



Dennis "Denny" Sullivan

January 23, 1945 - August 18, 2022

Dennis "Denny" Sullivan died on August 18, 2022. At the time of his passing, Denny was surrounded by loved ones as he rested peacefully in the home of his daughter. Denny was 77 years old.

A lifelong resident of Toledo, Denny was raised in the "Old South End." He attended Immaculate Conception (Darby) School and Libby High School before joining the United States Air Force. During his service, Denny was stationed in Germany and Texas, and he often regaled about his experiences, particularly his presence in Texas at the time of the JFK assassination.

After his Air Force service, Denny returned to Toledo. In 1968, he married the love of his life, Patricia "Pat" O'Connell. Denny and Pat raised three children, Bridgett (Erich) Emhuff, Brian (Kelly) Sullivan, and Maureen (Ken) Freeman, and they were blessed with grandchildren, Colin, Meghan, Aidan, Fiona, Jack, Brennan, and Samantha.

Denny enjoyed music, and he had an endearing habit of gleefully announcing the name of the artist and singing along when his favorite songs played on the radio. The same joy was evident when Denny would spot vintage automobiles, as he promptly and without error identified the make and model (he loved cars). In the last of many concerts he attended, his daughters joined him to see Fleetwood Mac, one of Denny's favorite bands.

Denny loved playing golf with his childhood buddy, Jack Roth, and he was often a passenger on the bus headed to NASCAR races with his friend, Gary

Bettis. Denny spent most of his time with his family, and he relished opportunities to cook, to grill, and to travel. Annual family camping trips "out west" provided his children with their fondest and most durable memories. As the grandchildren began to arrive, annual extended family trips to the beaches of Florida offered the same joy. During the same time period, Denny and Pat traveled extensively with close friends, trading the tents and camp stoves for all-inclusive resorts or cruising. Although not verified, it is suspected that Denny set the world record for most views of his favorite television show, Law & Order.

Denny was preceded in death by his wife, Pat; parents, George and Evelyn Sullivan; brother, John L. Sullivan, and sister, Mary Alice Sullivan. After the passing of his wife, Denny established a foundation in her name to award scholarships to nursing students at Mercy College.

The family would like to thank the Suncrest Hospice of Columbus, Ohio (Brandy, Sarah, Nikki and Mindy) for the exceptional care and compassion they provided to Denny and his family.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road., on Friday, August 26 from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m. where the family will begin greeting guests at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Patricia Sullivan Memorial Scholarship, Mercy College, 2221 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

WD

“ With love, Jenny Driscoll purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis "Denny" Sullivan.



With love, Jenny Driscoll - August 26, 2022 at 09:15 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 25, 2022 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Sullivan's. I became friends with Denny when we worked together. He was one of the best guys I've ever known! I had some great times with Denny at work, just having a beer with him and Charlie or going to Blue Lake with him and Gary Bettis.*
Chuck Campbell

Chuck Campbell - August 23, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Sullivan.*



August 23, 2022 at 02:33 PM

DJ

“ *I remember Denny's sense of humor in talking about all things really and especially the neighborhood growing up and the people in it. He and Pat on St. Patrick's day at the The Bridge or swimming at Ashley pool when we were kids. We all will smile when thinking of Denny, Debbie Zanter Jacob*

Debbie Jacob - August 20, 2022 at 07:35 AM

DO

So sorry to hear of Denny's passing. I recall the happy times we had visiting when Jen & Mo were swimming at BGSU. I remember when Denny drove to Orlando to by my 1972 Chevy and drive it back to Ohio. My best wishes to Mo and the family.

Dennis O'Rourke

Dennis O'Rourke - August 20, 2022 at 12:22 PM

TL

"The Old South End" was pretty young when Denny and I were hanging out together. Last time I saw him and Pat was at Jim Roth's daughter's wedding. Gonna miss you man.

Tom Lynch

Tom Lynch - August 21, 2022 at 03:14 PM

KZ

*We are so Sad to hear of Denny passing, the Darby Days" and the Old south end where we all hung out, Wonderful memories, of Denny and Pat with us, getting together, having great times, These Memories will always be in our hearts,.....You will be missed,
Kathye and Doug Zaper*

Kathye R Zaper - August 22, 2022 at 10:15 AM