



REMEMBERING
Ronald Sweeney

April 7, 1925 - November 21, 2015



Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff

Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Barry Loughlin

Relation: Student & friend

So sad to hear of the passing of a favorite teacher, friend, mentor. So many fond memories of "Mr. Sweeney" from the Church, the ice rink, the school, golf club and throughout the Abbotsford community. Always enjoyed a chance to chat with Ron. Sincere condolences to Mary and all of the Sweeney family.

Barry Loughlin

Tribute from Elsie Sirett

Relation: Long time friend

To Mary and family with deepest sympathy from Elsie Sirett and family

Tribute from Jack and Muriel Whitty

Relation: Friend

Our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mary and family on the loss of a wonderful husband and father. We knew Mary and Ron through the Sainus family and Kitsilano friends and enjoyed their company so much. Ron was a thoughtful, happy person and he will be missed.

Tribute from Harvey Grigg

Relation: Student at Philip Sheffield High School

Aside from his family, Ron's greatest legacy is the positive impact that his friendship, coaching, advice and wisdom had on the lives of thousands of students. I think of him often and will always remember him. He left the world a better place.

My sincere condolences to Mary and family.

Harvey Grigg - Coquitlam BC

Tribute from Ross Siemens

Relation: Friend.

I have had the privilege of knowing "Mr. Sweeney" for many years as a long time loyal business client, District of Abbotsford Council colleague and most importantly as a friend and mentor. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were an awesome TEAM!! They are foundational characters in making Abbotsford the great city that it is today. Their love of people, commitment to education, love of family and most importantly their faith have shaped and inspired generations of citizens to be the best that they can be. There is a song that illustrates our relationship to God that has a phrase: "so I am breathing in your grace and breathing out your praise". The Sweeney's breathe in God's grace, that is what motivates them. They also breathe out God's praise in how they live their lives in service to others. Mr. Sweeney had his feet firmly planted on God's green earth. He was practical, honest, trust worthy and a thoroughly decent gentleman. Material riches and accolades were not important to the Sweeney's. Their emphasis was always on relationships and service.

Please be assured that the foundation that God built through your husband, father and Papa's example is solid and sure. Follow his example and build your hope on things eternal and hold onto God's unchanging hand. Thank you for sharing him with so many. His life has made a significant difference in the lives of many, many people.

Tribute from Mark Spencer

Relation: neighbor

I have lots of great memories of getting to know Ron and Mary and the gang from the time when our family moved into the first house built on east Larch St., and the Sweeney home and property across the street were our neighbors. They always welcomed my sister and I to use their field and tennis court - along with the other neighborhood kids. Hours spent playing baseball and football in the summer, practicing solo tennis against the brick wall, shooting hoops, and most importantly, in the winter - learning to skate on the flooded court. We were not big enough yet to join the Sweeney Hockey League, but the boys always made sure there was some room for us little kids - as long as we stayed away from the nets!

Ron would always have a friendly greeting when he found me poking around the property, and words of wisdom about using the big dirt pile for a bike jump. Many times we were alerted to a potential dog fight by Ron's voice yelling "REAB!!" when our dog Fred and the Sweeney's Rebel were ready to face off for coming too close to the center line on Larch St. I had Ron Jr. as a teacher before Ron Sr., but by the time I got to grade 11 algebra - I was well aware of the legendary "chalk chuck" and made sure to keep my head down and in the books. (thanks Ron Jr. for the warnings). I feel privileged to have had Ron as a teacher and neighbor, and I know the community benefited greatly from having Ron, Mary and the Sweeney family as integral members.

