



Dennis Sullivan

April 7, 2025

Dennis Sullivan, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully on April 7th, 2025, at his home in New Britain. He was 86 years old. Dennis is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Barbara, his daughter Karen, son-in-law Paul Shaw, and his granddaughters, Adelaide and Julianne Shaw of Erie, CO. He is also survived by his son Daniel of New Britain, and his sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and Bob McCall of Columbus, OH. Dennis was a veteran teacher, writer, and business owner who deeply loved his family and friends. He had a passion for Hartford history and wrote a book called *Irving Street & Other Hartford Memories*. He was a man of strong convictions and found comfort in his faith throughout his life. He had a passion for storytelling, often entertaining those around him with tales of his life's adventures. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Dennis had a particular fondness for the UCONN men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the Boston Red Sox—who he both loved and hated in equal measure. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Dennis' memory be sent to The Catholic Worker Hartford, 18 Clark Street, Hartford, CT 06120 or to 350.org. Dennis will be remembered for his warmth, his sense of humor, and his unwavering love for his family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. Hartford on Monday, April 14, with visitation in the Church from 9-9:45 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am. Burial will be private. Live stream available at the Church website <https://spsact.org/funeral->

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Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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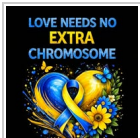
Tribute Wall



“ I was lucky enough to have Mir Sullivan as a Homeroom Teacher His first year in East Hampton. He made the year so much easier for this 8th grader.

Perilla Stebbins

Perilla Grace - April 14, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Perilla Grace lit a candle in memory of Dennis Sullivan



Perilla Grace - April 14, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CL

“ It is with much sadness that I heard the news of Dennis’ passing. My heartfelt condolences to Barbara and the Sullivan family. One cannot fathom the extent of your grief and the void in your life as all who know you were so aware of your and Dennis’ deep love and devotion to one another.

I was very fortunate to reconnect with him after the publishing of his memoir of growing up in Hartford .It was such an interesting and entertaining book. What a wonderful accomplishment for Dennis reflecting his love of history especially that of the city of Hartford and his keen sense of humor especially in his depiction of Nonni and her role in the family.

I know that I am one of many friends who mourn his passing and hold lovely memories of a friendship of days gone by. For all the lives he touched with his kind, compassionate and loving spirit, he will be greatly missed and warmly remembered.

Wishing the Sullivan family all the strength and comfort you need today and in the days to come.

With deepest sympathy,
Cindy Lichtsteiner

Cindy Dunn Lichtsteiner - April 12, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Dennis Sullivan.



April 12, 2025 at 11:13 AM



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

April 12, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MR

“ Dennis was a very good friend to our dad Edward Drydol. Dad had very fond memories of growing up in Hartford with him and Mike. We girls are sorry to hear of his passing 3 years after dad but perhaps they are now again reminiscing about being kids again and the fun they had. We are very sorry for your families loss.

michele rooney - April 11, 2025 at 08:28 PM

BC

“ I'm not sure if Mr. Sullivan ever taught at East Hampton High School, but if he did, he was one of my all time favorite teachers. If he did teach at EHHS, it was early in his career. He presented me with a book, *The Rector of Justin*, for being an outstanding student in his English class. I'm now 74 years old, and still have this book. Ironically , my name is Barbara (as is his wife), and his funeral service is on my 74th birthday. He was a wonderful teacher. I send my deepest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Barbara Leonard Chamberland - April 11, 2025 at 05:00 PM

CL

Yes, Barbara, you are correct! Dennis did teach English in East Hampton in the 60's. How lovely that you would remember him with such fondness , share this special memory, and express your condolences to his family.
From A friend from the 60's

Cindy Dunn Lichtsteiner - April 12, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MP

I so enjoyed his book about Hartford that I read it twice! Dennis had such a great way of describing those "good old days ". He had nice stories about my family and father and was lucky enough to tell him how much appreciated his recollections of holiday dinners and his stories. Rest in peace, Dennis. Mike Polce

Michael Polce - April 12, 2025 at 03:54 PM



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

April 11, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dennis Sullivan.



April 11, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis Sullivan.



April 10, 2025 at 03:19 PM