



Daniel Joseph Sullivan

July 18, 2020

Daniel Joseph Sullivan of Proctorsville, VT passed away peacefully at the age of 79 on July 18 in Winchester, MA. Dan was a farm boy at heart, born to a big, loving Irish family and raised on a farm in Amherst, MA. The baby of the family, he was adored by his eight older brothers and sisters, and later by all his nieces and nephews with whom he remained close throughout his life. Dan was an adventurer, master tinkerer, and inventor. He loved to build, create and problem-solve and could often be found rigging a do-it-yourself solution or creation. He loved the outdoors and pursued everything from rock climbing, hiking, flying planes, riding motorcycles, skiing, and boating. But above all else, he loved his family and friends. He earned their trust, never broke it, and made the people in his life feel loved and safe. Dan met his wife of over fifty years, Maria Phillips, while out with his best friend, Jim, at a piano bar. They would spend their life together with their two daughters, Trina and Brydie, skiing in Vermont, boating at the beach, and traveling the world. We are comforted to know he is with his daughter Trina and other dear family and friends now. Dan and Maria fell in love with a farmhouse in Italy where they lived many years of their retirement, renovating their home, hosting friends from afar, and connecting with local friends who became lifelong, dear companions who still visit and skype. Dan adored his two grandsons, Felix and Linus, and spent so much of their early years taking them on adventures in California, Utah and Vermont. They learned to ski and fish with their Pop Pop and will miss him dearly. He wanted to ski with them for many years to

come, but was cruelly slowed down by a diagnosis of ALS over a year ago and which ultimately took him from us.

The family held a private mass and funeral services due to the difficulty of safely traveling and gathering together at this time. Arrangements were made by Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford, CT.

We invite you to join us for a virtual celebration of Dan's life to be held on his birthday, August 16 at 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact Brydie or Maria.

If you would like to make a donation in Dan's memory, we are grateful to the following organizations for their support in managing and living with ALS: Compassionate Care ALS (<https://ccals.org/donate/>) and The Healey Center for ALS at Mass General Hospital (<https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/healey-center/>)

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd
Bloomfield, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Sullivan Family,*

Sending our deepest sympathy to you all. Dan was a high school classmate of mine at Amherst Regional High School. We enjoyed many conversations at the various Reunions that we attended every five years....the most recent of which was in July of 2018. He led such an interesting and successful life and was a devoted family man. I know he will be greatly missed. Thank you for sharing his lovely service with us. The piece you wrote Brydie was beautiful. If possible, I would like to attend the Virtual Memorial Service being held on Dan's Birthday this month.

May he rest in peace and God Bless his family.

John and Betsy Ames (ARHS Class of 1958) Cobbs

Betsy Ames Cobbs - August 01, 2020 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Maria and Brydie,*

On behalf of the Northwest Catholic family, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Dan. Dan, along with your family, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that Dan and your entire family will be remembered in a special way at our school-wide Mass in September. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane Leary - July 27, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Uncle Dan will be missed very much. We watched the service and it was beautiful. I will miss having conversations with him. Uncle Dan was the go to guy for solid advise. He was always willing to lend his ear as is Aunt Maria. Our best wishes, we loved him very much. Dan, Kelly and Nick.*

Daniel T. Ostheimer - July 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ *To View Dan's Service, please use link below. The service was private due to COVID restrictions but was a beautiful tribute to his life and faith.*

<https://vimeo.com/441025235>

Chris Molloy - July 24, 2020 at 07:51 AM