



Daniel Willard Sweeney

April 21, 1943 - February 11, 2022

Sweeney, Daniel Willard, February 11, 2022 age 78 of Detroit. After years of making sure the hungry were fed, the naked were clothed, the lonely were visited, the grieving were comforted as well as the imprisoned and sick affirmed, Deacon Dan has gone home to eternal life to receive his hug from Jesus. His long list of Irish relatives will greet him as they all compare stories. Your last chance to wave goodbye will be on Tuesday, March 1st at the 10 AM Funeral Mass at St. Scholastica Catholic Church, 8201 W. Outer Drive in Detroit. Visitation will be at the church on Sunday, February 27th 3-6 PM and on Monday, February 28th 3 PM until the 5 PM Rosary and Prayer Service. Beloved son of the late John and the late Pauline Sweeney. He leaves behind his brother John Lane Sweeney and sister the late Catherine Sweeney, niece Jane Sweeney, dear friends Kevin (Rebekah), Patrick, Stephanie, Michael and Francesca Bushey; along with hundreds of friends and neighbors who have learned from Deacon Dan and will, we hope, pick up where he left off. Deacon Dan was a member of The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus #4872 of Taylor and the Livonia Lions Club. He supported Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wounded Warriors, Salvation Army Bed and Bread, Shriners Children's Hospital and Angels Place. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Frances Cabrini Clinic c/o Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter Street, Detroit, MI 48226. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Scholastica Catholic Church
8201 W. Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48219

Visitation

FEB 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Scholastica Catholic Church
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Prayer Service

FEB 28. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Detroit, MI 48219

Funeral Mass

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Scholastica Catholic Church
8201 W. Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48219

Tribute Wall



“ Daniel Willard Sweeney

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I worked with Deacon Dan at Mt. Carmel hospital where I was an ER nurse. When Grace Hospital bought out Mt. Carmel, they started removing all the religious artifacts throughout the building. I soooooo wanted the crucifix from the "Trauma Room" in the ER that I looked to on soooooo many occasions as we battled to save a life. I just couldn't bring myself to "steal" a crucifix, however. One of my colleagues caught wind of this, and told Deacon Dan... One evening, while at work, Deacon Dan handed me something all wrapped up in hospital blue pads. I said, "Dan...what is this?" He said, "Open it," as he sheepishly grinned at me. To my surprise, it was the crucifix from the trauma room which brought tears to my eyes! I said, "Dan...I can't accept this if it was stolen." He replied, "Deacons don't steal, ... we re-locate. It's fine. Give it a good home." To this day, it hangs in my hallway, next to my bedroom. Thanks Deacon Dan!! PS...He also counseled my husband and I when we were going through infertility, and came to our 25th Wednesday anniversary party and did a renewal of vows ceremony. He touched soooooo many lives! He will be missed! I'm SURE you'll have a GREAT time celebrating St. Patrick's Day in heaven this year! 🍀



Cheryl Robb-Genevich - March 01, 2022 at 09:38 AM

JD

“ *Rest in peace, Deacon Dan. I was blessed to have known you.*

James Divetta - March 01, 2022 at 05:07 AM

MI

how did you know deacon dan?

Michelle - November 07, 2024 at 03:16 PM

BB

“ *Dan was a kind & generous man. So sad. Dan will always have a special place in my heart. Will miss our lunches and talks. R I P my friend.*



Barry Baumann - February 25, 2022 at 06:21 PM

AM

“ *Angela Matlock lit a candle in memory of Daniel Willard Sweeney*



Angela Matlock - February 25, 2022 at 11:18 AM

AM

“ *I knew Dan for years and he helped so many people..he will be missed greatly..i love you Dan rest in peace..*

Angela Matlock - February 25, 2022 at 11:17 AM

HB

“ *DeColores Deacon from Helen*

Helen Burton - February 25, 2022 at 10:29 AM