



William P. Sullivan

June 2, 1957 - June 4, 2018

North Hampton – William Patrick Sullivan, 61, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 4, 2018 at home surrounded by family after a courageous 2 year battle with stage 4 brain cancer. Sully was born on June 2, 1957 in Gilman, VT, A son of the late William T. and Patricia A. (Boyle) Sullivan.

Sully was raised in Gilman and graduated from Concord High School of Concord, VT. He had worked and lived in Oregon and Virginia before relocating to New Hampshire where he took a position as Innkeeper at the Franconia Inn in Franconia Notch. While at the inn, he met Elizabeth Ann Rockwell and they were married in July of 1988. He and Liz moved to the Seacoast in 1993 and opened Hampton Vision Center, a business he continued to operate until falling ill. Sully enjoyed hiking in the White Mountains and fly-fishing in British Columbia in addition to being an accomplished photographer. He loved to travel and he and Liz had visited many places around the globe including a hike to the Mt. Everest Base Camp.

In addition to Liz, his wife of 30 years, Sully is survived by his sister, Gayle MacDonald and her husband, Stephen of North Danville, VT, his sister-in-law, Joann Sullivan of Waterford, VT, his nieces and nephews, Tammi Cady, Troy Sullivan, Rob Briggs and Kimmie Augeri and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Timothy Sullivan.

Friends and associates are invited to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 12 to 3 PM at the Hampton Vision Center, 865 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Burial will be private. Assistance with arrangements is by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, take that special someone and explore the World with them OR give to the Sherpa Family Fund - Global Giving www.globalgiving.org/projects/sherpa-family-fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hampton Vision Center
865 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry for your loss. I met sully in the 70's. He is the father of my niece. Haven't heard from him since she graduated high school.*

Christine Yapple - January 31, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *William P. Sullivan*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I have been getting my glasses at the Hampton Vision Center for several years. I live in Maine, but the trip to visit with Sully and Liz was always rewarding. Not only their expert service, but the warm friendship was really great. I will miss Sully very much. It's hard to accept the reality that he won't be there to greet me. Liz, I hope to keep in touch and maintain our friendship.*

*Much Love,
Jackie Emery*

Jacquelyn Emery - June 17, 2018 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ We met Sully years ago when he came to Seabrook Sta.to fit the workers for safety glasses. Then we started going to the store for all our eye care needs. Sully, Liz and the staff always made us feel like friends coming for a visit rather than just a place to buy glasses. We always enjoyed Sully's wit, great conversations,....and the laughter! Sometimes I would stop in just for a 'hello' and a short conversation after a very stressful day, it was so therapeutic! That's how I remember Sully...an angel of a man, full of wonder, humor, and kindness. You will be missed in this near future, but we hope & Pray we will meet again. We love you Sully
Dennis & Becky St. Germaine

Dennis & Becky St.Germaine - June 16, 2018 at 10:51 AM

PK

“ He was the best!



Paul Kelley - June 14, 2018 at 09:02 PM

PK

“ Paul Kelley lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan



Paul Kelley - June 14, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William P. Sullivan.*



June 14, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Sully was a wonderful man, friend to all and husband to Liz. Sully always worried about others before himself. He had a wonderful sense of humor and laugh. Sully will be greatly missed*



nancy Lescher - June 13, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ *Dear Liz and family~ as well as the entire Hampton Vision family, I am so very sorry to read of Sully's passing. I know him only through the store, always a warm, quiet, friendly presence. Whether it was for an eye exam, new frames, broken frames or whatever-Sully would check in to see if I needed anything and just chat. Made you feel like more than a customer. Clearly he, and you Liz, built a business to feel proud of and much much more. Sully's memory will always be a blessing for so very many. My deepest sympathy, Jayne Winsor*



Jayne Winsor - June 12, 2018 at 03:24 PM

ED

“ I'm very sorry for your loss Liz. He was always a very nice and caring everytime we met.

Eric Dufour - June 12, 2018 at 11:34 AM

MA

“ Liz, I know you are going to miss Sully, He was so much filled with life and kindness. I am so happy to have know him this past two years.

May the warmth of tender memories as the love of those around you bring you comfort.
My deepest sympathy.

Millie Anderson



Millie Anderson - June 11, 2018 at 05:26 PM



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June 11, 2018 at 10:02 AM

NE

“ Sully was a wonderful neighbor and will be missed by all of his Post Road friends.



