by being who you were; loving, caring, funny and sweet but also having high standards for yourself and all of us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you gave me as my Dad; feet firmly set on the ground, yet a mind that could soar. I will never forget you, nor will Dean, Mackenzie, and Cormac. You have had a permanent and beautiful impact on each one of us. I'll see you in Heaven. It will be a grand reunion. Love Always, Erin (McSweeney) Bettinger, husband Dean Bettinger, and children Mackenzie Angelica and Cormac Dean Bettinger.

July 3 at 8:00 PM



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