

### Everett John Sweeney

Everett John Sweeney, 64, of Norman, Oklahoma passed away on March 8, in Norman, Oklahoma. He was born to John Sweeney and Rhena Lucille Sweeney on March 22, 1945, and grew up on their farm in Thomas. He was an artist and writer, an attorney, historian, professor, teacher, storyteller, and school bus driver. He served as Norman's Civil Right's Commissioner, a hugger in the Special Olympics, a cook for the homeless, piano player for nursing homes, ringer of the Salvation Army bell, and president of the Sweeney Clan in North America, and was an active member of McFarlin Methodist Church and the Norman Kiwanis Club.

On September 27, 1964, he married Sherryl Marianne Smith and they shared a treasured life together for 45 years. He graduated from Thomas High School in 1963, Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1967, and the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1970. He practiced law for forty years. Well known for his dedication, ethics, and compassion, he frequently defended and protected the underprivileged and the oppressed. He carved totem poles and alabaster, flutes and bears, he played the piano, the fiddle, the guitar, the harmonica and a djembe drum. Above all else Everett loved his family, and he taught us so much about life.

He is survived by his wife, Sherryl Sweeney, two children, son Chad Sweeney and daughter-in-law Jennifer Sweeney, and daughter Andrea Clark and son-in-law Billy Clark, and two grandsons, Tobin Clark and a newborn expected in May.

The funeral will be held at McFarlin Methodist Church in Norman, Friday, March 12 at 2PM, with an interment to follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman. The family will receive guests Thursday evening from 6-8 PM at Havenbrook Funeral Home, 3401 Havenbrook St. in Norman. The pallbearers are Randy Whitson, David Divilla, Sammy Kidd, Danny Wheeler, Blake Combs, and Will Ellis. The honorary pallbearers are Sandi Whinery, Carrie DeMuth, Shelley Whitson, Kim Whitson, Valoree Whiting, Cole Combs, Rebecca Whitson, Kyle Whitson, Morgan Whinery, Landon Whinery, Nicole Nuttall, Kimberly Ashlock, Melissa Flake, Eric Smith, Bradley Smith, Jason Smith, Malia Smith, Yona Smith, and Cameron Greene.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Meals on Wheels or Food for Friends, Homeless Shelter.

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