Lawrence R. Sweeney

March 25, 1921 - August 25, 2016

Lawrence R. Sweeney, a long time Staten Island resident died on August 25, 2016 at the age of 95. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII, Mr. Sweeney was also a retiree from the Brooklyn Navy Yard and New Gouverneur Hospital.

Mr. Sweeney was a member of Local 3, Union of Electricians, South Shore Swim Club and Staten Island Yacht Club. He spent many years serving as an usher and volunteering for electrical projects for St. Clare's Parish.

He is predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Ann Grace (Gracie). He is survived by his six children; Arlene Owen, Terrence Sweeney, Patricia Treval, Barbara Debianchi, Raymond Sweeney, and Brian Sweeney. He was the devoted grandfather of Lindsay, Glenn, Christina, Derek, Lawrence, Jack and Raymond.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island, New York. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

AUG **30**. 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence R. Sweeney

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 27, 2016 at 04:29 PM

LM

That was real nice. RIP. ..Mr Sweeney ...

Linda mastandrea - August 28, 2016 at 09:51 PM

DG

Just Beautiful! So sorry for your loss Sweeney family

Denise Gregorio - August 29, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Lawrence R. Sweeney

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

JC

To Arlene, Terry, Patricia, Barbara, Ray, Brian and families,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have such good memories of both your Mom and Dad, helped along by your posted photos. Gracie was such a good, beautiful person. Larry was full of life. I especially remember his booming voice and personality. And Eugene's tribute to Larry added a lot about Larry that I did not know (or maybe remember).

Thanks to the many Sweeneys for coming to my mom's memorial service, we enjoyed seeing you again. -- But we missed seeing Larry one more time. I hope we can all get together sometime soon at a fun family reunion.

Your cousin Janice

Janice Sullivan Cooperstein - August 31, 2016 at 06:29 PM

GM

Everyone loved Larry; he was always smiling, funny, the life of the party, and ready to fix anything you had that was broken. He was great to me, and I spent a tremendous amount of time with him and his family as a child. He always made me feel special. He also cared for my Mother and especially Nana. He was a great man, a caring uncle, a caring everything. I was able to be his friend a couple of times as an adult. He asked me to check out his emergency batteries at the City hospital - what an honor!

He taught me to fish, deep sea and in the harbor, to clam, to be upset at outboard motors refusing to start, to be even more upset when they refused to start, to paddle toward shore... or, get a tow. I spent the winter weekends in my preteens at their house, ice skating day and night on Jack's Pond. Gracie would go with us at night sometimes. She loved to skate. And in the Summer at the beaches on SI, or bike riding all over the island.

Larry was always around in my early youth. I was in every good bar in Brooklyn and some in Staten Island ... and one in Manesquan, near John's Beach .... many times. My mother, aunts and uncles were all young. It was early post war. They had a big crowd ... a lot of guys back from the war, a lot of new plans, new lives, true adventure. Houses and a bridge being built for Staten Island. So, Larry built his own home, almost by himself. Weekend after weekend, day off after day off, vacation after vacation. Do you know anyone else who built their own house ... with their own hands?

I joined the Navy in part from his sea stories. As you have seen in the photos on the memorial site, he was never far from the sea after the war, and through his entire life. Once a sailor, always a sailor.

Now, Uncle Larry has moved on. This only makes me feel all of that closeness from all those years ago. His life, from my beginning to this very moment, was so influential, so important to me, I will miss him just because he's not there. I loved my Uncle Larry so much. I grieve my specific sorrow for his passing to his children and their

families. He had a full life, a full heart, and brought that to many others. Certainly to me.

Thank you Larry,

Gene McKenna & family

Gene McKenna - August 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence R. Sweeney.

August 29, 2016 at 05:31 PM

CF

Christine & Gerard Carlucci and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lawrence R. Sweeney.

Christine & Gerard Carlucci and Family - August 29, 2016 at 05:18 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence R. Sweeney.

August 29, 2016 at 09:29 AM

PP

Patricia, Janice, Robert, Neil, Ken, Regina & Paul purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lawrence R. Sweeney.

Patricia, Janice, Robert, Neil, Ken, Regina & Paul - August 29, 2016 at 07:20 AM

PA

At family gathering Larry would always lead the group with a song- I can thank him for teaching me all the words to World War 2 songs, as well as hits from the 30s and 40s. He was always the life of the party.
To know him was to love him and I have many fond memories of him and his wife, Grace.

Love Patty (Sullivan) Durney

Patty - August 28, 2016 at 11:33 AM

RS

My sincere condolences and deepest sympathies. I have such fond childhood memories of Uncle Larry. He was always kind and funny and had a great presence in the world. He will be missed. Love Regina, Don, Zan and Tris

Regina Sullivan - August 28, 2016 at 06:51 AM

48 files added to the album LifeTributes

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - August 27, 2016 at 04:13 PM