

Lawrence F Sullivan



Lawrence F. "Larry" Sullivan, 65, of West Narragansett Ave., Newport, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family and friends on Thursday, June 26, 2008.

He was the husband of Suzanne M. "Sue" (Fitzgerald) Sullivan. Born in Providence, RI, on January 19, 1943, he was a son of the late Lawrence F. and Margaret M. (Byrnes) Sullivan.

Larry was a graduate of De La Salle High School, Class of 1960. From 1960-1963, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Dover, DE., Lackland, TX., and Adana, Turkey. He was employed for over 30 years as a purchasing specialist at Raytheon in Portsmouth and retired in 1993.

In 1992, Governor Bruce Sundlun appointed Larry to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority where he served for four years. Upon retiring, he worked with his son Tim as a gardener. His many community activities included coaching the Fifth Ward Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, and his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and the Boy's and Girl's Club. In 1981, he was awarded the Key to the City of Newport by Mayor Humphrey J. Donnelly for his support of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Larry was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 40 years. He was also a member of the Friends of Ballard Park and a former member of Gooseberry Beach.

Besides his wife of 43 years, Larry is survived by his children Patrick E. Sullivan and his wife Sheila of Daytona Beach, FL, Timothy F. Sullivan and his wife Linda of Middletown, RI, Deborah A. Donovan and her husband Patrick of Newport, and Erin M. Goddard and her husband Townsend of Corseaux, Switzerland; 13 grandchildren, Andrew Sullivan, Mitchell Sullivan, Lauren Sullivan, Owen Sullivan, Lindsey Sullivan, Christian Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Kerry Donovan, Seamus

Donovan, Eamon Donovan, Siobhan Donovan, Job Goddard, and Margot Goddard; his sister Kathleen S. Connell of Middletown; a brother William P. Sullivan of Jamestown; his aunt Mary M. Sullivan of Newport, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 9:00am, at St. Augustin's Church, Carroll Ave, Newport. Burial at St. Columba Cemetery, Brown's Ln, Middletown followed. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, June 29, from 3:00-6:00 pm in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring St., Newport, RI, 02840.

Donations in Larry's memory may be made to the Hibernian Scholarship Fund, 2 Wellington Ave, Newport, RI, 02840 or to the 5th Ward Little League, 580 Thames St., PMB 245, Newport, RI, 02840.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived."