



## William "Bill" C. Sullivan

March 26, 1946 - July 6, 2023

Easton resident William C. Sullivan, 77, passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at home with his wife by his side and their supportive Mary Ann.

He was born and raised in Oxford, MD, graduating from Easton High School in 1964. He was the son of the late Ira Clifton Sullivan and Lucy Cecilia Haddaway Sullivan. In 1965, he entered the US Marine Corps with the encouragement of his childhood friend, Geoff Wright. He served two tours in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1969 as a Sergeant E-5. He served proudly in the marines and practiced a love of patriotism throughout his life.

After his discharge from the marines, he attended the Maryland State Police Academy and joined the Maryland State Police from 1969-1990, starting as a road trooper. He trained and was a member of the SWAT Team (Special MD Tactical Assault Team) and was active in over 100 team operations in his eight years. From 1981 to 1990, he was an accident investigation/re-constructionist for the MD State Police, participating in many court cases. After retirement, he worked as a Bailiff for the District Court of MD in Caroline County for eight years and so enjoyed his time there.

Billy was a student of martial arts (Order of Isshinryu) for over 39 years, studying under Master Barry Smith, ninth degree black belt, and later Master Toby Cooling. He started his own school in 1992, with his first students, Mike

Magill, Jo Bramble, and Tom Phillips. Due to illness, he turned his school over to three of his senior black belts. He continued his teaching the past four years with Don Spiker, who faithfully came to the house to practice their craft twice a week, regardless of their health. Years of study, comradery, and love hold these men and women together with lifelong bonds.

Billy is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Jane, whom he married after she graduated from nursing school. Jane notes that, "I have become an expert at wrapping bandages, doing suture care, and providing emotional support for my warrior. He is the love of my life, and I will be waiting until we are together again."

Billy is survived by his loving daughter, Stephanie & Jason Hunter (son-in-law); favorite grandson, William B. Hunter; sister, Beth Ragsdale (Hoyle); Brenda Pleasanton & Steve Sampson and family; several cousins, nieces, and nephews; Carter (Kevan), Mason & Monica, Meghan (Devin), Tanner, Sydney Ragsdale; and close friends, Mike Magill (Diane, Kelley & Gary), Zane Fanning & Chase Adams, Mary Ann Hicks (Claude Marine). Billy and Jane also appreciated all their friends at St. Mark's Village who supported them through hard times with their thoughts and kind words (and Alice's baked beans).

The couple spent 12 years vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC, where they enjoyed golf, the ocean, and what became a second family there, including Danny & Brenda, Connie & David (Mom), and Barry & Sandy. Their visits and memories always brought a smile to the couple's faces. They also counted themselves very fortunate to enjoy cruising with their own private travel agents, John and Ruth. We grieve the loss of John but have a lifetime of memories of all those adventurous cruises. Another special friend was John Tritapoe, Billy's brother at heart. Over the years, John visited frequently, re-living old times, a true gift to both Billy and Jane. When friend Phil Smith

passed, Billy supported his grandson Zane's interests and education at Phil's request. Zane was a big part of Billy's life, and he was especially helpful during Billy's illnesses.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents (Clifton & Cecilia) and brother, John Sullivan.

His funeral service will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, 11 a.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD 21601. Burial will be held at Oxford Cemetery.

In remembrance of Billy, memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>) and/or any animal rescue of choice to honor Billy's love for all his dogs through the years.

Billy was a true patriot in all respects—serving his country in the Marines, his work with the Maryland State Police, and in his local community.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

## Burial

JUL 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Cemetery  
Oxford Cemetery Rd  
Oxford, MD 21654

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 17, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *William "Bill" C. Sullivan*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dear Jane, I just saw this, don't even know how, and wanted to say hello and how sad I am for you and your family and friends. Do you remember "the mix up" on one of our ski trips??? Still makes me smile 😊. Hug from Judy McDonald*

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**Judith McDonald** - July 25, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *It was an honor to know Bill. We were like brothers for 40+ years. He was my mentor in Martial Arts and life. I have never had a better friend. I know Bill as my friend and a Patriot. I will never forget him and i am so grateful To have known him. I will never forget him.*

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**DNny Cross** - July 25, 2023 at 06:27 PM

JS

“ June Bringman Shortall lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan



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**June Bringman Shortall** - July 18, 2023 at 03:43 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Marti Salvador** - July 16, 2023 at 07:25 PM

MS

*This picture was taken in April 2010. We were visiting Oxford and having lunch on The Strand. I think it's a great picture of Bill. He's so serious in most pictures. I have wonderful family memories of you Bill, and will miss you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jane and family. Marti and John Salvador*

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**Marti Salvador** - July 16, 2023 at 07:30 PM

BP

“ Rest in peace Billy. I have many fond memories of family times together. You and I were born on the same day and I believe you were named after my Dad, your Uncle Bill Sullivan!

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**Beverley Petty** - July 16, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan*



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**Diane** - July 15, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan*



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**Phil Foster** - July 15, 2023 at 04:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Sullivan.*



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July 14, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SS

“ *Billy’s accomplishments are many. He is so respected for his service to the military, the police, his community and his multiple interests that he so willingly shared. He is my cousin, just a few months younger than I am, and I will miss him for his devotion to family, and for that soft spot that he didn’t always show. I always felt welcome and happy when I was in his company. He will be missed by so many of us. Jane, you and Billy demonstrated to us how beautiful love and devotion can be. My love and sympathy go out to all of us, his family, friends and acquaintances, who have lost a wonderful man.*

Sheila Smith - July 14, 2023 at 03:12 PM

SS

*I knew Bill during thr years he served as a bailiff with the District Court. He was an exceptional bailiff and I always felt safe on his watch. He was a bit of a history buff, I loved hearing the MSP stories he and Joe Little would share. He loved his family and Jane was so dear to him. I'm sorry I was unable to attend the service but I will always hold fond memories of him. Prayers to Jane and his family.*

Sherrill Williams Scott - July 19, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Sullivan.*



July 13, 2023 at 06:44 PM

SH

“ My mom and dad are the best, couldn't have asked for anything better. I love their ski trips, karate family, marine family, and state trooper family, scuba diving, vacations and lessons to my son, Will ❤️. May you rest in peace! Keep watch over all your family and friends up there ❤️ love you!!!!!!



Stephanie Hunter - July 12, 2023 at 09:36 PM

LM

We are so very sorry for your loss, Stephanie. We love you. Mrs. Sullivan, please know we are thinking of you during this difficult time. ❤️ The Michelsen's

Lisa Michelsen - July 12, 2023 at 10:35 PM

MB

“ Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan



Mary Baker - July 12, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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“ TFC Thomas Knox (Retired) lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan



TFC Thomas Knox (Retired) - July 12, 2023 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ Jo B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" C. Sullivan.

Jo B. - July 12, 2023 at 03:51 PM

MS

“ I can only say, Bill was a MSP Trooper when I worked as Oxford PD and retired from Easton P.D. He was in the time I recall as the "Good Troopers". He was fair to all. We had lost touch when I moved to Florida 33 yrs ago. Condolences to his family.

Mel Marshall, Sr - July 12, 2023 at 11:43 AM

DD

“ Doris Ann Donovan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan



Doris Ann Donovan - July 12, 2023 at 07:59 AM

DD

My thoughts and prayers are with the Sullivan family.

Doris Ann Donovan - July 12, 2023 at 08:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Sullivan.



July 12, 2023 at 01:09 AM

VF

“ *Bill was a very good man and Great Trooper. My sincere condolences are with the Sullivan family and all who loved him* 🙏

Vaughn Wesley Foreman - July 11, 2023 at 10:55 PM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Sullivan*



Connie Harris Sypniewski - July 11, 2023 at 10:01 PM

HG

“ *Billy you will be missed Jane sending prayers god bless you and your family*

Harry George - July 11, 2023 at 09:52 PM

SD

“ *Jane sending my condolences you and your family. Sincerely, Sherry Dolby*

sherry Dolby - July 11, 2023 at 09:18 PM

AG

“ *Jane I am so sorry to hear this. You are in my thoughts and prayers*

Anne George - July 11, 2023 at 06:48 PM

PF

“ *Bill was the finished Road Supervisor I ever worked for. And he and his wife Jane became very good friends to me and my wife Audrey. Though we loss touch when Audrey and I moved to Virginia, we still considered him a friend and we will miss him very much.*

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**Paul Fegan** - July 11, 2023 at 05:42 PM

MK

*Jane, sorry to hear of your loss, my sincere condilences to you.*

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**marlene knotts** - July 12, 2023 at 04:35 PM