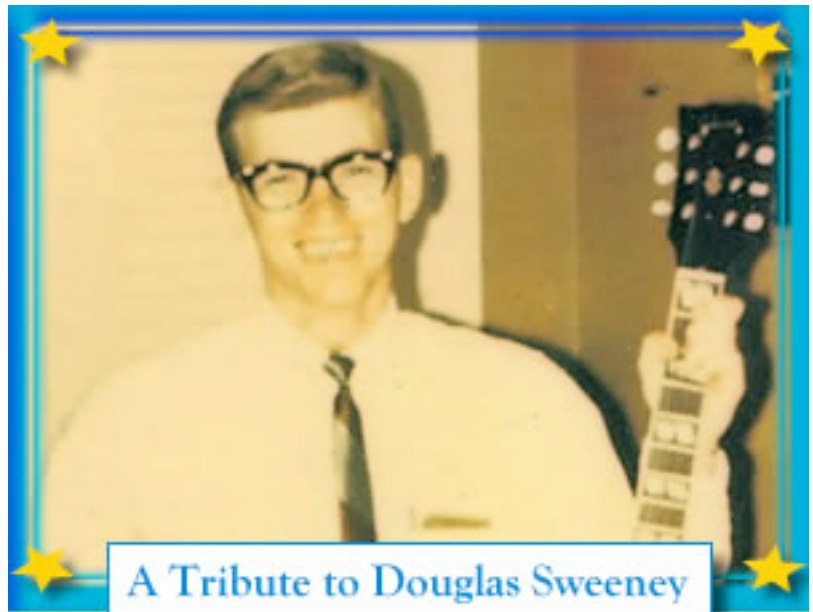


## DONOR PROFILE

### Marjorie R. Snow

Marjorie Snow knows better than anyone the importance of The Children's Inn at NIH. She knows its value because The Inn did not exist when Mrs. Snow and her family desperately could have used a place to stay while visiting her youngest son, Douglas N. Sweeney, during more than two years of treatment at the NIH for acute lymphocytic leukemia in the late 1960's.



"It was a very rough time for our family," says Mrs. Snow. Doug was about 20-years-old and attending Utah State University when he first began to have symptoms. At first they thought he had mononucleosis, but eventually a doctor in Utah diagnosed leukemia. A family friend, who was a physician at Stanford University, referred them to the NIH.

"Those two years seem like such a fog to me," Mrs. Snow says. "My oldest son, Gordon Sweeney, was an active duty pilot flying search and rescue operations in Vietnam," she says. "So, of course, we worried about him everyday, and we were worried about Douglas everyday." And she had two daughters to be concerned about as well.

Mrs. Snow flew from Boston every weekend to visit Doug. She had to stay at a hotel near the NIH campus. She and her daughter, Mary, agree that it would have been so much better for Doug and the family if a place like The Inn had existed. Doug lost his battle with leukemia and passed away in 1970.

Years later Mrs. Snow learned about The Children's Inn and began supporting it annually. When it came time to set up a charitable trust, she knew that she wanted to make The Inn a beneficiary. The gift is made in memory of Doug.

"I always felt that Douglas would have wanted me to make this gift," she says. "He was very touched by the younger children that he met while at the NIH. He saw how they suffered and he wanted to help." Thanks to the participation of Doug and thousands of patients like him in clinical trials, a majority of children now survive acute lymphocytic leukemia.

The Children's Inn is deeply grateful to Mrs. Snow for her generous annual support of The Inn and her special estate commitment that will ensure that there will always be "a place like home" for children and families just like hers.