



George P. Sullivan

September 14, 1947 - August 10, 2025

George P. Sullivan passed away peacefully on August 10, 2025. He was born on September 14, 1947 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late George and Barbara (Nee: Schirch) Sullivan. He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years Diane and their sons Tyler (Emma), Blake (Emma), and their granddaughter Georgia, as well as sons from a previous marriage Drew (Nicole), Chad (Angie) and grandchildren Lux, Ryder, Brynlee; sisters Kathy Kookan, Mary Grace and Lynn (Bill) Matthews, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and several in-laws.

Faith, family, academics, and athletics were pillars of George's life. From a young age, he displayed both athletic talent and academic promise. He fell in love with baseball and basketball during childhood, and one of his fondest memories was leading his 12-year-old Little League baseball team to an undefeated season. George later attended prep school at St. Thomas Moore in Montville, Connecticut, where he was co-captain of the basketball team and excelled in the classroom. He went on to study at Canisius University in Buffalo, New York, playing Division I basketball with aspirations of a professional career after graduating. A significant knee injury abbreviated his athletic career, but opened the door to a new, equally rewarding and successful professional path. George earned his Bachelor's degree in education from Springfield College and went on to build a highly successful career in sales. Driven by a passion for coaching others to grow into their best

selves, he eventually left his career in sales to co-found The Chatham Group, an executive coaching and leadership consulting firm. For the past 20 years, George coached Fortune 100 executives, empowering them to become more effective leaders.

George was a man of deep faith, attending mass nearly every day and serving as a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Volo, Illinois. He was caring, compassionate, and devoted to his family, friends, colleagues, and to all those he came in contact with. His generosity knew no bounds, though he never sought recognition for it. It became a running joke amongst our family that he never had cash on him—because whenever he did, he would inevitably give it away to someone he thought needed it more. He regularly gave anonymously to organizations, causes, and people he believed in because he felt that a life in service to others is a life well lived.

George was an avid reader, a history enthusiast, and a gifted writer. He had a love for classic films and comedy—Seinfeld could be found playing on repeat in the Sullivan household. He loved all things health and fitness, sports, rooting for the Yankees and Patriots, attending symphony concerts with his wife Diane, playing golf with his family and friends, and, most of all, spending time with his family. George loved escaping Chicago winters with his family in Southwest Florida, and annual summer vacations on beautiful Cape Cod.

George will be remembered for his incredible generosity, selflessness, humility, witty sense of humor, and kind heart. He was always exceptionally encouraging to family, friends, and colleagues, and got immense joy and fulfillment out of seeing others succeed. His presence, guidance, and leadership within his family was larger than life, and is something that will never be replaced. His smile could light up any room, and he carried that smile with him until the day that he passed. George will be missed dearly by all who knew him, but his legacy of love, laughter, and quiet strength will live

on in the lives he touched.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to George's wonderful Guardian hospice team Anna, Judy and Taraz for their extreme compassion and kindness, his very special caregivers Paul and Jolanta, and all those who watched over him and took care of him at Aspen Woods.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the organ fund at St. Peter's Church in Volo, Illinois in honor of George's love of music. Please visit www.stpetervolo.org to give.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block West of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Peter Catholic Church, 27551 Volo Village Rd. in Volo, IL. Interment will follow to Ascension Cemetery. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
27551 Volo Village Road
Volo, IL

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *The sad news of the passing of my cousin Georgie brought back a flood of memories of what now seems an idyllic youthful time the kids in our families shared: all of packed in a big ol Buick for day trips to swim at Camp Jahn at Hampton Ponds; our two families sharing Auntie Mare’s two bedroom cottage on Cape Cod, and the Whiffle Ball games in its tiny yard. Thank you for those memories. Rest in peace.*
Gig Clark

gig clark - August 23, 2025 at 06:27 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Dylan Scott Dawn Alannah Leah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George P. Sullivan.*



Sharon Dylan Scott Dawn Alannah Leah - August 21, 2025 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ *The Cipolla Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of George P. Sullivan.*



The Cipolla Family - August 20, 2025 at 07:26 PM

GP

“ Griffin & Paris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George P. Sullivan.



Griffin & Paris - August 20, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of George P. Sullivan.



August 18, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of George P. Sullivan.



August 18, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George P. Sullivan.



August 18, 2025 at 10:45 AM

BC

“ George's entrance into a room commanded attention. He was upbeat, confident, and quite funny-- even among strangers. Was it his way to contend with many sisters? ... Glad we chatted by phone in Chicago in 2014. ... You will be missed.
Aloha from Bernie, Mari & Maya (Honolulu).
A hui hou kakou -- until we meet again.

Bernice Ramos Clark - August 16, 2025 at 01:36 AM

MB

“ I will always remember “Mr Sullivan” for exuding warmth, enthusiasm and positivity... he made a lasting impression on me as a little kid who was growing up across the street. These are qualities he has no doubt left in legacy to Tyler, Blake and many others... the mark of a life well lived though far too short. May angels lead him in. Sending heartfelt condolences to everyone who lived in the light of his presence.

Molly Blemker - August 15, 2025 at 02:31 PM

TP

“ We were fortunate enough to get to know George and Diane through Little League Baseball with Blake and Tyler and have been dear friends ever since. We'll miss George's enthusiastic smile and greeting every time you saw him. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane, Tyler & Emma, and Blake & Emma. Love, The Popielewski Family.

Ted Popielewski - August 15, 2025 at 11:49 AM

TH

“ Dear Sullivan Family,
I am so sorry to hear of George’s passing. While his journey was quick and short, he is finally at peace. My family will miss seeing him and Diane at Aspen Woods! You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you heal from this journey. Please stay in touch!
Love, Tina, Marilyn, Rick and family

Tina Hansen - August 14, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George P. Sullivan.



August 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George P. Sullivan.

August 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM

TW

“ The Weenies purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of George P. Sullivan.



The Weenies - August 14, 2025 at 08:44 PM

TW

“ The Weenies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George P. Sullivan.

The Weenies - August 14, 2025 at 08:44 PM

LM

“ When George ate the middle out of my Auntie Mary’s peanut butter so it looked full. I vividly remember my aunt yelling. GEORGE PATRICK!!! He knew he was caught. Lots of laughing!! 😊❤️❤️

Lynn Matthews - August 12, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MC

*Mists of time long past
Days of joy and innocence
Ne'er to be forgot*

Rest in peace Cousin.

Mike Clark - August 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM