



Kevin Francis Sweeney

June 11, 1950 - January 8, 2026

Kevin Francis Sweeney, better known as Uncle Kev, passed on to the church triumphant on Thursday, January 8, 2026, after suffering from a series of long illnesses. He was a fighter till the end but, as the end neared, he accepted that his time on earth was running out and he was being called back home. Kevin, who joined our world on June 11, 1950, was a born and raised New Yorker who finally saw the light and moved down to Surfside Beach, SC when he retired from Verizon Communications after a long career.

Although not blessed with a wife and children of his own, he was devoted to his nieces and nephews and, after a time, his grand nieces and nephews who were also devoted to him. Not a birthday or Christmas passed without all of the kids being remembered.

He was an avid traveler who made many trips to Europe and the Far East, taking hundreds of pictures and making an effort to learn as much of the languages and histories of the areas as he could.

Kevin was generous to a fault with dozens of charities knowing that they could depend on him for a donation.

After retiring, he took up guitar lessons and spent nearly every Wednesday afternoon at St. Michael's Church helping The Society of St. Vincent DePaul distribute food to the needy. He was devoted to that organization.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM, Friday, January 23, 2026, at St. Michael Catholic Church. His ashes will be interred at the St. Michael's columbarium after the mass.

Following the mass and interment, all will be invited to a reception at Goldfinch Funeral Home at 11528 Frontage Road (17 Bypass Service Road), Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. After that, anyone interested is welcome to come over to Brian and Marilyn Sweeney's home at 704 Hawick Court, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 just to have a laugh or sing a song. If so inclined, please forgo any flowers and, instead, donate to The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, 542 Cypress Ave, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
542 Cypress Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

VH

“ Kevin and I worked together for many years at the "food pantry". We always agreed on our political views and would often send jokes by either phone or email which usually occurred with many laughs. He suffered greatly towards the end, but he is now at peace resting in the arms of our dear Lord. Glad to have called you my friend. You will surely be missed.

Vicky

Vicky Hing - January 12 at 10:13 PM

DA

“ I met and got to know Kevin while working together Wednesday afternoons at the SVP Food Pantry. We shared many laughs together, frequently brought on by the comical tee shirts he would typically wear. He didn't suffer fools gladly and the humorous slogans printed on his shirts reflected his no nonsense view of the world. We often discussed the latest goings-on in the world of politics and other current events, which was clearly a passion of his. I respected the fact that even while fighting through a serious illness he would still stop in to the food pantry to work, even for just an hour or two to say hi and do what he could to contribute. He was definitely "a character" in the best sense of the word. We'll miss you buddy.

Dan - January 11 at 09:30 AM

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I am so sad for Kevin and his loss of life to this horrible disease and the struggles he must've faced. But he was truly an upbeat funny guy the world lost a very gentle soul. We will miss you around the Pantry, but when we think of you, we will always have a smile. We know you will fly on angels wings sincerely, Nancy.

nancy devito - January 11 at 12:51 PM