



## David Sullivan

September 27, 1948 - February 4, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

David Sullivan

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

David Sullivan, 75, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away February 4, 2024, at his home.

He was born September 27, 1948, to Homer and Agnes (Dempsey) Sullivan in Chicago, Illinois. He married Kathi (Morgan) Sullivan May 9, 1970.

In his younger years, Dave was a journeyman carpenter and a veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman. For most of his life, however, he worked as a professional salesman. He retired from Baker Plumbing and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, where he ran the SIU College Internship Program, and in 1997, was the top team within Northwestern Mutual Life. After his retirement, he served as a member of the Murphysboro Police Auxiliary. He loved serving the community and watching football and basketball games at Murphysboro High School. Dave especially

loved being a grandfather, his grandchildren were his pride and joy. His other passion was volunteering countless hours at Camp Ondessonk, where he worked as a camp counselor in the late 1960's and met the love of his life, Kathi. He later served on the Board of Directors and received an award as volunteer of the year. Dave took pride in being a member of the Murphysboro Elks and the American Legion, Post 127. He greatly enjoyed spending vacations on a warm beach, reading a book with a cold beer in hand.

Dave is survived by his wife, Kathi, his son and daughter-in-law, David and Joellen Sullivan of Anna, Illinois. His daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Steve Ridings of Murphysboro, Illinois. His grandson and wife, Noah and Kaitlyn Ridings of San Diego, California. His two granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Madelyn Sullivan of Anna, Illinois. He is also survived by two brothers, Chuck (Sandy) Sullivan, Tom (MaryBeth) Sullivan, and six sisters, Patt Sullivan, Ann (Marty) Skoglund, Jeanne Pruitt, Laurie Lesley, Dorothy (Michael) Raef, and Rita Sullivan.

Dave was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister, Eileen.

In accordance with Dave's wishes, there will be a celebration of life at the Murphysboro American Legion, on Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorials be made to Camp Ondessonk, in Ozark, Illinois, and/or the Murphysboro Police Department.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

American Legion  
Murphysboro, IL

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *My dear cousin David, my memories of life with you and your siblings bring joy to my life. You were definitely someone my brothers and I looked up to when growing up.*

*It was great to see you and Kathi a couple years back in Carbondale when we went to dinner and I saw your excitement of being with the police department.*

*Rest in Peace dear cousin, thanks for being in my life.*

*Bob "RJ" Pavelchik*

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**Robert Pavelchik** - February 14, 2024 at 05:33 PM

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*Robert, you are a treasure! Thank you for your kind words! ❤️*

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**Laurie Lesley** - February 28, 2024 at 11:10 PM

AS

“ I am Ann Stoll, David's first cousin. I remember little about David, as a child, since we were quite a few years apart in age. I enjoyed being with the 10 cousins, playing in their large yard and climbing trees. Aunt Agnes even had a pool pass for me, when I visited, which gave her 11 children in summer.

David was very proud of his service in the Navy. The Navy valued his carpentry skills for shipbuilding and therefore did not send him to Vietnam. He felt he followed in the footsteps of his Great Uncle Dave, his Great grandmother's cherished brother. Great Uncle Dave served on a ship that Einstein visited. When Einstein visited the ship, he spoke with Great Uncle Dave. Of course we don't know the extent of the conversation.

When Great Uncle Dave was 16 he tried to join the Navy. Our Great grandmother, his sister, saw him in the recruiting building and with help pulled him out through a window and would not let him join, at that young age. He did join when he was 18. David was very proud to follow in his Great uncle's footsteps and worked to learn all he could about great Uncle Dave's life. Unfortunately, none of the second cousins had kept any family history so we learned little more about his life.

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**Ann Stoll** - February 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ We knew Dave for only about 5-6 years, in this short period of time Dave always showed us positive views in this short life, he was always friendly and an outstanding person in all ways. When we learned that he had cancer he was never forgotten in our daily prayers. Dave will always be missed by many, he will always be in our lives. We were blessed to know Dave and we Thank Dave for being a part of our lives.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!**

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**David Carll** - February 10, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Pati Egan lit a candle in memory of David Sullivan*



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**Pati Egan** - February 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM

OR

“ *Old Rollers lit a candle in memory of David Sullivan*



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**Old Rome Rollers** - February 07, 2024 at 01:30 PM

KS

“ *What a great man he will be missed by all! Cathy to you and your family. I will continue to have you in my prayers during this journey you are a great family and with that by your side you have the world.* ❤️



**Kate Sarhage** - February 07, 2024 at 11:50 AM

SC

“ *Sue Danny Clancy lit a candle in memory of David Sullivan*



**Sue & Danny Clancy** - February 06, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Sullivan family. He was a great guy. We will miss his funny stories.*

**Sue & Danny Clancy** - February 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MA

*So sad to hear of David's passing. As our family of eight children lived next door to David's family of 10 children in Winfield, Illinois we had many escapades together....building forts, making tents out of old blankets (did David really 'accidentally' burn down our tent while playing with matches?) Such fun memories. He was a fun, wonderful skinny little kid who we all loved.*  
*Maureen (Ostler) Hall*

**Maureen** - February 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM

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*Oh my gosh, my favorite memories of Dave were him making forts out of cardboard boxes for us! He was the best! I could go on & on...❤️*

**Laurie Lesley** - February 28, 2024 at 11:07 PM