



## Kenneth Sweeten

August 27, 1920 - July 5, 2010

New Haven-Kenneth Francis Sweeten died peacefully at The Connecticut Hospice on Monday July 5, 2010. He was born August 27, 1920 to the late John and Mary Smith Sweeten. He was married for sixty years to the late Mary "Polly" Malone Sweeten. Kenny graduated from Sacred Heart School and from Hillhouse High School. He attended the University of Rhode Island and Southern Connecticut State University where he studied to be an athletic trainer. He became a charter member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. Ken worked in the New Haven Public School system before joining the faculty of the Taft School, Watertown, CT. Upon his retirement, he served as an outreach worker for the City of New Haven. In his youth he played for and coached the Hallock Tigers and Washington Glee" football teams. He maintained his interest in football through the Gene Casey Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame who honored him for his years of service. Ken was also awarded the prestigious gold ring by the New Haven Boys & Girls Club Alumni Association for his commitment to the organization. He was a charter member of the New Haven Diamond Club. Ken was a fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus which he joined in 1938. Kenny was a devoted husband, loving father, doting grandfather, and thoughtful friend to all. He was a man whose great faith sustained him and enabled him to touch so many lives. He is survived by his children Kenneth F. Sweeten, Jr. (Betty) of Hamden, Margaret "Peggy" Sanders (Arthur) of New Haven, and Ann Pisani (Thomas) of Winchester, MA. He is also survived by

his grandchildren Kenneth and Nicole Sweeten, John Sanders (Talia Lerner), and Lauren and Matthew Pisani, his brother Raymond Sweeten. his sister Rita O'Dea, and his nieces, Monica Wadsworth, Ceil Spigel. and Margi Maher. He was predeceased by his grandson Christopher Sanders and his brother Russell Sweeten. He gave special thanks to Dr. Andrew Wormser and Dr. Leo Cooney for their many years of kindness and friendship. Donations may be made to The Connecticut Hospice. 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405, or the Christopher L. Sanders '04 Scholarship Fund c/o Notre Dame High School, 24 Ricardo St., West Haven. CT06516. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Church. New Haven. FRIENDS ARE ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Calling hours in SISK BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 3105 WHITNEY AVE. HAMDEN Thursday~ July 8th~ 4 - 8 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ To Ken, Betty, Kenny, Nikki & the rest of the Sweeten Family...So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Sweeten, always enjoyed being in his company at family functions. He was a gentle and giving man...he will be missed. To be absent from the body is to be in the presence of the LORD...my prayer is that you are comforted by your memories and the awesome legacy that will continue on... You Sweeten men have some big shoes to fill - Mr. Sweeten made the world a better place...keep the fire burnin' All Our love and God's Blessings, Dorothy, Jamie and Jamie Jr. The Bertolini Family

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**Dorothy Chambrelli Bertolini** - July 09, 2010 at 07:02 PM

DA

“ To the family of Ken Sweeten, It was my pleasure to have worked with Ken when he was with the Deptment of Elderly Services. His sense of humor and unfailing kindness made knowing him a real pleasure. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

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**Dorothy Harper, Chairperson Mayors Commission on A** - July 07, 2010 at 06:56 PM

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“ Ken and Betty I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad

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**anthony esposito** - July 07, 2010 at 05:28 PM

TF

“ Dear The Sweeten Family : We are truly shocked and saddened? Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Uncle Ken??. We will always remember his larger than life personality, his jokes, kind words in troubled times and him always being there. Words cannot express how we feel for you all and we can only hope he is at peace in a better place. Please know that we are here in thought and prayer and know you can reach out to us for support at anytime. Love, Barbara . Mike, Michelle Kaczur

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**The Kaczur Family** - July 06, 2010 at 06:22 PM

RS

“ Our love and sympathy to all the Sweetens. Uncle Kenny was a wonderful man. He'll always be remembered in the family and community for his kindness and generosity. Warm Hugs. Roberta and Bob

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**Roberta and Bob Snow** - July 06, 2010 at 02:52 PM