



Timothy "Tim" R. Tully

August 8, 1952 - March 31, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Timothy "Tim" R. Tully

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Timothy "Tim" R. Tully, 72, of Makanda, IL, passed away in the early morning hours of March 31, 2025 of a heart attack following a valiant 42-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

On August 8, 1952, at St. Mary's Hospital, Tim became the third child born to Elizabeth and Marion Tully in the Mississippi River city of Quincy, IL. He joined his older siblings brother Terry & sister Sue in completing their family.

Within walking distance of the river's banks, Tim's childhood was one straight from the pages of Mark Twain. His mischievous party of close friends on Adams Street was composed of the Morrison children who remained his most faithful friends the remainder of his life. No trip back home to Quincy would be

complete without a visit with one or more members of this very large, loving, & generous clan.

With his ever-increasing appetite for knowledge, Tim performed admirably throughout his educational endeavors, beginning at Quincy's St. Mary's School & graduating from Christian Brothers High School in Quincy in 1970, wherein he was the recipient of numerous academic recognitions.

Tim completed a Bachelor of Architectural Studies degree in at the University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign (UIUC). During this period he – along with a rowdy band of classmates - spent a year learning their craft in Versailles, France. So rambunctious were he & his fellow students they “streaked” in front of the Eiffel Tower. (There are pictures “out there” to prove it!) Tim often referred to his time aboard as “a defining year in his life”.

Academically minded, Tim earned a B.S. in Architectural Studies, a Master of Science in Education, a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, the title of Registered Architect, & the title of Registered Interior Designer ... all fields in which he had professionally contributed.

In 1985 Tim accepted an assistant instructor position within the Architectural Studies Program in the School of Technical Careers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (currently the Architecture & Related Services program). This led to numerous administrative & teaching positions, tenure, & a nearly 30-year career in the educational sector.

In the fall of 1985, Tim met Dave White during a new faculty mixer at the university. The pair struck up a personal friendship which led to a committed relationship for life. During Spring Break, the two eloped to Fort Madison, Iowa & were wed on March 17, 2010. Both painfully frugal, they celebrated with a drive-through dinner at Burger King.

In 1983 Tim had been diagnosed with early signs of Multiple Sclerosis, which continued to advance & plague him the rest of his life, resulting in increasing reliance on personal assistance, numerous medications, frequent doctor appointments & hospital stays, use of a motorized wheelchair for mobility, & retirement from the university. His spouse retired from teaching in 2011, becoming a full-time caregiver for his beloved husband. The effects & chronic pain resulting from MS contributed to his premature death.

Tim leaves behind his husband, Dave, brother Terry Tully, sister, Sue (Tully) Hufford, numerous nieces & nephews, great nieces & nephews, as well as those of his extended family through marriage, most notably brother-in-law, Michael White, & sisters-in-law, Mary White and Donna (White) McCann. He also leaves many dear friends; the closest of which was his cousin, Sandy Hartman with whom he communicated throughout his life. Their long late night phone calls were epic; leaving him felt loved & cherished ... albeit a bit sweetly fatigued. Tim will be profoundly missed by all who knew his kind heart, generous soul, wry sense of humor, quick wit, & brilliant mathematical mind. He gave us all far, far more than he received.

Tim has been cremated as per his wishes. His ashes will remain with his husband as till the time of Dave's death. Upon Dave's cremation each his & Tim's ashes will be buried side by side in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Quincy, Illinois. Tim had requested no formal memorial service.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ It's one year today since you passed, and I miss you more than ever. Not a second goes by that you are absent from my heart and soul and my life. So looking forward to seeing you again in the great cosmic beyond. - Dave

Dave White - March 31 at 08:41 AM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:26 AM

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Tim & Dave enjoyed taking trips to Quincy to visit friends and deliver holiday cookies they made. Pictured are Al and Cindy (Morrison) Brink.

Dave White - October 05, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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Tim was a frequent visitor to the Carbondale/Murdale Farmers Market. His favorite time to visit was during the cool fall mornings. (2006)

Dave White - June 27, 2025 at 11:16 PM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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Tim upon returning home from another grueling multi-day stay in the hospital. He arrived home to a "smile faced" flower-filled mug from good friends Ed & Nadine W.

Dave White - October 05, 2025 at 09:44 PM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:24 AM

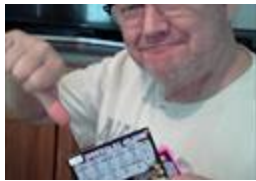
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Tim with his mom (Betty) packing Halloween sugar cookies to be delivered to friends in Quincy, IL. Tim rolled the dough & applied sprinkles to the cookies. Dave decorated the cookies with icings. Betty kept the operation in line! (2004)

Dave White - October 05, 2025 at 09:50 PM

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David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:23 AM

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No birthday celebration was complete without the scratch-off lotto cards Tim received from his Quincy friend Pam Rein.

