



Paul J. Sullivan MD

August 14, 1932 - October 27, 2016

Dr. Paul J. Sullivan always answered “nearly perfect” when asked how he was. He is now PERFECT, having gone to the Lord on October 27, 2016. His family was by his side singing his favorite hymns.

Paul was born on August 14, 1932 to Edward and Flora (Grattan) Sullivan. He was raised in

Detroit with his brothers Patrick (Mary), Tom (Dorothy), John L., and sisters Joan (Frances)

Bosler and Faith (Jack) Corey. He started singing in the choir at Gesu elementary and

continued through his years at the University of Detroit. Practicing medicine was his calling and

he graduated from University of Michigan in 1960. That same year he married Dorothy Balog.

Her brother Steve (Florence) and Bill (Eileen) and sister Barbara (Rio) Della Mora, also became

his family. All together he is Uncle Paul to over 200 nieces, nephews and their spouses, and

their children and.....

A dedicated pediatrician at Northwest Pediatrics for 35 years, it was not at all uncommon for him

to have former patients bring their own children to see him. Many times we would hear “Hi Doc” shouted out as we are out and about the city, even though he preferred Mr. Sullivan in keeping with his humble nature. Grand daughter Sydney once asked ‘Grandpa do you know everyone?’. Primarily he worked at Mt. Carmel and Providence where he was Chief of Staff. All of his children were in attendance to see him receive an award for 25 years of dedicated service at Providence Hospital, much to his surprise and joy. Because of his love of medicine he chose to leave his body to Wayne State Medical School, where he will continue to help future physicians.

It was his family though, to whom he dedicated most of his time. Paul and Dorothy had nine children; Margaret (Scott) Malaney, John, Jim(Ann), Bill (Krista), Barbara (Kurt) Dunn, Laura, Ed (Lisa), Emily (Larry)Wine and Martha (Will) Myrick. He was always home for dinner, and never accepted phone calls during that hour. Saturdays might include “rounds” and breakfast at the hospital cafeteria. The girls knew that when the doorbell rang on their birthday it was flowers from him, without fail. He drove us around in a green, eleven passenger van with canoes on top to the Upper Peninsula and Kentucky. And every fall would include a camping trip to Ludington State Park. We also fit in the Detroit Riverfront Fireworks, Thanksgiving Day

Parades, church festivals, family visits, Niagara Falls ... that van saw a lot of miles!

In 1973, Paul and Dorothy bought the cottage on Strawberry Lake. This continues to be the family magnet. It was not uncommon to have a family reunion include more than 100 relatives.

Images of Paul playing the guitar around the fire pit, playing horseshoes, baseball, sailing a catamaran, and driving the "floatboat" will remain with us forever. It was a great place for nine children to grow and they continue to gather there with the grandkids; Bridget, Andrew, Maggie, Aran, Liam, Charlie, Eddie, Maya, Ella, Andrew, Emma, Rachel, William, Paige and Sydney.

Many have said it their favorite place on earth.

Golf, bridge, Tiger baseball, crossword puzzles, and always "fixing" something kept him active.

He loved his friends very much and often spoke fondly of them. Service was a major priority

and he sang in the church choir, worked at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen every Tuesday for 15 years.

Just two weeks ago, he cut enough onions for 3,000 egg rolls for a Christ the King fundraiser.

This will not surprise anyone who knew him.

Because of his life of service the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to

either:

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen

Attn: Chris

16800 Trinity PO Box 8012

Detroit, MI 48208

or

Christ the King School

16800 Trinity

Detroit, MI 48219

Visitation will be held Friday Nov. 4 from 1-8pm at Wm Sullivan Funeral Home,
705 E. Eleven

Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Memorial Mass, Saturday Nov. 5 at 11:00 am with family accepting
condolences starting at 10

am at Christ the King Catholic Church. 20800 Grand River Ave. Detroit, MI
48219

The family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, prayers
and support that

have been extended during this very difficult time. Bless you all.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Mass

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ the King Catholic Church
20800 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48219

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I would like to send thoughts and prayers to the Sullivan family. I was so grateful to be able to see Dorothy and Paul at the family mass and breakfast a few weeks back. It had been many years and was wonderful to see them again.
I know how deeply your loss is felt as my father passed away last year. I hope you can find peace in knowing he is in a wonderful place now and I am sure he was greeted with joy by those who have passed before him.
Blessings to all of you,
Kathy Mossoian/Mehall

Kathy Mossoian - November 05, 2016 at 12:38 PM

DJ

“ We've lost a dear friend and God has gained another in heaven. I'll continue in my mind to golf and play bridge with Paul and to enjoy his always positive outlook until we meet again in heaven. He will also continue to be in my prayers. Love to all his family. Dr. Peter Johnston

Dr. Peter Johnston - November 04, 2016 at 11:08 AM

LT

“ Mr. Dr. Paul Sullivan,

This is how I greeted you after you told me not to call you doctor because that is not important. I will so miss singing with you. No matter where we were or what the occasion was, you and I would look over at each other and smile as we harmonized. Somehow we always picked a different harmonization. How did we do that? Our 4-gettable rehearsals were unforgettable even though our 4-gettable recording session was! The fun we had! You four guys were my guys! Now there are two 4-gettables and I will do my best to take care of them.

And I will be spending time with your beloved Dorothy as we rabble-rouse in our socialist way! At least we will not have to wheel Dorothy to the polls to cancel out your vote any more! She always made Arleen Bonello and I promise to do that should she not be able to get herself there.

And our Stratford times shall live in my heart: long breakfast conversations, 4-gettable mini-rehearsals in the parlor room, cheese and crackers at cocktail time, the potluck, and evening plays or musicals. Who will harass me about Sondheim musicals now? Loved that "Into the Woods" even though I was the only one!

