



Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr.

August 14, 1955 - February 8, 2022

Stratham – Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr., 66, of Stratham, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 with loving family and friends at his side.

He was born August 14, 1955 in Wilmington, DE the son of the late Robert E. and Joan (Horn) O'Sullivan.

After graduating from the University of Delaware, Bob began his career as a polymer chemist at E.I. DuPont de Nemours, returning to DuPont after earning an MBA from the Business School at Columbia University in New York City. He also worked as regional sales manager for the Bemis Company in Oshkosh, WI and for Clysar LLC in Clinton, Iowa. He changed careers and found fulfillment in his work as business administrator for School Administrative Unit (SAU) 44.

Robert was active in the community. In Wilmington, DE, he served on the vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. John before moving to Stratham, NH, where he lived for 30 years. He was an active member of Stratham Memorial School's schoolboard for 19 years and served as a town selectman before illness forced him to leave that role.

When he was young, he played violin in the Newark (Delaware) Symphony Orchestra. He enjoyed dogs, reading and gourmet food. Hobbies included

collecting beech trees, luxury clothing, and unusual fabrics.

Robert is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years Penelope (Bass) Cope O'Sullivan; son, Nicholas M. Cope and his wife Sarah Chase Cope of New Orleans, LA; daughter, Penelope O'Sullivan Paolucci and her husband Anthony Paolucci of Boston, MA; sisters, Colleen O'Sullivan and MaryBeth Jones; sister-in-law, Barbara Fineberg and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held from 4-6 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. Services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, February 18, 2022 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 100 Chapel Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA by clicking here (<https://www.classy.org/give/127067/#!/donation/checkout>) or by mail to 104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, NH 03885; Hyder Family Hospice House by clicking here (<https://friendsofhyderfamilyhospicehouse.org/donateold/>) or by mail to 285 Country Farm Road, Dover NH 03820; or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **17**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Service

FEB **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
101 Chapel Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

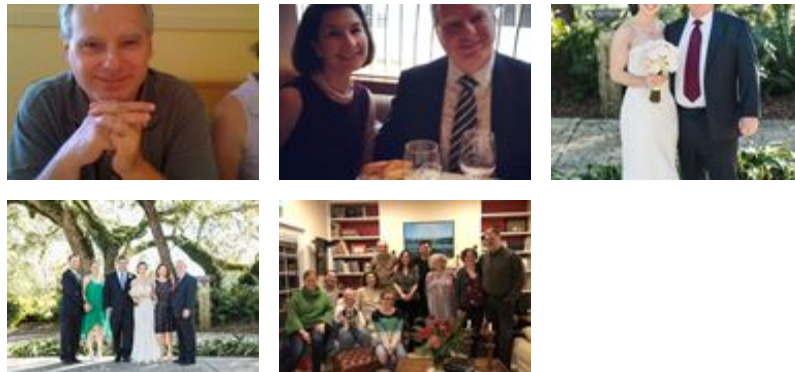


“ *Dear Penny and Family, Ralph and I are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We remember him fondly from our library visits to your home. Bob always managed the barbecue detail with such finesse while chit-chatting. Thank you for the wonderful memories.*

Phyllis and Ralph Danko - February 17, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *89 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - February 17, 2022 at 01:25 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I knew Bob from our years on the Stratham School Board - he was a smart curmudgeon with a beautiful dream for our school. I learned so much from him. I was just wondering if he'd run again this year when I heard the news. He made an indelible mark on our community and I am grateful to him and I miss him. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Cheryl Eveleigh

Cheryl Eveleigh - February 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM

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“ Jane (Kinsel) and Misha (Sitkovsky) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



Jane (Kinsel) and Misha (Sitkovsky) - February 17, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



February 16, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



February 16, 2022 at 01:19 PM

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“ April and Rich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



April and Rich - February 16, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



February 15, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



February 15, 2022 at 03:36 PM

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“ Chip and Vicki Emery purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr..



Chip and Vicki Emery - February 15, 2022 at 11:22 AM

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“ Bob, it was a great privilege to work under your command when you took over as Business Administrator of SAU 44. We started on the same hot July day and quickly bonded over our many shared passions- technology, wine, literature, etc. And it absolutely must be noted that with your Italian silk shirts, vicuna wool sweaters, alligator leather shoes, your sense of fashion was unparalleled! You were class personified in every way. You showed such genuine affection and joy at the birth of my daughter and had many pithy insights into parenthood. I will miss those conversations, and your incredible kindness. You elevated me in so many ways, and I am forever grateful. I will forever marvel at the astounding tenacity and grace with which you endured your last grueling years. I pray you have found the peace that you richly deserve. My heart is heavy for your family in this dreadful time. So long my friend.

Aaron Stanley - February 13, 2022 at 09:14 PM

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“ Remembering Bob with fondness for his quiet second career as "dog whisperer" to a long line of McBride Irish Setters.

Bob and Steph McBride

Robert McBride - February 13, 2022 at 10:40 AM

MC

“ Bob and I worked together at Clysar for 9 years. We became friends during the last two finding we had many mutual interests. And shared a dry wit. We were retired within a month of each other and stayed connected by phone from that point forward. He was a fine man and close friend. I look forward to seeing him again.

Mitchel Coats

Mitchel Coats - February 12, 2022 at 11:36 PM