Neighbor - June 11, 2018 at 09:06 AM

BE

“ My mom and I have been going to Sully and his lovely wife and staff for several years..he was always so gracious to my mom.. We would laugh together about all the silly things we would talk about..Liz and everyone at Hampton Vision we are so so sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you, and please know how much he touched our heart..I will always remember his wonderful smile and kind soul..



Fondly,
Bea Eldon & Dalia Reyes

Beatrice Eldon - June 10, 2018 at 08:22 PM

DW

“ Our hearts go out to Liz. Such a loss! Sully was such a wonderful, kind, funny, and always positive person. We remember his warm smile, exceptional knowledge, and amazing customer service. We are grateful to have known him over so many years, and we will miss him.

Danette & Steve Wineberg

Danette and Steve Wineberg - June 10, 2018 at 12:38 PM

PW

“ Patty Weinberg lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan



patty weinberg - June 09, 2018 at 03:34 PM

SH

“ Shannon lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan



Shannon - June 08, 2018 at 10:17 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan



Lisa - June 08, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ A special soul with a great smile. My condolences to Liz. No one can take away your memories I'm glad Sully & you had many to keep your heart full till you meet again.
Debbie Kiernan

Deb Kiernan - June 07, 2018 at 09:22 PM

DE

“ David And Elaine lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan



David and Elaine - June 07, 2018 at 06:38 PM

DM

“ My heartfelt condolences to all family & friends....i graduated with "Sully"..a good friend through our high School years...God Speed ..Donna Rivers martin



Donna Rivers martin - June 07, 2018 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ I met Sully when I first relocated from VT to the beach 20 summers ago when I was looking for the 'perfect frame' and discovered we were both from VT - me from Barre and him from way up there in the Northeast Kingdom - and we'd talk about the long trips up there in all kinds of weather as we were both on this parallel path of caring for our elderly parents still in VT. We was a wonderful, gentle and caring man and I will miss him very much. Sincere condolences to his wife, family and co-workers at this sad time. Jo Ellen Pirie, Hampton Beach

Jo Ellen Pirie - June 07, 2018 at 07:57 AM

DS

“ I met Sully in the mid 80's when I began my career in optics. He was a kind, patient mentor and friend to me. He always had a smile on his face and a sweet calm about him. I fortunately reconnected with Sully a few years ago and found him to be the same modest, soft spoken gentleman that I knew and loved. My heart goes out to Liz, his family and his work family. I pray that the loss you've endured will be lessened in knowing how fortunate we all were to have had Sully in our lives. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May he now rest in everlasting comfort and peace.

Donna Blouin Schaub - June 07, 2018 at 07:52 AM

RH

“ *Sully was a such wonderful, great man. He always had a smile and a pleasure to be around. He will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to know him.*

Rob Hunt - June 06, 2018 at 08:43 PM

GW

“ *Gerry Wilbur lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan*



Gerry Wilbur - June 06, 2018 at 07:29 PM

ED

“ *Ellen DeCosta lit a candle in memory of William P. Sullivan*



Ellen DeCosta - June 06, 2018 at 07:28 PM

ED

“ *What a kind wonderful person "Sully" was! We had no tdea he was sick when we went to his Eyeglass Shop so very very sorry! He had a very special kindness and treated everyone with respect. A true gentlernan indeed. God Bless he will be truly rnissed.He was a true professional in his career!*

Ellen DeCosta - June 06, 2018 at 07:27 PM

PD

To the Sullivan family. I Giant has left our midst, he was a very special man. One of great love and compassion . He left his mark on the universe and all those who were his clients and then friends. Sully we will miss you and Liz is now in charge of holding that love you so unselfishly gave. Liz we will always see you as the strength the love and the gracious woman that Sully so dearly loved. Know you are loved and will have companions on the journey of grief.

peg and jack duffin - June 07, 2018 at 07:58 AM

DD

“ I will always remember Sully as a warm and welcoming gentleman who made a visit to Hampton Vison very enjoyable. He took great care to help in the selection and fitting of eyeware. My condolences to his wife and family. May the Lord shine his light on Sully and grant him eternal peace.

Doug DeSilva

Doug DeSilva - June 06, 2018 at 04:15 PM

MB

*Our sincere sympathy to all his family, friends and coworkers, and especially sister Gayle and cousin Sharon.
Mary and Danny Bell*

Mary Bell - June 12, 2018 at 05:54 PM