



John D. Sullivan

August 1, 1936 - July 5, 2021

John "Sully" Sullivan (84) of Chicago, Illinois, passed away July 5, 2021. He was born August 1, 1936 in Lynn, Massachusetts to Raymond and Delia (Bouchard) Sullivan. Sully entered the US Marine Corps on October 31, 1955 and was eventually stationed in Kaneohe, Hawaii, where he met his future wife, Charlotte Partin. They were married on St. Patrick's Day in 1962 which, as his family liked to say, made it impossible for him to forget his anniversary. Sully was a devoted husband, loving father and loyal friend. A talented "jack-of-all-trades," he worked as an air traffic controller in Honolulu, as well as several maintenance-based positions including Resident Manager at Meridian East and Head of Maintenance at St. Anthony Parish and School, both in Kailua, Hawaii.

Sully was a proud Marine veteran who exemplified the motto Semper Fi in his daily life. He cherished his family and was dedicated to taking care of them. Sully made friends easily and once you were his friend, he would do anything for you. He loved animals and befriended every dog he met, always making time to stop and give them attention...no matter what. He was a font of grace and love for every one of God's creatures he encountered.

Sully was a man of profound faith who centered his life on prayer and service. He was a member of SERRA (an organization of Catholic laity that promotes vocations), and a leader for many years in the Cursillo Movement in Hawaii,

which promotes deepening individuals' relationships with Christ. Sully was generous with his time and talent, engaging in long-term volunteering such as being a weekly square dance caller at the Pohai Nani retirement home, and cooking for the Institute for Human Services (IHS), both in Hawaii. After moving with Charlotte to Chicago in October, 2010, they both became involved as volunteers at St. Gertrude Parish, their new home. Sully served as a sacristan and lector, and also became a morning drop-off greeter at their parish school, Northside Catholic Academy where daughter Debbie was principal. He was a joy-filled man - even in the morning! - to parents and students alike.

Sully loved music and played both the ukulele and guitar. He was known for spontaneously entertaining at gatherings with his songs and fun, if rascally, little ditties. He was an enthusiastic member of both the Barbershop Chorus and the Gleemen Plus singing groups, as well as a regular guest performer at La Mariana Restaurant whenever he was in Hawaii. Once he and Charlotte moved to Chicago, Sully found his outlet for performing in the St. Gertrude Parish Play. He looked forward to January each year when rehearsals would begin. Sully also enjoyed sitting on the back porch on Wayne Ave., playing his ukulele while serenading Charlotte and many fortunate passers-by.

Sully is survived by his wife; his daughters Patti (Phil) and Debbie; two siblings, Marilyn Stasieczko and Leo Sullivan; brother-in-law, Charles Partin; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both his parents and two siblings, Natalie Piescik and Raymond Sullivan, as well as his in-laws Charles and Dorothea Partin, and his brother-in-law, John Partin. Sully lived a life full of joy, love and service to God and others. He is well-loved and will be well-missed.

Services will be held at St. Gertrude Church, corner of Granville and Glenwood Aves. in Chicago on July 23, 2021. Visitation in church from

10:00am until the time of Mass at 11:00am. The Memorial Mass will be live-streamed via Zoom (see link below).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78058203872?pwd=UVpFTTBtTcjVKTVdKYnFIR2dXb0c3dz09>

Meeting ID: 780 5820 3872

Passcode: 4WtHt6

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Sully's love for animals, please consider a donation to Felines and Canines, 6379 N. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60660, or Felinesandcanines.org

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering in Church

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 764-3621

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Sullivan*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Papa John was just that, a Papa to all. When my dad passed, John came to California to give his love, support and those incredible hugs. Daddy and John are with Christ, telling jokes and their incredible life stories, making all the Angels laugh. We are all better people for knowing him and having him bless our lives.*

Amy Polhamus - July 22, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *John was always there for the Weavers all of the Weavers. He took my dad and they bought my daughter Rachel's crib and he came back up here with my dad and put it all together and from day one he was a part of Rachel's life as he's always been a part of ours. rest in peace my good friend. we love you so very very much.*

Jenifer Weaver - July 21, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *He was a brother in Christ with our father Jerome Weaver. We will always have John in our hearts as a humble and gentle soul. Aloha.*

Patrick weaver - July 21, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Sullivan.* ”



July 21, 2021 at 09:02 PM