



Patricia Deming Sullivan

February 11, 2009 - February 11, 2009

Patricia Deming Sullivan died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Feb. 11th, 2009 at the age of 91. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Arthur Bland Sullivan, her daughter Evelyn Sullivan, her daughter-in-law Hilary Sullivan and her sister Mary Farrell and brothers Archibald and Edward Deming. She is survived by her children Brian Sullivan of Vancouver, B.C., Janice and Tom Mortenson of Greenville, N.Y., Craig and Lucinda Sullivan of Roxbury, VT, Beth and Chris Parker of Piscataway, MD, Gerry and Heather Sullivan of Pomfret, CT, Arthur and Lisa Sullivan of West Hartford, CT, her sister Lee Collins, her sisters-in-law Ann Deming and Mary Bland Sullivan, 32 grandchildren, 20 and counting great-grandchildren and many loving relatives and friends.

Pat grew up on Bainbridge Rd in West Hartford with her parents Dr. Edward Adams Deming and Evelyn Staley Deming and her siblings. She attended Mt. St. Joseph's Academy and Albertus Magnus College before graduating from Smith College as an English major. In 1939, while working at Hartford Hospital, she met a handsome intern named Arch Sullivan, who became a local family physician and the love of her life. Shortly after their marriage, in September 1941, Arch left for 3 1/2 years of overseas duty in WWII. Upon his return, they moved to 177 Sedgwick Road in West Hartford. For the next 60 years, "177" was home to their seven children and scores of friends, neighbors and every outdoor game ever invented. In 2006, she moved to Grennan Rd where she delighted in being "Grandma Pat" with both Arthur's

family and her new neighborhood friends who enjoyed her wisdom, love and humor.

Selfless service to others was her lifelong passion. Her heart for service was most evident in her devotion to her husband and children. She served others extensively in activities such as Meals on Wheels, Literacy Volunteers and nursing home visits. She also worked for fifteen years as a classroom aide with disabled children. She was a woman of great faith and committed to her family's involvement in their church community at St. Thomas and later St. Helena's. She had a special fondness for early morning Lenten Masses at the Holy Family Monastery.

One of her greatest enjoyments in life was summers on Wolfe Island. This was the location of the original farm and home of her mother's family along the St Lawrence River in Canada. Here she spent many months as mother, sister, grandmother, Aunt Pat and friend. She served as family historian, project director, advisor and nurturer, while enjoying "The Island's" sunsets, fishing, swimming and sense of community. With her father and siblings, she ensured the continuance of this glorious legacy.

All who knew Pat were affected by her energy and godly spirit, reflected in that smile, those bright eyes and her sense of humor. Her life was lived selflessly and relationally. Her last days were marked by continued engagement with others and a deep peace arising from her abiding faith. She is truly missed and remembered with love. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 11:00 am with a memorial service in the Church of St. Helena, 30 Echo Lane West Hartford. Burial will be private. Friends may call Friday from 4-7 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gengras Center, a special education facility, 1678 Asylum Ave. West Hartford, CT 06117.

On line expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *To all the Sullivans
Our condolences!
To be with Pat was always a great pleasure and we're thankful for
having known her. We will fondly remember her enthusiastic,
welcoming manner, her sense of humour and her genuine interest in
whatever was happening in our lives.
To re-iterate what was always remarked after visiting with Pat,
"what a wonderful woman!"##imported-begin##Vincent, Dianne,
Allison & Amelia Corrigan##imported-end##*

February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *With your Mom's passing, another Wolfe Island chapter has ended.
The Big House will not be the same without her. She was always so
welcoming and interested in everything you were doing. She never
forgot any details. I will miss her!
Doug, Rose and their kids and I were skating in front of the big
house yesterday. The weather was gorgeous, the sun was shining
and the ice was the smoothest I have ever seen it. I just had the
feeling that Pat had a hand in making such a perfect day at your
special spot!##imported-begin##Marg Corrigan##imported-end##*

February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *JERRY I KNOW YOU WILL MISS YOUR MOTHERBUT YOU CAN
REST IN THE KNOWLEDGE SHE IS NO LONGER
SUFFERING##imported-begin##CAROL A. KUBIK##imported-
end##*

February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat has left a legacy of love, kindness and graciousness that will help to fill our void from her passing and help ease the sadness that has enveloped our hearts. Coming across Kingston Harbour and passing "the big house" this summer will not be the same as I always looked so forward to seeing Pat there each year. Pat's uniqueness is evident in the words that have been written...words from the heart of the people who are better off for having known her and now deeply saddened for having lost her. To the family she left behind; her sister, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, my thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.##imported-begin##Jim Corrigan##imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane and I were talking last night about the impact Pat had on so many people. Reminiscenced about when we got engaged at the ripe old age of 20 and 22 and wanted to share the news with friends and family. Remembered walking in unannounced at 177 and you would have thought we were delivering the news about winning the Reader's Digest sweepstake. Pat always had a smile, took interest in everything one had to say, wanted to know how things were going in your life. There was always a positive side to any situation and a kind word to say about everyone. Pat made a difference and we are blessed to have known her. Your mother was loved by all. Terry and Jane Maxwell##imported-begin##John and Jane Maxwell##imported-end##

February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To All the Sullivans and All their children, grandchildren and great grand children.*

The last memory I have of Pat is at Marilyn and Rob's house when she made her appearance with an entourage the likes of which I had not seen for many years.

