



Martin "Marty" F. Sullivan

October 1, 1942 - February 9, 2023

Martin ("Marty") Ford Sullivan, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend passed away peacefully on February 9 at age 80. Marty was first and foremost a man who valued God and family above all else. Adored by his immediate and extended family, Marty was defined as a true patriarch, a generous and loving man with an exceptional Irish wit.

He was born in Mattoon, Illinois on October 1, 1942, to Robert and Theresa Sullivan. Shortly thereafter, the young family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where Marty and his younger brother, Robert, Jr. spent their childhoods building lifelong memories fishing, hunting, and playing golf. Marty followed in his father's footsteps and attended the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1964 and further cemented his fanaticism for Fighting Irish football.

It was during those formative years when Marty was introduced to the love of his life, Loretta. They were married on January 22, 1966, and the two set out to start their new lives together, eventually landing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Over the next ten years, Marty and Loretta would bring seven children into the world. As a husband, Marty's love for Loretta was unwavering and organic, growing stronger as they aged together. A man known to be steadfast in his convictions, Loretta's happiness and well-being trumped all things.

As a father, Marty had the incredible gift of being able to manage his career and cultivate special memories with each and all of his children. Family trips, especially to Holland, Michigan, were chaotic and amazing. He was a stern disciplinarian and compassionate counselor at the same time. He was firm but soft. His deep love for his children and sensitivity to their needs was ever-present.

Marty and Loretta eventually moved across the state to Naples, Florida, where he spent the remainder of his life. He continued to make memories with his children and grandchildren, regardless of where they were geographically located. Never one to seek accolades, Marty was quietly generous and charitable with both his time and resources. A faith-filled man, he found great peace in helping others – staying true to his core values of God and family first to the very end.

Marty is survived by his loving wife, Loretta, and their extensive family: Joseph and Susan Sullivan, Marty, Jr. and Jodi Sullivan, Kevin and Alison Sullivan, Theresa (Trudy) and Craig Norton, Sean and Barb Sullivan, Bridget Sullivan, and Daniel and Katie Sullivan; his grandchildren: Mary Pat Norton, Joseph Norton, Loretta Van Dzura, Hannah Sullivan, Maggie Sullivan, Paddy Sullivan, Marty Sullivan, III, Molly Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Jr., William Sullivan, Emily Sullivan, and Annie Sullivan; his great-granddaughter: Trudy B Van Dzura.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Marty's life will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL 34108.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Naples, Florida, in honor of Martin F. Sullivan.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Martin "Marty" F. Sullivan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Marty will be deeply missed as friend and golf partner!! We had many good times on the course golfing and smoking our cigars!*

John Halula - February 17, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *Dan and Katie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Phil & Brigid Hugh*

Phil Hugh - February 15, 2023 at 06:55 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" F. Sullivan.*



February 14, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy Tom & Judy Brewer*

TOM BREWER - February 14, 2023 at 08:41 AM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Sullivan family. What a beautiful tribute for such an amazing man. God bless all of you. 🙏
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John & Susan Rossi. - February 14, 2023 at 08:34 AM

BP

“ Dear Danny, Katie, Emily & Annie,
We are so sorry to hear of your terrible loss. May God bless you all & all of your wonderful family as well. Y'all are in our prayers.
With love,
Wayne (ND '68) & Bridget Phillips

Bridget Phillips - February 13, 2023 at 12:35 PM

LP

“ Love Russ & Flavia Phillips purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin "Marty" F. Sullivan.



Love Russ & Flavia Phillips - February 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BF

“ Bizzarro Family lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" Sullivan



Bizzarro Family - February 12, 2023 at 07:50 PM

RF

“ Loretta,

I am so sorry to hear of Marty's passing. You and all of the family are in my thoughts and prayers. An Irish proverb says: The old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

*Blessings,
Roe*

Rosemary Forczek - February 12, 2023 at 02:34 PM

MZ

“ To the Sullivan "clan"

So sorry for your loss, and the loss of a great friend to all, Miss his golf, advise, friendship, and sharing wings and Coors Lights at Jacks.

Mike and Pat Zewalk

Mike and Pat Zewalk - February 12, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KP

“ Karen Pytleski lit a candle in memory of
Martin "Marty" Sullivan



Karen Pytleski - February 12, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" F. Sullivan.*



February 12, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Loretta, My love and prayers to you and your lovely family. Marty was a true treasure. I'll never forget our visit to Holland, Michigan. Of course, we girls couldn't stop talking. Marty kept us we'll fed and the wine flowing. He was a gracious host. His memory will live forever.*

Barb Carrier

Barbara Carrier - February 12, 2023 at 09:06 AM



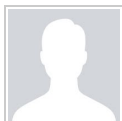
He was a very special man with so many talents. I am so glad that we had some great memories of visiting their home in Michigan. Prayers to the family in the days ahead. Blessings to his memory.

Karen Pytleski - February 12, 2023 at 11:51 AM



Sullivan Family. Prayers and thoughts are with you always

Dominick Bzzarro - February 12, 2023 at 07:53 PM



May he Rest In Peace.

Dominick Bzzarro - February 12, 2023 at 07:55 PM



Katie, so very sorry to hear about Danny and your loss.

Ron and Paula Mulcahy - February 14, 2023 at 12:04 PM