



John Robert Sullivan

November 25, 1948 - July 26, 2021

John Sullivan, born November 25th, 1948 and raised in Oxford, passed away on July 26, 2021 peacefully surrounded by family and friends. A beloved community servant by virtue of being a Vietnam Era Veteran, Maryland State Police Officer and Sgt. Flight Paramedic, former president and lifetime member of Trappe Vol. Fire Dept., along with being a current member of Oxford Fire Company. Influencing others to aspire more and push boundaries in every field.

John is survived by his loving wife Ruth Sullivan of almost 50 years, his son R. Carter Sullivan (Kevan), two grandchildren Meghan Wheatley (Devin), Mason Sullivan, and Meghan's children Greyson and Audrey Wheatley, cherished sister Elizabeth Ragsdale (Hoyle), respected brother William Sullivan (Jane) and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Predeceased by parents Ira Clifton Sullivan and Lucy Cecelia Haddaway Sullivan Smith.

Following graduation from Easton High School in 1966, John pursued computer education at International Academy in Brentwood MD. After completing his course of education, he went on to serve in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1972. In 1974 John decided to join the Maryland State Police to better serve the immediate community. While in the Maryland State Police, he joined the Aviation Command as a Flight Paramedic and served until his retirement in 1992. John continued to teach at Calhoon MEBA Engineering school from 1993 to 2014. During his tenure John found his love for teaching and evaluating at Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, which lasted until 2020.

While working John also deeply enjoyed volunteering at both Trappe Vol. Fire. Dept. and Oxford Fire Co.

Away from work John was an avid traveler, known to be the personal travel agent for family and friends. John made it his mission to create many memories for anyone who traveled along with him. During retirement John and Ruth decided to cruise the world. At the time of his death he was an accomplished cruiser with over 60 cruises under his belt.

He instilled a love for traveling in his family that will last a lifetime. Until we can travel together again. Bon voyage!

A fireman's funeral, with Maryland State Police Honors for John will be held on Saturday, July 31st, 2021, at Oxford Fire Company, Oxford, MD beginning at 11am. Family will receive guests from 10am until the time of the service. Burial with military honors will follow at Oxford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in honor of John to Talbot Community Connections, Talbot Hospice, or The Oxford Fire Company.

Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD,

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Oxford Volunteer Fire Department
Oxford, MD, US

JUL **Service** 11:00AM

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Oxford Volunteer Fire Department
Oxford, MD, US

JUL **Burial** 12:00PM

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Oxford Cemetery
Oxford, MD, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ John was my EMT instructor and a couple refresher class instructor. He knew some of my family that lived in Trappe and shared some stories. I'm sorry for your loss. , but what a blessing John was to the world. Memories are precious and sparkle when shared.

Shelly Gray - August 03, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Mr. Sullivan taught and mentored me though my time at MFRI. I will never forget his patience, his commitment, and his impact on my life. Thank you for all you gave to our community. May you rest in peace.

Julie Kinsley - August 18, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ Ruth, my deepest sympathy for your families loss. I remember John from working at the Maryland State Police barracks in Easton years ago. I use to help him with car accident reports. He was a very detailed person and was always a gentleman.

Connie Lewis - August 01, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Ruth and Family;
I am so saddened to hear of John's passing. I hope that your memories of good family times helps you through this sorrow. Vaya Con Dios to a remarkable man.



Dorothy Bradford Samonisky - July 31, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Beverley P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Robert Sullivan.



Beverley P. - July 31, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ Bobbi Burr lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Bobbi Burr - July 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr - July 30, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ Jean S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Robert Sullivan.



Jean S. - July 29, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Ruth, Beth, Billy and family, My sincere condolences. I will cherish the memories of the Sullivan family reunion at Myrtle Beach also the many trips with mom and dad (Gloria & John Sullivan) to Oxford Maryland when I was a young girl.
Jean Sullivan



Jean Sullivan - July 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ Melinda Simpkins lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Melinda Simpkins - July 29, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Jane Smith Will lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Jane Smith Will - July 29, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ My sympathy to Ruth, Carter and family.

