



James A. Sullivan

June 21, 1961 - February 17, 2010

James Augustine Sullivan of Hudson died on Ash Wednesday Feb.17, 2010 having faced his most recent challenge of cancer with the same courage, grace and dignity that has characterized his entire life. He passed with friends and family by his side at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack.

Mr. Sullivan was born on June 21, 1961 in Panama City, Florida to Charles and Constance Sullivan.

His young life included stops in Washington, DC and Fairbanks, Alaska before his family settled in Hudson N.H. in 1970. Jim was known in his early years as an exceptional mechanic; he loved to work on cars and motorcycles.

He was also a gifted athlete, having particularly excelled as a skier, hurdler, and pole vaulter. He earned Most Valuable Player honors for Track and Field his senior year at Alvirne High School, and he held the school's pole vault record for over a decade.

Mr. Sullivan's life took a dramatic turn on June 19, 1979, however, as a freak diving accident at Hampton Beach left him a quadriplegic. He met this challenge with incredible resolve. Soon after leaving the hospital, he began to study at the University of Lowell, and he then ventured to Arizona State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Sullivan returned to his hometown of Hudson upon graduation in 1987 and began working at Digital Electronics Corporation.

Jim soon realized, however, that his true calling was to serve the school district and hometown that he loved so much. He began to volunteer as an assistant track coach at Alvirne, and he also offered invaluable assistance to the vocational, media, computer and music programs at his alma mater. Mr. Sullivan was elected to the Hudson school board, and he ultimately earned a position as the board's president. Mr. Sullivan was also very much involved in N.H. Independent living and was instrumental in ADA standard implementation throughout the state. The impact Mr. Sullivan has made on his community will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Sullivan's legacy will live on through his parents, Charles and Constance Sullivan of Hudson N.H. ; two sisters, Laura Larson of Manchester N.H. and Teresa Kelly of Fayetteville, Georgia; three brothers, Charles, Jr. of Grosse Point Woods, Michigan, Timothy of Derry N.H., and William of Honolulu, Hawaii; fourteen nieces and nephews, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and countless friends.

Visiting Hours will be held on Mon. Feb. 22nd from 4pm – 8pm in THE DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tues. Feb. 23rd at 10am in St. Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., in Hudson. All May Meet At Church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Hudson. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in James' loving memory to the James Sullivan Scholarship Fund c/o Citizens Bank, 71 Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH 03051.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kathryn's Church
4 Dracut Rd.
Hudson, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James A. Sullivan



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - February 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ James A. Sullivan

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ James A. Sullivan

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

DC

“ Jimmy and I were friends and classmates at Alvirne both graduating in 1979. I was there the day after he had his accident at Hampton visting with him at the hospital and his spirit was amazing, he actually cheered the group of us up making jokes. The group of friends we hung with was his support group and kept in touch as best we could while he went through therapy and such during that time. A few years later we met up again at a class reunion and it was like we had never parted ways. We had a great time that night talking, laughing and he even asked me to dance and I said yes and asked him how? I sat on his lap in his wheelchair and danced. I will carry that memory with me always as thats the moment when I realized what a special relationship we had as friends. I will miss you my dear friend and look forward to our next dance. love you Dawn

Dawn Carpenter - April 12, 2013 at 07:30 AM

DC

“ Graduated with Jimmy and we lost touch after our 10th HS Reunion. I will have the cherished memory of dancing with you my dear friend and for anyone who knew you, they will understand the type of dance we shared. I am glad you will now have your legs back, but it won't stop me from missing you always, love Dawn

Dawn Carpenter - April 11, 2013 at 01:20 PM



“ Our dear friend, we love you & miss you Jim!##imported-begin##Paula Boilard & Mark Nash##imported-end##

August 23, 2010 at 11:31 AM



“ We had the privilege of working with Jimmy and with you all to renovate the basement of your home to accommodate Jimmy's lanky frame in a wheelchair after his accident. It was a wonderful experience for us. We are very happy and proud to have known him and his remarkable family. Our sincerest condolences.##imported-begin##Bob & Judy Collins##imported-end##

