



William Ralph Sweet

March 22, 1930 - January 17, 2013

Traverse City-William R. "Bill" Sweet, 82, of Interlochen, died Thursday morning, January 17, 2013, at Munson Medical Center, following a brief illness.

Born March 22, 1930, in Allegan, he was the son of the late Leonard Sweet and Dora (Doty) Sweet. He grew up in the South Lansing/Holt area, and graduated from Lansing Eastern High School.

Mr. Sweet worked for Western Union, Oldsmobile, and the S.S. Kresge Company. He later graduated from the Flint Barber Seminary and worked for 30 years as a barber in Lansing and Holt. He eventually owned and operated the Esquire Barber Shop in Holt. He moved to Interlochen after his retirement in 1989.

Bill had a life-long interest in local politics and public service. He was a Justice of the Peace, a Township Trustee and a County Commissioner. He served as Chairman of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners in 1979 and 1984. At the time of his death he was a member of the Green Lake Township Board of Review.

Mr. Sweet was involved in many community organizations. He served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Holt Masonic Lodge, the Holt United Methodist Church, the Grawn United Methodist Church, and the Democratic Party.

He enjoyed fishing, traveling and restoring antique cars and trucks. He was an active member of the Cherry Capital Model A. Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Leonard Sweet, Jr., Donald Sweet and Gordon Sweet.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Anna M, (Mansfield) Sweet of Interlochen; his sons, Guy (Susan) Sweet, of Holt and Roy Sweet, of Holt, and his grandchildren, Justin Sweet and Jessica Sweet, of Holt.

Friends may call at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Sunday, January 20, 2013, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., where the family will receive friends.

Funeral Services will be held at Grawn United Methodist Church on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 2:00 P.M. with visitation one hour prior to the service. Rev. Mary Brown will officiate.

Cremation will follow.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at the Holt United Methodist Church, Holt, MI.

In remembrance of Bill, memorials may be directed to the Building and Grounds Fund C/O Grawn United Methodist Church, 1260 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI. 49684

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guest book at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ I am terribly sorry to learn of Mr. Sweet’s death. Some of my fond memories are of him cutting my brother’s hair and spending time with him and Mrs. Sweet at their place in Interlochen. Perhaps the most vivid memory is of him and Mrs. Sweet dancing as the longest married couple at my wedding reception. The memory that brings a smile to my face is when prompted for advice for my husband and me for a long, happy marriage, Mr. Sweet smiled, looked my husband in the eye and said, “You better be a democrat as politically mixed marriages are difficult.” Thinking of you all, during your loss.

Barb Byrum - January 22, 2013 at 04:17 PM



“ To the Sweet family; very sorry for your loss...have many fond memories of Weswilmar and the Sweet family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy O'Neill

Kathy O'Neill - January 21, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ We enjoyed being your neighbors and helping us raise the O'Neill clan. All is well with the kids, grand kids and now great grand kids. Virginia passed away the 12 of November. The family appreciated Roy coming to visit at the funeral. Keep sfe and God Bless Richard (Dick) O'Neill

Richard D. O'Neill - January 20, 2013 at 09:16 PM



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Carol Haavisto - January 18, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ This photo, sent by my daughter, Carol Haavisto, was taken when her father, Chet Richard was terminally ill. Our next door neighbor, Bill Sweet, was always there to help. Whenever we were getting ready to put our pontoon in the water, Bill was right there to help. We have countless other memories of kindness, friendliness and care. We will never forget Bill, and we know everyone will miss him terribly.

We are praying for the family at this time. Our sincere condolences.

Marianne and Ed Carlson

Marianne - January 19, 2013 at 09:44 AM



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Allen Papendick - January 18, 2013 at 03:54 PM



“ I took this photo of Bill while he washed his 31 Slant Window Model A Town Car. Bill helped me with many many projects as he did for all that knew him.

Allen Papendick - January 19, 2013 at 10:47 AM



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Linda - Cherry Capital Model A Club - January 18, 2013 at 02:41 PM