



Gordon Sweetnam

April 17, 1942 - September 25, 2022

Gordon Sweetnam, age 80, of Plymouth; passed away peacefully on September 25, 2022. Mr. Sweetnam retired as an Engineer from Ford Motor Company after 30 years. Beloved husband of 59 years to Lynda Sweetnam. Dear father of Rachel White, Matthew Sweetnam, and Rebecca (Dave) Caldwell. Proud grandfather of Austin, Amelia, Kaiman, Ben, Jake, Josie, and Nya. Caring brother of Mary (Roger) Short; Brother-in-law of Mary Sweetnam. Mr. Sweetnam was preceded in death by his brother, George Sweetnam.

The Memorial Gathering will be Saturday, October 22, 2022, between the hours of 11:30 A.M. until the Funeral Service at 2:30 P.M. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd., W., Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 459-2250

Facebook Live Streaming will begin 15 minutes before the Memorial Gathering at 2:15 PM. Please click on the link: www.facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/

In lieu of flowers, memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home for: Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Ste., 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5819 or www.parkinsonsmi.org

To share a memory of Mr. Sweetnam with the family, please click on the

'Share a Memory' tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT **22**. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Sweetnam*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

BN

“ Hi Lyn and all of Gordon's family, friends and loved ones.

We worked together from 1984-1989 at Ford Advanced Engine. Gordon was my supervisor, but never my boss. He was a team member, collaborator and encourager for the entire team. We worked on many successful, high profile new engine programs and Gordon was always the even keeled, positive influence to the point that coming to work was fun and exciting every day. We were all extended family. Not only did we work together, but as a team, we socialized together with our wife's on a regular basis. Working with Gordon and our team through those times was a very high point of my Ford career. Gordon was one of my favorite supervisors because he always had a smile, a joke, no matter the pressures of the job, those pressures would melt away with laughter. One of my fondest memories was an early morning section meeting, in which at the end of that meeting Gordon was telling so many jokes I had tears rolling down my cheeks as I was laughing so hard. Work was not a joke and we had many extremely successful program, but they were all delightful because Gordon made it so.

So it is with a very heavy heart that I say goodbye to a dear friend, a colleague and a mentor. I worked to emulate the pattern of leadership that Gordon established with our team, but I doubt that I was as effective.

For those of us that had the pleasure and privileged of working with Gordon,we consider ourselves blessed and will miss Gordon dearly.

To Gordon's family, friends and lover ones,we will all miss him dearly, but we so enjoyed him in our time with him.

Bob Natkin

Bob Natkin - October 23, 2022 at 07:44 PM

AS

“ Dear Lyn, Becca, Rachel and Matthew and extended White, Sweetnam and Caldwell families Thinking of you all today as you gather to remember and celebrate Chick. I am very sorry that we can't be there but you are very much in our thoughts. Chick was always very kind, generous and fun to be around when we visited or you guys were this side of the Atlantic. I loved to hear some of the stories of Leighton Buzzard and Lyn and Gordon's early life together adventuring over to a new life state side and continued travels and adventures. He had a joie de vivre that was infectious and I always got the impression he knew how to enjoy himself! Raising a Bombay Sapphire and tonic to you Chick. Go n-éirí an bóthar leat

Adrienne Sweetnam - October 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DH

“Deepest condolences to the Sweetnam Family. For those of us who were fortunate enough to work for and with Gordon at Ford Motor Company, it was truly an honor and privilege. Equally adept at managing projects of new untried engineering concepts, as well as the group of very diverse people and their often very differing views on how to approach those projects, he was uniquely skilled. He could translate the highly technical into terms anyone could understand, as well as understand the thoughts and motivations of those who worked for him. He was a mentor and guide to many of the young engineers who worked for him. And he was a respected and well-liked leader of his contemporaries and colleagues. Gordon was well known and liked by the management above him, and his opinions and views were well respected by all.

He had a sense of calm about him that put others at ease when things were at their most difficult. And his ubiquitous sense of humor was used to best effect in those moments. He let you know that there were more important things in life at those moments. Like many who worked for him, I learned many life lessons from him that I carry with me to this day 27 years on from my time working for him. I have been very fortunate to have achieved my life's dream of working with many of my greatest childhood heroes in auto racing, all as a result, directly or indirectly, as a result of Gordon. I owe him much and will be eternally grateful to him for that. Thank you, Gordon. When we meet again, the next round is on me. Rest in Peace.

Dave Hazen - October 21, 2022 at 10:32 AM

LS

Dearest friends, Your love and support have been immeasurable during this past couple of weeks. Thank you so much for your care and support. I'll never forget you.
Love Lyn

Lyn Sweetnam,gordon'swife - November 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Sweetnam.*



October 21, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Hello Lyn & family,
'Gordo', as we called him, was a friend and a great guy to work with and party with. I worked in his section at Ford-Advanced Powertrain. He was the best boss I ever had and always knew how to make the work enjoyable and productive. We partnered on some successful inventions. Always good memories. Regards & condolences,
Matt Diggs*

Matthew Diggs - October 17, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Hi Lyn,
Sad to read about the passing of your husband, Gordon. Please accept my condolences to you and your family. May all your memories of him be for a blessing. Regards.
Jeff Leib*

jeffrey Leib - October 15, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Japanese friends purchased the Enchanted Cotta ge for the family of Gordon Sweetnam.*



Japanese friends - October 10, 2022 at 12:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gordon Sweetnam.



September 30, 2022 at 06:19 PM