Jane Smith Will - July 29, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers



Christine - July 29, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers for the Sullivan family are for strength and peace to endure this very difficult time in your lives. So sorry to see another Oxford Boy leave us.



Mary Ann (Smith) Hicks - July 29, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ Mary Wilson lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Mary Wilson - July 29, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ John and I worked together for many years as EMS instructors for MFRI and as EMT evaluators for MIEMSS. We also traveled to Malaysia to teach an EMT course to senior fire officers of Bomba Dan Penyelamat, the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department. John was absolutely adamant that EMT students receive the best education and that only the best became EMTs serving the citizens of Maryland. I salute John for his dedicated service.

Jack Hulet

Jack Hulet - July 29, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Doug Pierson - July 29, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ Janine M. Benefiel lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Janine M. Benefiel - July 29, 2021 at 06:09 AM



“ John was a great coworker, He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Ruth and all his family.

Mark New

Mark New - July 29, 2021 at 06:04 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with John's family and many friends.



Phil Foster - July 29, 2021 at 01:04 AM



“ June Shortall lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



June Shortall - July 29, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ William and Jane I am saddened by your loss Oxford is truly losing its best people, and I have fond memories of you two and I remember grand mom Elizabeth Bringman speaking highly of John and all of your family, take care June

June - July 29, 2021 at 12:19 AM



“ Luke And Sandy Outten lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Luke and Sandy Outten - July 28, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ John was a good man and friend I knew John for a long time was in the fire company with him for several years he will be truly missed rest in piece my friend.

Luke and Sandy Outten - July 28, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ The Wheatley family is thinking of you with thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.



Terry and Ricky Wheatley - July 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ Dear Ruth, Beth, Bill and family members,
My childhood in Oxford -centered activities always included being with the Sullivan kids. What great memories I have of John at The Oxford Methodist Church. We were always together in MYF and then I also had the great fortune of graduating with John in the EHS Class of 1966. The famous Oxford Boys and Girls was another opportunity to enjoy his company.
I'm sorry that I will be out of town for the service, but my heart will be holding the family close during this incredibly sad time. Much love to you. Debbie Newnam Kudner

Debbie Newnam Kudner - July 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Dear Ruth, I am so very sorry to hear about John's passing. Hugs to you. I am here for you if you want to talk. Love, Jacque

Jacqueline Smith - July 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Dear Ruth

Ed and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was so much a part of our (and especially my) lives for so many years. He was my computer consultant when MIEMSS went to computerized testing, and (sometimes), my protector from irate students who took failing as a personal insult. And, of course, traveling to and from exams with him, the stays I had at the Sullivan B&B, There is so much we will miss about John. God bless him (and you).

Leona and Ed

Leona Rowe - July 28, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ John has contributed in so many ways to our community and he will be missed. Ruth, you and your family are in our prayers. We will miss his wry sense of humor, playing dominoes, and just hanging out. Love you. Amy & Eric Steward

Amy Steward - July 28, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ John was not only a "coworker" to those of us who worked with him doing state EMS testing, he quickly became a true friend. His wisdom and sense of humor will be missed. Charlene and I send our deepest condolences to Ruth and the rest of his family in this time of mourning. God rest his soul.

Peter Fiackos - July 28, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ John was a dedicated member of our MIEMSS family and he will be missed by all. Our love and prayers are with you.



Terrell Buckson - July 28, 2021 at 07:50 AM



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Terrell Buckson - July 28, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ Dear Ruth and Family,
May you feel the prayers and hugs from all of us who love you. What a legacy of greatness and service he leaves. I love you Ruth.
Pam Kunz Gabriel



Pam Gabriel - July 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Connie Harris Sypniewski - July 27, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ Marlene Knotts lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



marlene knotts - July 27, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Ruth Ann Jones lit a candle in memory of John Robert Sullivan



Ruth Ann Jones - July 27, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Ruth
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Huge hugs to you. I am here for you when ready to talk.
Love , Ruth Ann Jones

Ruth Ann Jones - July 27, 2021 at 06:29 PM