February 23, 2010 at 04:01 PM



“ Got word of Jim's passing from another neighbor-Natalie Undercofler--Our prayers are with Connie and Charles and the family. We know the pain of losing a child and will remember Jim and the wonderful spirit he possessed. Please know you will all be in our thoughts and prayers...##imported-begin##Leo and Carol Lagace##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 08:24 PM



“ Jim was a model for the rest of us as to how to make good use of one's time here on Earth. He will be missed.##imported-begin##David McNeil##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 05:44 PM



“ *To Jim's Family and Friends,*

I had the pleasure of serving on the State Rehabilitation Council with Jim. He was a true advocate for individuals with disabilities in NH. He will be missed by many. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Constance##imported-begin##Mary Constance##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ *Connie & Charles - We were so sad to hear about Jimmy's death. We have always had fond memories of Jimmy and believe we played a part in his life after the accident. Take care and God go with you.##imported-begin##JoAnn & Dave Mikelson##imported-end##*

February 22, 2010 at 11:26 AM



“ *Jim was an inspiration always. I remember him well from my days at Alvirne, and was always impressed with how any time spent with Jim was proof that he didn't have a disability - he had countless abilities. As a student who had a chance to interact with him, he made me feel important, special, and like I could do anything. I hope his family finds peace in knowing that his impact will be felt for generations to come.##imported-begin##KateK##imported-end##*

February 22, 2010 at 10:44 AM



“ My sincerest sympathy to Connie, Charles and the entire Sullivan family. Jimmy was a wonderful example of living life to the fullest. Such a wonderful young man. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Beverly Sangeleer##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 09:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Sullivan family. Jim was always quick with a smile. He would stop by for a chat whenever I was out working in my yard on Radcliffe Dr. in Hudson. Jim was an amazing guy!##imported-begin##Fran Mitchell - Bradenton, FL##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ Dear Sarah, Luke, Brook and Mackenzie Barratt, Laura, Scott, Jim and Tyler Larson, and the Sullivan Family, We are so saddened by the loss of Jim. He will always be an inspiration to us. We are sending love and peace to you all during this time.
Love,
Bethany, Damien and Cadence Hoffman##imported-begin##Bethany Hoffman##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 08:30 AM



“ It was with such a heavy heart that I learned of Jim's passing, as I was searching for old friends on Facebook last night. What an incredible life he had. My thoughts and prayers to you all. He is so fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Kerri Sangeleer ##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 11:07 PM



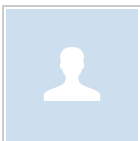
“ I'm so saddened by the news of Jim's death. He was truly one of a kind and had such a thirst for life. As a close family friend, I had the pleasure of getting to know him pretty well during my high school years and every time I ran into him he always had a playful glint in his eye and a mischievous grin on his face. I'm a better person for having known him and would like to offer my condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Jim Fuller##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 10:52 PM



“ We have so many wonderful memories of Jim on our visits to the Sullivan home and to the mountain. He was fun loving and full of life. He was so loved and cared for by his family. We send our love to all of the Sullivan Family, and especially to Laura, Scott, Jim, Tyler and Sarah. Our hearts and thoughts are with you all. Love, Karin, Ross, Dana and Leah##imported-begin##KARIN, ROSS, DANA AND LEAH MYERSON##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to the whole Sullivan family. My family and I were quite saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the services being held this week. I had met Jim shortly after his diving accident. Being a quadriplegic myself, Jim and I shared a comraderie of thoughts, ideas and memories over the years. Jim was certainly a visionary. He always so full of energy, enthusiasm, and optimism. Jim will sorely be missed....##imported-begin##John Rougeau##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 01:27 PM



“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Charles, Connie and the Sullivan family at Jim's passing. I thank God that I was recently able to tell Jim how proud we were of him. His spirit was an inspiration to all. He will be remembered with much love.##imported-begin##Jade Tyler##imported-end##*