Paul, you were special to me and I mourn your loss, but thank you for the memories!

Vive-la-vive-la-vive-l'amour!

Linda Tomala

Linda Tomala - November 04, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



November 03, 2016 at 05:52 PM



“ *Rebecca L Lynch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



Rebecca L Lynch - November 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



November 02, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



November 02, 2016 at 03:03 PM

MD

“ *My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. Recall pleasant memories that you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Dee - November 01, 2016 at 06:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



October 31, 2016 at 03:37 PM

MB

“ *I met Dr. Sullivan when I was 22 yrs old and was hired in as a nurse at Northwest Pediatrics. I had the great pleasure of working with him till he retired. He certainly shared his wisdom with me and added to the nurse I became over the years.*

My sympathy to the family.

Marlene Attridge Bell

Marlene Attridge Bell - October 31, 2016 at 11:55 AM

MS

Marlene, I remember how much my dad liked you.. when I worked at the office one summer he told me to ask you if I ever needed anything "she knows everything"...thank you for making the office a wonderful place!

margaret sullivan - October 31, 2016 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Keuten/Sears Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul J. Sullivan MD.*



The Keuten/Sears Family - October 31, 2016 at 11:50 AM

BC

“ *Paul is my mom's brother, yes I have many great memories of Uncle Paul, and yes I will miss him very much. I do not remember the 1st time he saw me, when I was about 1 day old. However, I remember him at my daughter's baptism at Beaumont Hospital. I remember taking my 2 boys to see him. And I remember that at the age of 20, he suggested I find another doctor, for adults. And I remember Uncle Paul, and Aunt Dorothy, and all the Sullivan's, at the cottage, where we were always welcomed with open arms. Thanks so much for the memories!*

Bob Corey - October 30, 2016 at 08:23 PM

BD

The hospital bedside visit by my dad's sister (your mother), Faith, was one of the most beautiful interactions I have ever witnessed.

Barbara Sullivan Dunn - November 01, 2016 at 02:55 PM

KK

“ I had the privilege of knowing Dr. Sullivan's youngest three children, Emily, Edward, and Martha at St. Mary's of Redford School. Martha was one of my dearest second graders. The girls attended and sang at my wedding at Marygrove chapel. When MY Emily was born there was NO question of who I was going to choose as her pediatrician. Emily is autistic and he was wonderful with her. My mom went to heaven on Monday the 25th so my sympathies are with your whole family.

Kathie Ciupek Kunec

Kathie Ciupek Kunec - October 30, 2016 at 01:41 PM

EW

"Mrs Ciupek!!" We still talk about how you were one of the nicest teachers at SMR. So nice to hear from you. I'm sorry for your loss,too; we know it's hard to lose a parent. Thank you for this kind, kind message.

Emily

Emily Wine - October 30, 2016 at 08:02 PM

MM

So sorry for your loss. I remember you fondly and over the years have frequently remembered the wedding I got to go to in second grade. I am happy to hear my dad was able to touch your daughter's life as much as you did mine.

Martha

martha sullivan myrick - October 30, 2016 at 10:11 PM

RB

Dear Uncle Paul:

You always had a smile on your face and the biggest hug when greeting you. In fact when our father Francis passed over 20 years ago, I remember your hug you gave me and am reminded just how many big hugs you gave to Aunt Dorothy, your children and grandchildren over the years. This no doubt will be missed by all.

I remember when we were just kids, you would take us to see some little league baseball games in the Southfield area where your father lived on Evergreen Rd. across from Denis Scotus. This no doubt was to perk our curiosity at such an early age.

And of course, we will always remember you and Aunt Dorothy feeling well enough to make the trip to join the Bosler Family on October 9, 2016 to attend our Annual Mass celebrated for the relatives both living and deceased and taking down the gifts.

Little did we know that this would be our last time to see you on earth but know we will meet again in everlasting life.

Finally, you and Aunt Dorothy had my Hot Line always to check up on your sister Joan and how she was doing. She and we remember that and no doubt she is talking to you about it. We are most appreciative of you both always touching base with her and us.

No doubt the Good Lord knows all your kind acts of service for it reminds us that we here on earth really to be servants of God.

Your children will circle around Aunt Dorothy as we did for our mother so she is in good hands.

The Bosler Family will miss your Big Open Arms and Welcome Smile !

Your Nephew

Rich Bosler

Richard Bosler - October 31, 2016 at 11:10 PM



“ *When we adopted our third son in 1982, Dr. Sullivan became Tommy's Pediatrician. Tommy was severely disabled and Dr. Sullivan always treated him with love and compassion and encouraged us in every way in caring for Tommy. My gratitude to Dr. Sullivan is as wide and deep as the ocean. My love and admiration for him was boundless. My heart goes out to Dorothy and the children and grandchildren on the loss of this great man. Dr. Sullivan rests in peace now with Jesus, the Divine Healer. Our son, Tommy, was at Heaven's gate to welcome Dr. Sullivan. Picturing that makes me smile through my tears. ~ Andrea Baier*

Andrea Bates-Baier - October 30, 2016 at 08:27 AM

PS

Uncle Paul,

This is your favorite nephew, Paul. At least that is how you made me feel. Every time you saw me you gave me a big smile and a big hug. You had a significant effect on me. I now give big hugs to my nieces and nephews when I see them in large part because I know how good it made me feel when you did it to me.

I remember as a kid at your cottage you told me to call you Uncle Paul instead of Dr. Paul because uncle is who you are.

Thanks for fixing me as a kid every time I was broken.

You were and are a good man

Love, Paul Sullivan

ps, I think we were named after each other :)

Paul Sullivan - November 02, 2016 at 07:17 AM