



## Edward M. "Mike" Sweeney

March 23, 1940 - August 3, 2021

Edward M. (Mike) Sweeney, 81, passed away August 3, 2021 at his home in Manor Township in the presence of his wife, Noreene (Lore) Sweeney and their three dogs. The couple celebrated their 35th anniversary on October 12, 2020.

Born in Trenton, NJ on March 23, 1940, he was the first born of the late Annabelle (Henry) Sweeney and Edward Sweeney of Takoma Park, Maryland. Mike grew up in Takoma Park, where he attended High Point High School.

Mike was employed by Miller Optical for 32 years as an optician until his retirement in 2005. He operated the Millers' Optical World office on Columbia Avenue in Lancaster. It was a job he always loved, where he looked forward to serving each customer. Mike was a member of the Lancaster Recreation Center Senior Citizens group on Fairview Avenue. His favorite activity was Bingo, as well as the many special activities and celebrations held there.

Among Mike's interests were photography and travel, a combination he pursued throughout the country as well as England, Scotland, Wales, Botswana, the Netherlands, Mexico and Iceland. He was a founding member of the Friends of the Rocky Springs Carousel and the RSC Association. It was his dream to see the carousel go back into operation in Lancaster.

In addition to his wife, Noreene, Mike is survived by his siblings, Maryann Shenk, Kathleen Thomasson, Thomas Sweeney; Maureen Sweeney and Shawn Sweeney; Mike's sons, Tim and wife, Susan, Mark and wife, Cindi; grandsons, Michael, Daniel (DJ), Steven, Rick and Jake, plus great grandsons, Gage and Ezra and great granddaughter, Vega. His extended family includes nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Special thanks extended to Kindred Hospice of Lancaster, who provided loving care for Mike over the last 17 months and also to the LGH Physicians Geriatrics, his primary medical providers for the past 16 years. The family will hold a celebration of life ceremony at a later date to be determined. Memorial remembrances may be made in Mike's memory to Kindred Hospice of Lancaster, 1891 Santa Barbara Dr. Suite 201, Lancaster, PA 17601. For other information, please call 717-872-1779 or to submit an online condolence visit [www.melaniebscheidfh.com](http://www.melaniebscheidfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward M. "Mike" Sweeney*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Edward M. "Mike" Sweeney*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Edward M. "Mike" Sweeney*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *My condolences to his family.  
Mike was the best when it came to customer service. He could  
adjust your glasses like no one else.  
May he rest in peace.  
Bob Abel*

**Bob Abel** - August 10, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *To Noreene and family...my sincerest condolences to you all. Mike  
was and shall be remembered by me as a true friend.*

**John Dickey Jr** - August 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM

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“ Mike gave countless hours to our community on behalf of the Rocky Springs Carousel Association, which he helped found. We appreciate his and Noreene's dedication and love of historic carousels, and the hard work that returned ours to safe storage in Lancaster two decades ago. We are working to make sure that legacy is conserved and safe! Sincere condolences on Mike's passing to his loving wife Noreene, a current RSCA Board Officer, and a special thank you from all of the Board members.  
Sincerely, Gail Groves Scott and Stephen T. Hohenwarter,

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**Gail Groves Scott** - August 06, 2021 at 01:09 PM

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*My sincerest sympathy to Noreen and other members of Mike's family. It was a privilege to know Mike (and Noreen) and witness their dedication to all historic carousels and our Rocky Springs Carousel in particular. May we honor Mike's memory by not giving up on his dream.*

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**Jean Weglarz** - August 17, 2021 at 11:13 AM

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“ To the Sweeny family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I met Mike at Miller's many years ago. He always had a great smile for everyone. We talked a lot about Rocky Springs. I remember when he retired, but he told me he was ready for it so he could spend time with the family.*

*Fran Lombardo Spangler*

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**Fran Lombardo Spangler** - August 06, 2021 at 08:25 AM