February 21, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ *We would just like to send our sincere sympathy to the Sullivan family. Jim was an angel and was an absolute blessing of which I have had the honor to have met with. If not for Jim and his endless and never stopping determination I do not know how things would have work out. I am deeply saddened to know that Jim will not be with us but do know that he is still here with everyone. Your family has been truly blessed to have had such a wonderful son, brother and uncle. Thank you for sharing your gift with all of us. You will be in our prayers and Thank you Jim for your gifts.*

Sincerely

Kim and Family##imported-begin##Kimberly and Paul Joviak##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 11:37 AM



“ *The true definition of attitude and strength, James A. Sullivan. Those attributes, and more, will always be....*

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam##imported-begin##Sean Owen Markey##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 05:18 PM



“ Aunt Connie, Uncle Charles and the family. I was so sorry to hear about Jimmy. Our visits with him when he was in Colorado are amongst my most vivid childhood memories. I had a great deal of admiration and love for him. May your hearts find peace.##imported-begin##Sara (Rita Ann's oldest) Davis##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 02:22 PM



“ I am sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral as I'm out of town. Jimmy was one of the people who encouraged me to become a teacher. Jimmy always made me smile and taught me so much growing up and I know my parents will miss him tremendously.##imported-begin##Jessica Clegg##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 11:51 AM



“ I'm so sad to hear of Jim's passing. I will always remember the support that he gave me and all of the B-Naturals over the years I was in the group. I will always keep him in my memory. He was a wonderful, kind, and generous human being! He will be missed and Hudson will never be the same!##imported-begin##Valerie Psoinos##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ Dear Connie, Charles And the Sullivan Family,

We were so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He was so full of life when we saw him in Cedar Creek and we had so much fun talking with him. Jim is a bright and shining star in the heavens and will never be forgotten by the many people whose lives he has touched.##imported-begin##Bill, Leigh Ann Daniels and Family##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 06:11 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie and Charles and your beautiful family in this most difficult time. Jimmy was such an inspiration to so many people! God bless all of you.

*Bill , Sue , Shannon and Patrick
Davis##imported-begin##bill davis and family##imported-end##*

February 19, 2010 at 05:22 PM



“ I met Jim when I was 19 and he was my first Quad I had ever worked with. Not only did Jim show me the ropes on how to work with him, but his patience, kindness and his love for life made me want to help others just like him. So for that Jim, I thank you for your guidance for I have been in the Human Service field for over 20 years helping folks just like you and loving every minute of it!

*God Bless you Jim I will miss you
and again thank you for being you!*

-Alison##imported-begin##Alison Wright##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 01:57 PM



“ Jim has been an inspiration to us all through the years. He never ceased to amaze me on what one could do with one's talents and internal drive. Jim was so passionate about what he believed in. He will live on in all of our hearts as we face our own challenges. My thoughts and prayers are with his immediate family and friends at this time.

John Hodgkins##imported-begin##John Hodgkins##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 01:00 PM



“ The example that Jim set with his courage and positive attitude will never be forgotten and will continue to inspire. Please accept our condolences on the loss of your devoted son/uncle/brother and our friend, Jim.##imported-begin##Dennis, Ellen, Chantel and Shannon Frenette##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ The Frenette-Emerson family is saddened at the loss of Jimmy. He was an inspiration not only to our family but to the community he served. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and he will be sadly missed by our entire family.##imported-begin##Janet and Dana Frenette##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Jim was such a bright light and inspiration! Always quick with a smile. His life touched so many people. His determination and courage knew no boundaries.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Connie, Uncle Charles and the Sullivan family. Jim will remain in our hearts and memories forever.

Love,

Mary Helen, Aunt Winne and the Biddle family.##imported-begin##mary biddle visyak##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 09:17 AM



“ With all the challenges that Jim was confronted with all his life, it is remarkable how he persevered, and moved forward.

Wouda-Coulda-Shoulda

All the Wouda-Coulda-Shouldas
Layin' in the sun,
Talkin' 'bout the things
They woulda-coulda-shoulda done...
But those Wouda-Coulda-Shouldas
All ran away and hid
From one little did.

"Falling Up"; Shel Silverstein##imported-begin##Shaun
McMahon##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 06:36 AM