



Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr.

December 28, 1946 - March 18, 2024

Edwin Roy Sullivan, Jr., 77, of Frederick, Maryland, passed away on March 18, 2024, at Frederick Health. Born on December 28, 1946, in Trappe, Maryland, he was the son of the late Edwin Roy Sullivan, Sr., and Gladys Ruby Flint Sullivan. Ed, affectionately known as "Butch," spent his formative years on the Eastern Shore of Maryland until the late 1950s, after which his family relocated to Wilmington, Delaware.

Ed attended John Dickinson High School and upon graduating in 1964, briefly attended The University of Alabama before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1967. He served with pride and dedication until his retirement in 2006 achieving the rank of Master Sergeant E7, Flight Examiner Loadmaster on C-130 and C-5 cargo planes. During his career, he served in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Just Cause and Bosnia conflicts. Throughout his distinguished 39-year military career, Ed's assignments took him to over 125 countries, fostering his deep appreciation for travel and cultural exchange. He delighted in regaling others with anecdotes from his extensive experiences.

In pursuit of knowledge, Ed pursued further education, graduating from Gaston College in Gastonia, North Carolina, in 1978. A voracious reader, his extensive collection of books and periodicals reflected his diverse interests. Music was another passion of his, with a broad spectrum of artists, including Pat Metheny, Mannheim Steamroller, and Led Zeppelin, filling his home with

melodies.

Ed's enthusiasm for automobiles, particularly Corvettes and high-performance vehicles, led to a cherished hobby of collecting model cars. His collection stood as a testament to his lifelong fascination with automotive engineering.

Despite his global adventures, Ed retained a deep connection to his roots in Trappe, Maryland. He cherished the memories of his early years, often engaging in community activities such as playing Jarts, hosting cookouts, churning homemade ice cream, and crabbing for Blue Crabs. It was in these simple pleasures that he found his true sense of belonging.

Edwin Roy Sullivan, Jr., is survived by his daughters, Amy Sullivan of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jill Weaver of Raleigh, North Carolina, along with her spouse, Eric Weaver. He is preceded in death by his wife Lois Benjamin.

In remembrance of Ed's life, his family requests that any memorial contributions be made to Operation: Coming Home a 501-c3 non-profit organization. This is a joint volunteer project by the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County and the United States Veterans Corps. The project builds and donates homes for combat injured troops and families of fallen troops. Checks payable to Operation: Coming Home can be mailed to Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County, 5580 Centerview Drive, Suite 115, Raleigh, NC 27606. Attention: Allison Banegas. Contact Allison with any questions at abanegas@hbawake.com.

A memorial service will be held for family and close friends to celebrate Ed's life and honor his memory on Monday, March 25th, 2024, at 11:00AM at Trappe United Methodist Church located at 29421 E. Maple Avenue, Trappe, MD. A graveside ceremony to follow at Oxford Cemetery located in Oxford, MD. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church
29421 Maple Avenue
Trappe, MD 21673

Graveside Service

MAR 25 (ET)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Although I only got to know Ed for the past 10 years, I feel like it was much longer. I will deeply miss our long conversations of modeling, motorsports past and present, and airforce stories. Ed and I had so much in common that I feel like we were meant to be friends from the moment that we met at a model show all those years ago. It was an absolute pleasure building many model kits for Ed exactly the way that he had envisioned and to see his smile light up the room upon revealing them to him. Rest in peace my friend, I will never forget you.



Devin Williams - March 23, 2024 at 11:48 PM

TF

“ The Rojas Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr..



The Rojas Family - March 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

TF

“ The Rojas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr..

The Rojas Family - March 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

CH

“ *New Ed for years. Loved to collect model cars, and we did a lot of business together,,,Will be missed,,,,Thanks for all the good times we shared. Hopefully I will be able to meet his daughters. Craig L. Holler.*

Craig Holler - March 22, 2024 at 10:07 AM

BM

I was sorry to hear! We served together at Langley AFB , Virginia 58 years ago! I got sent to Southeast Asia and lost contact with him but we got together on Facebook! Will miss being in contact with him!

Bob Morggan - May 18, 2024 at 10:45 AM

FA

“ *From the 709th AS purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr..*



From the 709th AS - March 21, 2024 at 01:51 PM

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DL

“ Deborah Langrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr.



Deborah Langrell - March 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM

PY

“ Sully, I also liked flying with you. You treated everyone you flew with fairly on check rides. I also liked when we would be riding in the troop compartment going into Theran, you'd be cutting out photos to show the pallet pushers when they slowed down. You were a good man, and you will certainly be missed. Tell God to wait and see who's following behind you.



Paul Yannucci - March 19, 2024 at 10:12 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. I graduated from Dickinson with Ed. Have enjoyed his Facebook posts with the beautiful flowers. Haven't seen him in quite a few years. Didn't know he was ill.

Dianne Reece - March 19, 2024 at 09:55 PM

HR

“ Without a doubt Sully was one of my favorite people in the squadron! A joy to work with and fun to hang out with. Sully always had a great sense of humor! We had lots of inside jokes. He will be truly missed. What a great friend to so many people, myself included. 😭

Hans Reigle - March 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

TD

“ Sully was a jolly man and a joy to fly with. He was definitely a connoisseur of good food when traveling to foreign destinations. I'll miss my conversations with him. This was kind of a shock because he was on Facebook quite regularly. Rest in peace old friend! See you at the big reunion in the future.

Tom Dzwonkus - March 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DR

“ Debi Roth-Bowles lit a candle in memory of Edwin Roy Sullivan Jr.



Debi Roth-Bowles - March 19, 2024 at 06:41 PM

SB

“ One of the best friends we ever had. Missing him, won't cover it.

Sandy & Jimmy Boyle - March 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CM

It was always great flying with you! We've accumulated a lot of fond memories. You will be greatly missed dear friend. May you rest in peace.

Charles McClain - March 19, 2024 at 06:08 PM