



James Francis "Frank" Sullivan

August 19, 1942 - December 7, 2020

James Francis "Frank" Sullivan, age 78 formerly of Humboldt, IL passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020, at Veterans Community Living Center in Rifle, CO.

A graveside service in his honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, June 25, 2021 at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Military Rites will be conducted by VFW Post 4325 and Marine Corp Funeral Honors. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services. If you would like to visit with family members, a Celebration of Life will be held from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Avenue, Mattoon, IL.

Frank was born on August 19, 1942, in Terre Haute, Indiana to the late Charles and Mary (Holmes) Sullivan. He is survived by his loving wife of thirty-seven years, Carol; two sons, Scott England-Sullivan and wife Marla, Greg Sullivan and wife Susanne; one daughter, Rachel Kendzior and husband John; one stepdaughter, Kristi Redlinger and husband Edward; twelve grandchildren, Catherine, Christian, Caitlyn, Caelen, Macy, Caden, Sadie, Steven, Spencer, Kai, Chase and Lucy, and 5 great-grandchildren that he sadly did not know due to Alzheimer's; three brothers, Tim Sullivan and wife Rebecca, Mike Sullivan and wife Linda, Dan Sullivan and wife Priscilla; three sisters, Mary Alice Ames, Jody Sniff and husband Don, Anna Cook and

husband Gary, sisters-in-law, Dixie Parks and husband Larry, Paris Walker and partner Darrin Collins; one brother-in-law Charlie Walker and partner Kathy Boswell. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pat and John L. Sullivan, two brothers-in-law Roger Ames and Don Hammon; one sister-in-law Becky Sullivan. His beloved dogs Merfi and Apollo were the light in his Alzheimer's journey.

Frank was raised on a farm east of Humboldt; graduated from Mattoon High School in 1960 and Indiana State University with a bachelor's degree in Economics.

Frank served during the Vietnam era as a Fighter Pilot Instructor with the US Marine Corp, training other pilots "dog fighting" skills. Later in life, his gift of never knowing a stranger served him well in his work of selling/leasing large cranes throughout the Southeast part of the United States.

Frank's family expresses its deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff who lovingly cared for and about Frank during his long battle with Alzheimer's. They are true American Heroes who risked their lives and their families' lives during the COVID pandemic to care for America's Military Heroes.

In Frank's honor, the family requests that you volunteer your time or donate to your local community charities, organizations, and churches of your choice.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **25**, 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *James Francis "Frank" Sullivan*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Sullivan family.
I grew up on a farm 2 miles from the Sullivans.
Road the school bus to Humboldt with Pat, Frank, Tim, and Mike.
Stayed all night, played football in their front yard on some Sunday
afternoons and drove Frank's car (while under age) in the big city of
Mattoon after basketball games.
Sorry to see him go, especially the way it happened.
Frank, thanks for your service to the country and being a good
neighbor.
RIP
Mike Handley*

Mike Handley - June 22, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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“ Rick G. Whitley. Special agent Counterintelligence/ retired
2 hours ago
Rick Whitley

I knew Frank through my brother Brad which was the same age and in the same class as Frank. He was a lot of fun to be around and I had a lot of good times with him and my brother Brad who has already passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss and I'd like to thank him and his family for his service during the Vietnam war. I Was only two years behind my brother Brad and Frank from graduating from school. I also went to Indiana State University and then after I graduated joined the U S Army because the war was going on. Again I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Frank's family and for their loss I know how special a person he was.

Rick G. Whitley. Special agent Counterin - June 21, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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“ Frank was a dear friend to me and others at Mattoon High School. I often worked for him or his dad during those years and learned from every experience I had on the Sullivan Farm. I got to know all members of his loving family, and I cherish many fond memories of them.
I extend my deepest sympathies to Carol, Frank's children, brothers, sisters and the entire family. I am grateful for the loving care that Carol arranged for Frank during his final years. Frank was a fine man, and he will be missed.

Henry A. Weaver - June 21, 2021 at 04:22 PM

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Rick G. Whitley. Special agent Counterin - June 21, 2021 at 04:58 PM

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“*Frank was my 2nd cousin although I hadn't seen him since I was young. Prayers for our family dur8ng this dad time. May he rest in peace.*”



Amy Lewis Crump - June 17, 2021 at 07:40 PM