I was caught aback because in your casual family photo forwarded to me years ago, I was sure that the young faces were of my cousins who had yet to grow up. It was only when we gathered that it was unmistakable proof that we were all in the same boat.

I have followed your progeny, your losses and gains over the years and always have admired your mother for her stamina, grace and wide smile to all who entered the White House on Sedgwick Road.

To my mind it was Royalty. Your dad was gone and she was strong and ever kind to me when kindness was all that was needed.

I also remember once visiting when you were all on your own somewhere! everywhere! Creating villages of your own.

We were going to have a bit of lunch and I looked in her freezer.

It was filled with food to the top. I don't know if it was a just in case? they all return at once, but what I felt was the years and love that was stored in every inch of that frozen larder.

I was deeply touched and have always found a comfort in her home and her heart.

God Bless her Journey.

Linda Maxwell-Crowe##imported-begin##Linda Crowe##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To All the Sullivans,*

Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mom; she was one of the GREAT ones, and this marks the end of an era.

Pat and Archi were the best friends of my parents, and also my Godparents. You could always tell when they were coming for dinner, because the kids ate earlier and the Perry Como music was on the stereo. The laughter continued into the wee hours of the next morning. The music ended way too soon for both my parents and Archi, who all passed away in their primes 1965-69. Pat stood strong and continued to remain close never forgetting my birthday God love her!. She was a treasure of knowledge, and the stories she would tell were side-splitting. She had more energy than any 20 people put together. Donna and I continued to keep in touch with Pat over the years, and loved her VERY much. We will never forget her beautiful, "smiling" eyes and spunky demeanor. Well, if you listen carefully you can hear Perry Como music and contagious laughter coming from Heaven. Thanks for everything, Pat! We will all miss you!

Love, Chris & Donna Bailey-Gates and the entire Bailey-Gates Family XOXO
Chris Bailey-Gates

February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Knowing Pat has been one of our greatest privileges and seeing her with her family, one of our greatest inspirations. Pat will forever be remembered for her warm embrace and generosity of spirit. Her smile lit up the room and her genuine welcome drew you in. The Big House was where we looked forward to saying hello and where will miss her so. Our love to all of you.##imported-begin##Frances, David, Jenny and Joe Casson##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Sullivans:
A beautiful person, full of spark, energy, laughter and love. Pat had a unique way of acknowledging the best in people and of life. Making children feel special was one of her nicest gifts. Our kids looked forward to her early arrivals in the spring and spent many hours at the Big House and on the dock with her and her family. Pat was full of grace and we will miss our sweet summer neighbour. Doug & Rosemary, Mark, Erin and Mairead Corrigan##imported-begin##Doug & Rosemary Corrigan##imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Pat;
I saw Pat in physical therapy several times and always loved hearing her stories of her wonderful family. She always had a smile and a quick quip no matter how much pain she was in. I know she will be missed dearly. Even though I only knew her for a relatively short time she made a lasting impression on me and all who encountered her at our clinic. Blessed to have known her,
Susan Fagan##imported-begin##Susan Fagan##imported-end##

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“ Pat had a brightness and genuine welcoming spirit that instantly drew me to her. I have always looked forward to seeing her every summer on the island, knowing I could always count on a great chat and a warm embrace from Pat, thrilled as always to be back on the island. She simply radiated goodness. My condolences to all of you children, grandchildren and friends alike. We are all lucky to have had the experience that was Pat.

Kristen Ritchie

I celebrate the life Pat had. To have lived 91 years with that smile, laugh, and twinkle in her eyes that I've looked forward to seeing every June. But I'm so sad to lose a friend, elder, confidante like her. My deepest condolences to all of you

Mike Corrigan###imported-begin###Mike Corrigan###imported-end###

February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Art, Lisa, Meghan, Will, Archie and the rest of the Sullivan family.

I am so sorry for your loss. Grandma Pat, what a wonderful woman and with the big winds that are out there today I know the heavens are rejoicing on this day. My life is richer because you were in it, from your words of wisdom you gave me when I was a new mom to your humor that just never stopped. My family has memories we will cherish forever, from riding in the new garbage cans to quiet times just watching TV with you.

You are all in our thoughts and prayer.

Mark, Cathy and Haley Guidotti###imported-begin###Cathy Guidotti###imported-end###

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