



## **COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET**

August 28, 1921 - February 16, 2018

North Augusta, SC--Funeral Services for COL Robert D. Sweeney, Sr., USA RET, 96, who entered into rest February 16, 2018, will be conducted in Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors at a later date.

Colonel Sweeney was a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He entered the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia in February 1940 and was a member of America's Greatest Generation having served in World War II with General Patton's Third Army. He also was in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. During his Army career he had overseas assignments in Japan, Taiwan and Okinawa.

Assignments in the United States included tours at Ft. Riley, Kansas, Norwich University in Vermont, West Point Military Academy in NY, Ft. Hood, Texas, the Air Defense Missile Group in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the North American Air Defense Command at Hamilton Air Force Base, California.

Colonel Sweeney graduated from the Capitol Radio and Engineering Institute in Washington, D. C. in 1942 and received his electrical engineering studies at Norwich University in 1950. He completed numerous military courses while on active duty. His notable decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Bronze Star with three OLCs, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three OLCs and the Purple Heart. Colonel Sweeney retired honorably at Fort Benning, Georgia on June 30, 1972. Colonel Sweeney joined Georgia Congressman, Jack Brinkley's 3rd Congressional District staff on January 1, 1975 and held the position of District Representative until the Congressman retired in 1983. Colonel Sweeney was predeceased by his wife,

Mildred Kathleen (Rose) Sweeney and his later wife, Marie Harbin Sweeney and a daughter, Mary Alice Sweeney Huie.

Survivors include a son Robert D. (Barbara) Sweeney, Jr., North Augusta; a daughter, Barbara (Bill) Skytta, North Augusta, a step-daughter, Robbie (Jimmy) Monfort, Columbus, GA; stepsons, Rick (Stacey) Harbin, Dahlonega, GA and Alan Harbin, Grand Junction, CO: fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Augusta Warrior Project, 701 Greene Street, Augusta, GA 30901.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA 22211

# Tribute Wall



“ COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ February 18, 2018

*Goodbye old friend, until we meet again. In the words of Virginia Wolff in her book TO THE LIGHTHOUSE, "Nature hath but little clay like that with which she molded you." As District Representative of the Third Congressional District of Georgia, you gave personal care and assistance to numberless constituents who needed help within government bureaucracy and in resisting the sometimes heavy hand of government. We have ridden many miles together, and my prayer is that we may do so again in kindness to our fellow man where government is the servant and not the master.*

*The Jack and Lois Brinkley family  
Jack Brinkley, m.c. 90th - 97th Congresses Third District of Georgia  
Jack Brinkley, Columbus, GA*

William Skytta - February 26, 2018 at 12:26 PM

CA

“ *Charlotte Alford lit a candle in memory of COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET*



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**Charlotte Alford** - February 21, 2018 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Ann Mcgee Michael Rose lit a candle in memory of COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET*



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**Ann Mcgee Michael Rose** - February 21, 2018 at 07:31 PM

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“ *Sandra Bennett lit a candle in memory of COL Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET*



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**Sandra Bennett** - February 20, 2018 at 06:47 PM

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**Sandra Bennett** - February 20, 2018 at 05:54 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kenney lit a candle in memory of COL  
Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET*



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**Donna Kenney** - February 18, 2018 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Sexton lit a candle in memory of COL  
Robert D. Sweeney Sr. USA RET*



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**Jennifer Sexton** - February 17, 2018 at 09:53 AM