



Dennis Sweeney

January 23, 1945 - April 2, 2021

Sweeney, William Dennis, was born on January 23, 1945 (1,23,45) to Bill and Mary Florence Lyon Sweeney. The graveside service will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Shelby Garden of Rest. Bolton Funeral Home is directing. His mother Mary was a native of Columbiana. The family lived in Selma, Al. where Dennis and his sister Carolyn grew up. Dennis moved to Shelby in 2004 when he married Karen Brasher Sweeney, his wife of 17 years.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents: Bill and Mary Sweeney. He is survived by his wife: Karen Sweeney; daughters: Christine (Tom) Aiken, Mary Peyton (Bret) Peppo, Kerry (Kevin) Pennell, and Beth Sweeney; step daughter: Langley (Jeff) Kyle; grandchildren: John, Peyton and Wyatt Aiken; Russell and Savannah Pennell; Patrick and Lauren Sweeney; Addison and Ansley Kyle; sister: Carolyn LeFleur; nieces and nephews. Dennis was so very proud of the children and grandchildren. He loved them dearly.

Dennis graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and earned his Master's degree in 1968. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and so loved his SMU roots as well as his affiliation with the ATO Fraternity. Ever since birth, Dennis had an innate knack for innovation. Following in the footsteps of father, he was instrumental in introducing concrete pavers into the Florida panhandle, and was responsible for paving all of the streets in Seaside. Dennis loved a challenge and was always looking to solve the next problem. His diverse talent and knowledge led him to successful ventures in the sand and gravel business,

home building and marine finance.

In his later years, when most men would have rested on their laurels and spent their time golfing or fishing, Dennis co-founded Industrial Lighting Group. Dennis applied his years of business, sales and financing experience to developing innovative lighting products for highly specialized markets. As an avid boater and fisherman, Dennis first focused his attention of designing wildlife friendly lighting. He was extremely proud of the turtle safe lights he designed, as he believed that every turtle light he installed saved a nesting sea turtle, and preserved those species for future generations.

As a testament to his ongoing concern for his fellow man, Dennis began developing a product to eliminate COVID-19 in nursing homes and schools in the last year of his life. The first installation of this revolutionary product in a nursing home in Shelby County was completed just two weeks before his death. He was a bright light to all who knew him throughout his “highly irregular life”. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Columbiana United Methodist Church or Southern Methodist University Alumni Association, Dallas, Tx.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Shelby Garden of Rest

Heritage Road
Shelby, AL 35143

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Shelby, AL 35143

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Karen, I just learned about you losing Dennis, the love of your life. Though I didn't know him closely, his obit tells of what a remarkable, unique person he was. I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept our most sincere sympathy.

Peggy & Jim Lee - April 09, 2021 at 12:28 PM

EW

“ ELEANOR R WISE lit a candle in memory of Dennis Sweeney



ELEANOR R WISE - April 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JJ

“ Karen & Family, our deepest sympathies go out to all of you. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy & Debby Jones - April 07, 2021 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ Beverly And Fred Hall lit a candle in memory of Dennis Sweeney



Beverly and Fred Hall - April 06, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of *Dennis Sweeney*.



April 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Dennis Sweeney*.



April 05, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Dennis Sweeney*.



April 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Brenda Moore* lit a candle in memory of *Dennis Sweeney*



Brenda Moore - April 05, 2021 at 04:21 PM

PB

“ *May the love of friends comfort you,
You're prayers strengthen you,
And your faith sustain you.
With warm regards and love,
Pam Fossett Bjelke*

Pamela F. Bjelke - April 05, 2021 at 02:10 PM

SF

“ *Sandra, Brett, Nesa & Dee (Samford Family)
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Dennis Sweeney.*



Sandra, Brett, Nesa & Dee (Samford Family) - April 05, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *French Ell Lansford lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Sweeney*



French Ell Lansford - April 05, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Karen, my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved
husband! You and your family are in my prayers! With much love,
Donna Hamer*

Donna Hamer - April 05, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Sweeney.* ”



April 05, 2021 at 01:13 PM