



Paul Raymond Sullivan

December 15, 1933 - October 6, 2022

Paul R. Sullivan, Sr. passed away peacefully on October 6, 2022, at The Goerlich Center in Sylvania, Ohio. Paul was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 15, 1933, to Teresa and Cornelius Sullivan. He was one of six children of the Sullivan family. He grew up in Jamaica Plain spending winter afternoons skating on Jamaica Pond and summer afternoons hopping on 'The T' to Fenway Park to watch his favorite player, Ted Williams, warm up what he called "the most beautiful swing." He attended Cheverus School and Boston College High School. Paul excelled on both the baseball diamond and hockey rink. He attended St. John's Seminary College attaining a Bachelors in Classics. He also served in the US Army from 1956-1958. Paul married his childhood sweetheart, Elizabeth A. Harney, on June 27, 1959. Their blessed union lasted 52 years, until his beloved wife Beth's passing in 2011. A job in Federal Adult Probation brought the newly married couple to Toledo, Ohio. Paul and Beth raised seven beautiful children. Living in The Old West End, as active members of Rosary Cathedral parish, they met some of their lifelong friends and enjoyed many morning cups of coffee after late evenings of drinks and lively conversations. The family then moved to the Old Orchard neighborhood spending summer evenings swimming in the backyard pool and hosting many University of Toledo Homecoming Float and Parade Parties in the fall. Paul spent most of his career at the Child Study Institute in downtown Toledo. He retired at the early age of 53. While 'retired', he enjoyed working for a few years at The Andersons Wine Shop. He settled into retirement full

time by volunteering at The Claver House on Monday mornings, spending Tuesday and Thursday mornings drinking coffee and eating a donut or two with friends, and a standing lunch date with dear friends at Jing Chaun on Fridays at noon.

Paul once remarked he would like people to remember him by the words: "faith, family and friends." He shared his faith by his example, knowledge of theology, and adoration of St. Francis of Assisi. He also had a great admiration of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, so much so that his wife, Beth, enrolled Paul in the International Thomas Merton Society. Paul drew on his faith for strength through numerous health issues in his adult life. He also was an active member of Corpus Christi University Parish and enjoyed faith discussions and attending symphony concerts with fellow parishioners. As he got older, he looked forward to Saturday afternoon mass and dinner afterwards. Nieces and nephews have shared memories like "faith-filled," "passion for religion," and "a wonderful life of faith."

His family meant the world to him. His seven children will dearly miss his kind heart, gentle manner and shoulder to lean on. He leaves behind nine grandchildren who adored spending time with Grandpa at family gatherings, as well as one great grandchild, who he was able to meet via FaceTime a few weeks before his passing.

He had many dear friends he met through work and church. He and Beth had a very special group of friends, The Potluck Group, who met regularly for dinner and good conversation for many years.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, his wife Beth, and his siblings Christine McMillin, Clare Bullock, Phyllis Mahaley, Philip Sullivan and Larry Sullivan. He will be dearly missed by his children Paul (Jackie), Neil (Laurie), Richard (Lori), Mary, Kathleen Mattimoe (John), Tracey, and Jeanne Sullivan Guerin (Marshall); his grandchildren Pavel Sullivan (Sarah), Megan (Kyle Rutledge) and Sean Sullivan, Tommy (Sarah), Jacob and Will Sullivan, Katy and Molly Mattimoe, Margaux W. Guerin, and great granddaughter, Wendy Mae Sullivan, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by sisters-

in-law Anne Sullivan and Carol Harney and dear friend, Pat Regan. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Friday, October 14 from 2:00- 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday October 15th at 10:00 am at Corpus Christi University Parish. The mass will also be livestreamed at www.ccup.org <<http://www.ccup.org>>/live. The family will greet guests starting at 9:00 am. Interment services will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio 43607 or Lucas County Metroparks.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Ceremony

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi University Parish
2955 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Graveside Service

OCT **15**. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Paul Sullivan



THOMAS GRIFFIN - October 14, 2022 at 05:36 PM

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“ Paul was one of the kindest men I ever met. He was always so friendly and happy to talk with me. I'm glad he enjoyed my band as well. Heaven just gained another great Irish Saint. I'm sorry I couldn't attend the funeral services. I will continue to keep the Sullivan family in my prayers. Mike McCarty (Extra Stout)

Mike McCarty - October 13, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ I am so very sorry to learn of your dad's death. My mom worked with your father at the Adult Probation Dept where I first met him. We ended up at the Claver House serving breakfast. He was a kind and spiritual man who loved to share a drink out two! I thought the world of both your parents and they will continue to be in my prayers always. God Bless your whole family. Oh when Martha my mother died and I was told by the good priest "Oh no Nancy, she didn't die, she just changed her address"

Nancy Eade - October 13, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Raymond Sullivan.*



October 13, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Raymond Sullivan.*



October 13, 2022 at 05:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Raymond Sullivan.*



October 12, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Sullivan Family. Enjoy crossing paths with Richie and his family here in Louisville. Having read the description of Paul's life and interests, it is clear he passed on his faith and life lessons to his son and family. Cheers to a life well lived! Andy Shay and Family*

Andrew Shay - October 12, 2022 at 07:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Raymond Sullivan.*



October 11, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *Larry Sullivan purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Paul Raymond Sullivan.*



Larry Sullivan - October 11, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Neil and Laurie and rest of the family. I so sorry to hear of your father/ father-in-laws passing. God speed to Paul!*

Bob Mollenkopf - October 11, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *I have known Paul for many years. He was one of the kindest and funniest people I have ever known. I think that goes with his Franciscan spirituality. I was grateful to bump into him at a family dinner on his birthday last year. One last hug from a great man. Paul, you will be missed.*

Mary Kern - October 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM