



# Thomas Sullivan

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**T**HOMAS EDWARD SULLIVAN, 50, of Leesburg, Virginia died suddenly on Sunday, February 14, 2010. Mr. Sullivan was born September 27th 1959 in Gulfport, Mississippi to the late William J. and Mary D. Rutherford Sullivan. He was raised in Temple Hills, Maryland and Alexandria, Virginia and played football at Groveton High School until graduating with the class of 1977. He graduated Marymount University in Arlington. Mr. Sullivan is a Hall of Fame member of the Washington Rugby Football Club. He loved playing rugby and had coached boy's rugby U-14. Mr. Sullivan was a sports fanatic who loved the Redskins and the Wizards. He enjoyed playing golf and had a fond appreciation for fine automobiles. But, above all he loved watching his daughters develop their athletic and artistic skills to his delight. Mr. Sullivan was presently working as an Account Support Manager for NCR Corporation, previous employers included E\*Trade Financial, American Trucking Association and United Way of America.

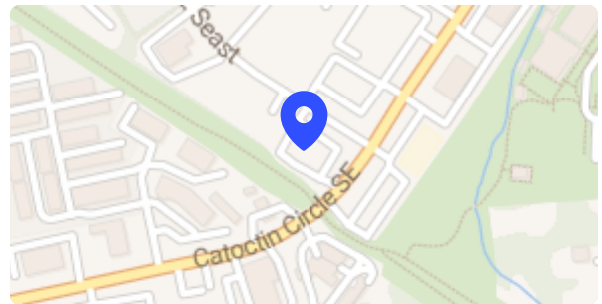
Mr. Sullivan is survived by his beloved wife of 16 years Jessica Ellen White Sullivan of Leesburg; two daughters: Mary Katherine Sullivan and Madeleine Frances Sullivan both of Leesburg; eight siblings: Sheila Sullivan of Fairfax, VA, Trish Smith of Fairfax, Bill Sullivan of Washington, DC, Colleen Sullivan of Ashburn, John Sullivan of Memphis, TN, Anne Sullivan of Garland, TX, Sean Sullivan of Grand Prairie, TX, Beth Sullivan of Pacific Palisades, CA; his mother and father in law: Patrick and Mary White of Shaker Heights, OH and a host of other relatives and friends. His sister Mary Jane Sullivan predeceased him.

Friends may call on Wednesday, February 17th 2010 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Cr. SE in Leesburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Thursday, February 18th at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 101 Oak Crest Manor Drive in Leesburg. Interment will be on Monday, February 22 2010 at 11:00am in Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, VA.



## Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2010
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA



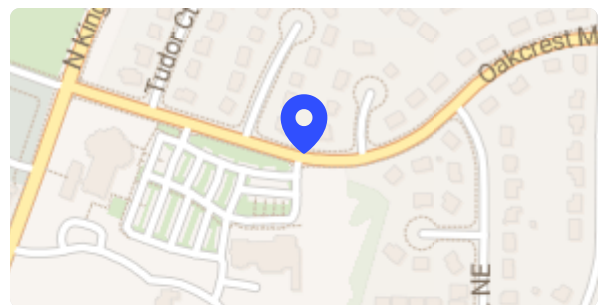
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2010
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA



## Service

- Thursday**, February 18, 2010
- 12:00 PM ET
- St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**  
55 Oak Crest Manor Drive, Leesburg VA 20176



## Service

- Monday**, February 22, 2010
- 11:00 AM ET
- Graveside



## Tribute Wall

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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Tribute Video**.



February 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom was the NCR account manager for the bank I work at. He was a great guy to work with. He took his work seriously but could find humor in it too. Just yesterday I had a situation that I knew he would get a kick out of and I actually started to dial his number. I miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends - I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lindsay Luke##imported-end##

February 25 at 2:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Beth is my dear friend out here in California. I lost my mom unexpectedly 4 weeks ago and Beth was there for me. I share your grief and wish you all much love, support, tears and strength. God Bless Tom and all of you.##imported-begin##Dana Arnett##imported-end##

February 24 at 1:32 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So long Sully. You were the most intense rugger I ever met, a great leader, and an even better guy. My sympathies to the family on your loss.##imported-begin##TJ Treanor (WRFC 1990-92, 94)##imported-end##

February 21 at 5:16 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

maurice Jones and i, Groveton 1976, were just talking about the Sullivans and wondering where they were today when i came upon the obituary.Beth and Shawn..our condolences to you and your family. always a reminder of how precious life is##imported-begin##jim schrote##imported-end##

February 21 at 2:59 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are all so sorry for the terrible loss Of Tom. We grieve and pray for you all. Please know that there are many many people praying for you and Tom's family right now.May God bless and protect you and your family.The Redding Family.##imported-begin##Greg, Patty,Juliana &Patrick Redding##imported-end##

February 20 at 5:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom,You left so quickly, We were friends since the 8th grade. I have known you and your family snce then too. I remember laughing with all our friends, you had the sense of humor. We were on the Goverton Wrestling Team for 4 years since 74 and drove the coach nuts because we had soo much fun and won. I did, as you know follow you through the years and come to your rogby matches even though I wanted NVA. Tom, I will see you later and we will laugh again.Kathy I you need anything, please contact me.KirK Ryan619-302-7796##imported-begin##KIRK E. RYAN##imported-end##

February 20 at 2:55 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jessica, we have been out of touch for many years and you have a life far away from Shaker, but I still remember that little girl going to first grade with David and that young woman getting married as if it was yesterday. I want to express my heartfelt sympathy for you and your family over the tragic loss of you husband.##imported-begin##Dennis Reimer##imported-end##

February 20 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My greatest sympathies to your family. Tom was a great man, may he be at peace now. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Jennifer Turner##imported-end##

February 19 at 2:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom was liked and loved by many people he has met in his path of life. My thoughts are of him and his family and friends.##imported-begin##Tom Powers##imported-end##

February 19 at 9:56 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Jessica, Words cannot appropriately express the amount of sorrow we have for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jon & Jill##imported-begin##Jon Pollina##imported-end##

February 18 at 11:05 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Although it has been many years since I have been in touch with Tom and his dear family of origin, I will always remember him as the handsome, popular, athletic junior in high school to my wide-eyed freshman. As my neighbors, he and Beth showed me the ropes at Groveton High School, introducing me to a lot of fun people, but probably no one more fun-loving than Tom. The twinkle in his eyes could light up a room. Sullivans All- the ones I know, and the ones I don't, peace be with you in your grief.##imported-begin##Martha Weber (Jaffe)##imported-end##

February 18 at 10:35 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sincere condolences for your great loss. I will always remember the fun loving, hilarious upper class mate of mine from Groveton! My heart goes out to his entire family.##imported-begin##Dana ##imported-end##

February 18 at 7:35 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Sullivan family. Tom, you will be missed. Love, Anita, Dave, Madison, Matthew and Andrew Carter (from Loudoun field hockey)##imported-begin##Anita Carter and family##imported-end##

February 18 at 7:10 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

So long Sully, you were a great Rugger and a good man. The last time I saw you was in San Diego at the Men's Rugby Club Nationals. Washington had just been robbed by OMBAC and a dodgy referee. I can still see you jumping up and down arguing a call, in a way only you could only do. My heart goes out to your family and your little girls. It seems that the only thing that matters in this world is the love and kindness we show each other. Hope I get selected for god's team so I can have the honor of winning ball for you again. All the best matey.##imported-begin##Bob Clayton##imported-end##

February 17 at 11:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Though I only knew tom through his sister colleen, he was always smiling, and although I never really got a chance to tell him, I always appreciated his treatment of myself as family. It was truly one of the nicest memories that I have of tom. I'll also always remember that good 'ol sullivan humor. May you keep them in smiling wherever you are!##imported-begin##Roy Bentley##imported-end##

February 17 at 9:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mary and family,Our deepest sympathies are with you at this time of your great loss. We are praying for your father and your whole family. Your Religious Instruction teachers,Fernando and Robyn##imported-begin##Fernando and Robyn Quijano##imported-end##

February 17 at 6:38 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I played rugby with and agaisnt Sully for many years. I enjoyed him as a team mate for four years on the PRU Select Side and once on the ERU side. A formidable player, and a damn good man. The world is missing a smile. God Bless Sully, your friend, Greg##imported-begin##Gregory Lohr##imported-end##

February 17 at 5:19 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I will miss Tom, I hadn't seen him since the 80's but always had fond memories of him going back to Groveton High School. I want to give deepest my condolences to his family and will be thinking about them during this trying time. Best; David Holleman ##imported-begin## David Holleman ##imported-end##

February 17 at 3:20 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are very shocked and saddened by the news of Tom's sudden passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends that loved him so much. Although many years have gone by since we've seen Tom, we can still picture that grin that seemed to stretch from ear to ear. He was so full of life and laughter and just a genuinely nice guy that people loved to be around. May Tom rest in peace and may God bless and comfort those he leaves behind that cared so deeply for him until we all meet again someday. Chirs and Wendy GHS Class of '78 ##imported-begin## Chris and Wendy (Hurd) Pugh ##imported-end##

February 17 at 2:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so very, very sad and sorry to learn today of Tom's passing. I loved having a chance to get to know him a little bit as well as you, Jessica, and your two gorgeous girls. My hearts and prayers are with you all, and certainly Trish, Sheila, and all of your family members. ##imported-begin## Robin Sparks ##imported-end##

February 17 at 2:26 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom was a great man and we are devastated. God Bless you and your family - our hearts and prayers are with Tom's 3 beautiful girls - Jessica, Mary Katherine, Maddie - and the rest of his family as well. ##imported-begin## Joe and Carol Lehning ##imported-end##

February 17 at 12:33 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in Peace my friend. It was a pleasure to work with you at Navy Federal. You made my life so much easier. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Tom's wife and children.##imported-begin##Ray Herbst##imported-end##

February 17 at 12:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

It is really hard to come to grips with the news of Sully's death. In my memories he will always remain that hard, committed, no-nonsense rugby player who invariably left everything in the field. Speaking as a referee, he was always a handful, and yet, I always looked forward to seeing him take the pitch with Washington. His enthusiasm was inspiring, and his smile always present at the end of the match.##imported-begin##Ed Sorensen##imported-end##

February 17 at 11:40 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jessica, I am so sorry to hear of the sudden, unexpected death of Tom, and I cannot imagine the depth of your sorrow. I wish I had words to comfort and sustain you in your grief. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Ann Marie Bethel##imported-end##

February 17 at 11:09 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege to work for Tom at TeleBank and E\*Trade. I've always admired his work ethic. He was tough, demanding but always fair. Although I haven't work for him in years, I always have fond memories of Tom. God Bless.##imported-begin##Tu Huynh##imported-end##

February 17 at 8:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege of working for Tom in the very early stages of my professional career. Though close to seven years have elapsed since il last worked with him, I still follow the examples & carry the lessons learned from him to this day. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.##imported-begin##Danny Zambito##imported-end##

February 17 at 7:30 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

It saddens me deeply to hear of Tom's passing. I had the privilege of working with Tom and can credit him for helping start my career. I will always recall the inspirational speech he gave to his employees after 911, and his constant passion for excellence. God Bless the Sullivans. Tom you will be missed.##imported-begin##Jason Pollick##imported-end##

February 17 at 6:20 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sad to have lost a man who enjoyed life to the fullest! We will always remember Tom and the fun he brought to our lives.##imported-begin##Leanne Shaltis Fallin##imported-end##

February 17 at 6:16 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Even as I write I am still in disbelief. Tom currently worked as my NCR Account Mgr. He was such a great guy to work with, always looking out for his customer's best interest. As I sit now and look back on all of our meetings one thing comes to mind ... how much he loved his daughters. As our conversations turned to our families, as it often did, what a huge smile would come over his face as he shared his stories about his girls. Mary & Maddy, always remember how much your Dad loved you and he will live on forever in your heart. My prayers are with you and your mom during this time of great sorrow for your family and for all of Tom's friends!##imported-begin##Virgie Hall##imported-end##

February 17 at 6:00 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My heart goes out to Tom and his family. I worked with Tom at E\*T Rade where he earned my respect and admiration. I am very sad to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Pete Kingree##imported-end##

February 17 at 5:48 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We were saddened and in shock of the sudden death of Tom. He was an individual who inspired and who was always there for family and friends. Our hearts go out to Jessica, Mary Katherine and Maddie and the rest of the Sullivan and White families in this very difficult time. Christopher, Cathy and Sara Willido not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush Of beautiful birds in circling flight. I am the starshine of the night. I am in the flowers that bloom, I am in a quiet room. I am in the birds that sing, I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there — I do not die by Mary Elizabeth Frye##imported-begin##The Willi Family##imported-end##