Dave White - June 27, 2025 at 11:11 PM

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Construction of their house in Makanda IL. Designed handicap accessible by Tim - Tim & Dave (2000)

David White - May 01, 2025 at 10:19 AM

ST

“ Tim and I are cousins, but I hadn't seen him for many, many years. We did communicate via email and mostly he gave me information about our ancestors. I certainly wish we could have been visiting in person, but life happens. I will always cherish our phone calls and emails and think about all the things we both loved to talk about. Those things will be a great memory for me. His Our West cousin Sharon.

Sharon L Trujillo - April 27, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ From the time I heard the sad news of Tim’s passing, I’ve been thinking of how best to share my feelings. But it is time “to put pen to paper” and recall fond memories.

As cousins we spent lots of time together as kids and despite the 5 year age gap, we always had fun, usually at 508. He was also a special nephew to my Mom and the pictures I have of the two of them are especially sweet.

I also recall the assistance he provided our son Chris when Chris enrolled in SIU. His recommendations and advice were invaluable. As parents with our first child going off to college, we much appreciated Tim’s help.

In recent years Tim and I engaged in lengthy phone conversations that touched on a variety of topics with ancestry being the number one discussion. His recall of dates, relatives, relationships never ceased to amaze me. What fun chats we had!

In attempting to find solace, I am comforted knowing Tim is no longer suffering. I know he now is surrounded by family and they are rejoicing in being together.

May our memories provide comfort and may he have eternal rest.
Sandy Hartman

Sandy Hartman - April 16, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CM

“ Our families were deeply saddened by the news of our Uncle Tim's passing he was a generous, kind, and loving man. He unfortunately knew suffering better than most but never complained. He carried his cross with grace. Forever a family man he always expressed the importance of family and knowing where you came from, always to remember loved ones before you and their stories. You felt this importance any time you would speak to him, he would ask questions and listen. He truly cared to hear about your news and daily life. It's ironic the season God chose to call Uncle Tim home since none of us can really think of Easter without thinking of him. We have always looked at Easter with such happy memories of Quincy and our Uncle Tim. He would generously fill the Easter eggs with coins and hide them throughout our Grandmother's yard. The excitement and joy that brought to us as children has never been forgotten and always appreciated, even more as we have become parents ourselves, as this is a tradition we continue because of him. We will deeply miss our Uncle Tim but forever grateful for the memories and the stories he has left with us to be told to our future generations.

- Matthew, Allison, Catherine, Melissa and families



Catherine Moreno - April 13, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JR

“ I remember when I first met Tim. It was 1988 and I was new at SIU working part-time. With his help, it turned into full-time. He was always friendly, good natured and caring. Dave, Tim and I worked together and became good friends. Tim will be missed in so many ways.

Judy Ridings - April 12, 2025 at 10:42 AM

DS

“ Thank you my dear remarkable Tim for choosing me with whom to share your earthly life. I look so forward to the time when we are united when I, too, become part of the universe. I love you.



Dave White, spouse - April 11, 2025 at 09:58 AM

TT

“ *The passing of my only brother, Tim, has left a painful void in my life. Not only was he a caring loving brother to me, the generosity, guidance and help he provided my son, Scott, and grandson, Dylan, when they attended SIU was invaluable and will always be remembered,*

Whenever he and I exchanged phone calls, our conversations often gravitated to memories about our childhood and growing up on Adams St in Quincy, IL. Those were the days!

Family was paramount to Tim and he was very proud of his ancestry and heritage. Genealogy was a major interest of his and he even researched my wife's, Toni, family history for her.

While writing the preceding thoughts it occurred to me that the older Tim and I got the closer we became. The patience and endurance Tim exhibited during his long struggle with MS was an inspiration to me, my family, and all who knew him. It did not dampen his enthusiasm for life or the people he loved.

I found it difficult to summarize his lifetime in a few sentences and it is my hope I did Tim justice. He will be missed

Terry Tully

Terry Tully - April 10, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CB

“ Tim has always been a part of my life. As a child he was like an older sibling and I am sure I was an annoying neighborhood child who was “adopted “ into the Tully family. That being said I spent almost as much time at their house as I did my own. Adams street that we grew up on was a hub of activity with upwards of 35 kids in just one block. I loved Tim’s first car a powder blue Volkswagen bug. When Tim moved from Quincy to Southern Illinois we actually became closer one I was now older and two he always made an effort to stay connected to what was happening in Quincy and with my family. He and Dave opened up their home on more than one occasion to my young family. Our children attended a Catholic summer camp in the area and they would invite us to stay or provide a quick meal while passing through. During these visits he would provide a fantastic spread of food he loved to cook and bake. Another memory, he and Dave would take the time and follow in his mother’s foot steps and make the most wonderful decorated sugar cookies. He would send them to us to share and enjoy each holiday season. This was long before anyone else was in the business of baking these amazing treats.

All though we didn’t talk often sometimes it would be several months between calls. I always knew we would connect again. It’s hard to imagine that when we spoke last which I think was in February that would be my last conversation with him. Please know you will be missed and never forgotten.

Cindy Brink - April 10, 2025 at 09:50 AM