



John Sullivan

December 5, 1947 - September 25, 2019

John Sullivan, 71, of Lake Villa, passed away on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

John was born in Chicago, IL on December 5, 1947, the son of the late George and Anne Sullivan. He was a 1966 graduate of St. Mel High School and worked as an elevator operator for over forty years at Merchandise Mart. John was an active and dedicated member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville. He was also known as a perpetual volunteer, always helping whenever he could. In spite of his difficulties, John always found joy in life and brought joy to others.

He is survived by his siblings Rich (Joanne), Betty, and Ed; nieces and nephews Scott, Laura, Mark, Ryan, Devin, Kelly, April, and Ed Jr.; many loving cousins; and by his long-time friend Nancy DeBiasi.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Anne and by his uncles and aunts John (Maryann) Sullivan, Eleanore Sullivan, Mary Jane (Ted) Podraza, Joseph Montvedas, Chuck Wassil, and Edward Wassil.

Visitation will be 10 - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Prince of Peace Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. Mass will begin Tuesday,

October 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

Cemetery Details

Ascension Catholic Cemetery

IL Route 137 and Saint Mary's Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Mass

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Sullivan*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *John Sullivan*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM

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“ I had the privilege of driving John to and from Prince of Peace Church on Sunday mornings for the 9:30 Mass where he and I were both Usher.

John was always ready to go when I arrived at his house. He never kept me waiting. He was not the kind of man who would keep another person waiting. He was so considerate.

I never heard him say an un-kind word to, or about, anyone. He saw the best in everyone he met. What a rare and beautiful outlook to have on people, on life.

John was a servant to all. A Sir Knight in the Knights of Columbus he was anxious to help anyway he could. He sold tickets at the last several fish fries we had, and supported the Parish picnic by working the Bingo booth. Though not a member of our council (he was too dedicated to the Cardinal Stritch council to switch), he helped our council in many valuable ways. At Mass he was a hard working and dedicated Usher. He lived a life of service to others. He knew no other way.

Matthew 20:26

It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

When I read this bible verse, I think of John.

Eternal rest grant to him Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

I am grateful for John's friendship. My deepest condolences to his family.

Barry Dowe

Barry Dowe - September 30, 2019 at 08:11 PM



Barry, thank you for your beautiful words, and thank you especially for your kindness and friendship with John. He truly loved counting you as his friend. Love, all of John's family.

Betty Sullivan - October 02, 2019 at 09:01 AM

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“ *Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of John Sullivan.*



Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. - September 30, 2019 at 09:21 AM

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“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences. God bless his soul. Peace be with you.*

*Jeffrey Oehrlein & Family
Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus*

Jeffrey Oehrlein - September 29, 2019 at 06:16 PM



Dear Oehrlein family. Thank you so very much for your kind words and friendship with John. We truly appreciate your prayers and kindness. Love, all of John's family.

Betty Sullivan - October 05, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Sullivan.*



September 28, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *John was a good friend for many years and my colleague on the Libertyville Days committee. He was everywhere as a volunteer. I would also see him working the casino room at Carmel Street Scenes every year. He will be missed by many. He never complained about his disabilities and always had a positive attitude. Rest in piece John.*

*Tim Mahaney
Libertyville Lions Club
Past President*

Tim Mahaney - September 27, 2019 at 05:30 PM



Thank you for your friendship with John and for your kind words. You are greatly appreciated. ❤️ Love, John's family

Betty Sullivan - September 29, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Dear Family, I mourn the loss of John My wife and I prayed for him often. He was always so proud of how he help thousands of people at his work and so rightfully so. always with His Brother Knight whenever he could help. I know the Lord loved him and has called him home to Himself.*

Tommy McG



Tom McGuiggan - September 27, 2019 at 01:27 PM



Thank you for your prayers and all of your kind words. You are greatly appreciated. ❤️
Love, John's family.

Betty Sullivan - September 29, 2019 at 12:11 PM