



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, August 24, 1934

**Died:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021

ACKERSON, Deborah Sweeney, 86, of Arlington, MA died May 19, 2021. She is the beloved wife of Edmund (Edo) E Ackerson (1933-2012); devoted mother of Deborah (Debbie) Ackerson Freedman and her husband Gary of Fairhope, AL; Thomas (Buck) Sweeney Ackerson and his wife Margaret of Concord, NH; Edmund (Jay) Edwards Ackerson Jr. and his wife Kimberly of Cary, NC; Katherine (Kay) Maloney and her husband John J (1957-2013) of Essex Junction, VT; Ann Boudrot and her husband William of Billerica, MA. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was born August 24th, 1934 in the District of Columbia to the late Thomas Joseph Sweeney and the late Sara Deborah Mankin. Debbie attended St. Michael's Elementary School and Academy of the Holy Names High School in Silver Spring, Maryland where she graduated in 1952. Debbie had many passions, interests, and hobbies. At the top of her list was her family. She was not only married and devoted to Edo but they were best friends and business partners in real estate for many years in the Belmont area. She loved her five children and absolutely adored all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Debbie loved to play bridge, to bead with her friends and to participate in any sort of crafts project. She was a gifted roulette player ... sharing with anyone that would listen that betting 17 will make you money. She was proficient in all gambling environments especially poker. Debbie was one of the original members of the Belmont Hill Club where she was an avid tennis player. She loved people and was fluent in every generation. It is a cliché but absolutely true ... she never met a stranger. Debbie was generous to a fault, spoiling her family and helping friends whenever she could. Don't cry because it's over, SMILE that it happened - Dr. Seuss Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 130 Common St., Belmont, July 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers please bet 17 on your next visit to the casino or, if you are more comfortable, a memorial gift can be made to the Mt. Auburn Hospital - Emergency Department Campaign (<https://www.mountauburnhospital.org/giving/make-a-gift-today/donate-now/>).

## Service Summary

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### Funeral Mass

10:00 AM Mon Jul 19, 2021

### St. Joseph's Church

130 Common Street  
Belmont, MA 02478