



Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet

May 18, 1943 - July 26, 2022

Howard "Butch" Sweet passed away peacefully on July 26, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Tilghman, Maryland. He was 79.

Butch was born in Havre De Grace on May 18, 1943 to Howard and Katherine Sweet. He graduated from Elkton High School in 1962 and began his career as a mason. He worked on numerous building projects in the area including the Hyatt in Cambridge, the Talbot County Community Center, and the North Dorchester High School. Butch was a mason by trade but captain by heart.

On April 12, 2008, he married Debby Haddaway, and they started their lives together on Tilghman Island.

A member of the Maryland Charter Boat Association, he was well-known as "Captain Butch" offering fishing charters and sunset cruises for over 30 years on his treasured boat, the "Chesapeake Lady." He was a life member of over 40 years with the Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company, serving as Boat Captain, Treasurer, Fire Police and Chair of their Oyster Feast. He also served as a life member for the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company as Treasurer and Fire Police. Butch was a member of the Granite Lodge #177 in St. Michaels. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed that time with his fellow friends.

He adored his role as "Pop-Pop" to his grandchildren Jonathon, Jessie, Hanna, Haley, and Randall.

Butch is survived by his wife Debby; his sons Scott Sweet (Sandy) of Landenburg, PA, and Rob Sweet (Stephanie) of Earleville, MD; daughter Greta Clopper (Jason) of Sherwood, MD; sisters Linda Sweet of Florida and Katherine Dangerfield of Delaware; brother-in-law Jerry Janda; and his beloved dog, Tillie. He is forever grateful to his adopted families that helped raise him, including Doc & Pat Summerall and Robert & Aline Carrion along with their children Bob, Pat, Rick, Pam, Randy and Ron Carrion.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Carl Sweet and sister Betty Hunt.

The family gives a special thank you to his loving caregivers at Libby's Loving Hands and his hospice nurse Heather Gottlieb for her compassion and excellent care.

A celebration of life for Butch will be held at the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company on August 28, 2022, at 2pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company, the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company, or Talbot Hospice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Tilghman Volunteer Fire Department
Tilghman, MD

5979 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, MD 21671

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Amy Todd lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Amy Todd - August 26, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet.*



August 23, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet.*



August 23, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *269 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 22, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CC

“ *Christa Sweet and Cindy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet.*



Christa Sweet and Cindy - August 20, 2022 at 04:50 PM

CS

“ *Christa And Cindy Sweet lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Christa and Cindy Sweet - August 20, 2022 at 04:32 PM

DM

“ *Dan M lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Dan M - August 02, 2022 at 11:36 PM

JB

“ *Jeffrey And Kimberly Bushey lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Jeffrey and Kimberly Bushey - July 31, 2022 at 01:53 PM

TA

“ Scott, so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Terry Allen

Terry Allen - July 31, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet.



July 31, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AT

“ Amy Todd lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet



amy todd - July 30, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SG

“ Steve Gadow lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet



Steve Gadow - July 30, 2022 at 03:06 PM

MH

“ *Mary Haddaway lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Mary Haddaway - July 30, 2022 at 01:43 PM

BC

“ *To the family of Butch. I will miss him very much as we had a lot of good times together. He was a great man. Buddy Covey*

Buddy Covey - July 30, 2022 at 11:49 AM

RD

“ *Richard Dulin lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Richard Dulin - July 29, 2022 at 09:56 PM

RM

“ *Our condolences, thoughts and prayers on behalf of the officers and members of the Singerly Fire Company.*

Robert Muller - July 29, 2022 at 08:58 PM

JS

“ Jeff Shahan lit a candle in memory of Capt.
"Butch" Howard Sweet



Jeff Shahan - July 29, 2022 at 03:10 PM

JS

Debbie and Family,

We are sorry to hear of your loss. Butch was a Great Man and will be Greatly missed by all. Please find comfort and peace in knowing that we will all see our loved ones again someday real soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Jeff Shahan - July 29, 2022 at 03:15 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Debby, Jason, Greta and Girls - I am so very sorry for your loss. Lots of prayers for your family. ~April Bitter



April Bitter - July 29, 2022 at 02:06 PM

DL

“ Praying for the family.



Doris Lee - July 29, 2022 at 09:01 AM

EC

“ *Eric And Amy Clopper lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Eric and Amy Clopper - July 28, 2022 at 11:15 PM

BC

“ *Brenda And Mark Cummings lit a candle in memory of Capt. "Butch" Howard Sweet*



Brenda and Mark Cummings - July 28, 2022 at 02:20 PM

RC

“ *Debbie and family we are so very sorry to hear about Butch. He was a great guy. Love, Chucky and Rebeca Clark*

Rebecca Clark - July 28, 2022 at 12:34 PM