February 16 at 4:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked with Tom a long time ago, but I was just remembering him recently when I saw the movie 'Invictus'. I remember Monday mornings at the office where all of us would wait to see what new injury Tom would come in with after a weekend of rugby playing. He laughed and shrugged them all off. He was a tough guy with a heart of gold, and what I remember most distinctly is that we laughed a lot together at work -- what a gift! I was so saddened to hear this news. My deepest condolences to his family at this assuredly very difficult time. God bless.##imported-begin##Kathie Cormaci##imported-end##

February 16 at 2:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the family, may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Scott McHenry##imported-end##

February 16 at 12:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jessica, Mary Katherine & Maddie, You all are in our prayers - we are so very sorry for your loss and are here for you if you need anything....Chris, Maggie, Tyler & Christopher Frank##imported-begin##The Frank Family##imported-end##

February 16 at 11:40 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My heart goes out to Jessica and the girls during this time. While I didn't know Tom personally, I saw the glow Jessica had when she spoke about him and her family. It's clear that he was an amazing man and his greatest legacy is his family. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Jen Floran##imported-end##

February 16 at 9:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Tommy very briefly, yet I'm so very saddened by the news of his passing. I'm not sure that I can explain these feelings properly, let alone with any eloquence. I can, however, still easily see Tom's good looking face after all these years, flushing red in his cheeks, as he tended to do during games. "Tommy, watch out for the weak side play on your sideline;" he'd never make eye contact; just nod acknowledgement, his focus never wavering. After the play he'd ask later how he'd done; always respectful like that, always trying to please, always a teammate you could trust to take care of his responsibilities. Oh boy Tommy, were you funny! Your twinkling eyes warned us all that something crazy was happening soon, yet we were helpless to avoid your merry-making; drawn in by your sincerity and playfulness, all of us now complicit in the prank you instigated. Perhaps that was your plan all along Tom? Oh, I'm gonna miss you! My life is so much fuller and richer from having known you. I only knew you for a short time Tom so why is it I am so heartbroken? Respectfully, Steve (Baldini) Holderness - GMURFC##imported-begin##Steve Holderness##imported-end##

February 16 at 8:17 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My heart goes out to you Jessica and those beautiful girls during this difficult time. As a former neighbor, it was obvious to see how devoted he was to Mary Katherine and Mattie and such a loving husband to you, Jessica. He will be deeply missed and I hope after the days and months pass you find some comfort in all those special memories you shared as a family. All our Love.##imported-begin##Lisa Weber##imported-end##

February 16 at 6:41 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Sullivan family - I've know Tom's sister Beth for years and only knew Tom briefly, but know that a good soul has been taken too soon. Sending my deepest sympathies to all of you. -- Erin Hart##imported-begin##Erin Hart##imported-end##

February 16 at 6:26 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom was a wonderful neighbor, father, husband and friend. He will be missed by many. May his memory bring warm thoughts to his family and friends now and long into the future. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Lynn Petchenick##imported-end##

February 16 at 5:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom was such a great guy -- he will be missed. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom for about 20 years and he is someone I will always remember. Beyond being someone who was always a source of fun and great stories, beneath his often gruff exterior was a heart of gold.##imported-begin##David Lau##imported-end##

February 16 at 5:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear that Tom passed away. He was a great teammate and friend. I have too many fond memories to mention, but did want to say that Tom's dedication and hard work were inspirational to us all. I am sorry that I could not express my sympathy in person. Rob (WRFC 1984-1990, Captain 1987, 1988)##imported-begin##Rob Blackmore##imported-end##

February 16 at 4:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was a great classmate and friend years ago. He had a wonderful spirit that no doubt will continue to burn bright in the memories of those he touched in life. My thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Chuck Downham (Groveton Class of '77)##imported-end##

February 15 at 8:03 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Jessica, Mary Katharine & Mattie, Tom was a wonderful man. He will be deeply missed. Remember his smile and laughter and how much he loved you all. with love and prayers Jennifer Booker##imported-begin##Jennifer Booker##imported-end##

February 15 at 6:05 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a man! Always inspired! Haven't seen Tom in years and am very shocked at how sad I am. What a man!##imported-begin##Jeff Wishmyer##imported-end##

February 15 at 4:42 PM



Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Tribute Video**.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The text 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red, serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive font. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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