



## Francis Joseph Sullivan

June 17, 1953 - June 24, 2016

Albany- Francis J.Sullivan, Albany, passed away peacefully June 24 at St. Peter's Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Frank was a graduate of Holy Cross College and the University of New York at Oswego. Frank was Director of Operations for the Center for Disability Services and was passionate about making a difference in the lives of the clients. Frank continued his social justice focus in retirement working on numerous energy, climate, housing, corporate responsibility, voter rights and environmental causes to make the world more just and equitable. We will miss his great cooking, prolific garden, eclectic bicycle collection, ingenious fix-it's and ever-positive outlook on life.

Frank is survived by his wife, Ellen McCarville Sullivan and daughter Molly (Samuel Rockwell), grandchildren Theodore, Frances, and Margaret and his son Jack and his faithful dog Maggie. Also mother Eileen, sisters Eileen, (Gerry Matesic); Mary Ann (Larry Petro) Gabrielle (Mark Bemis); son-in-law to Patrick and Mary Ann McCarville, brother-in-law of Pat and Jim Nonamaker, Molly and Paul Sinnott, Cathleen and Michael Bradt and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Celebration that will be held on Tuesday June 28, 2016 at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, 405 Washington Ave, Albany at 4pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Franks memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

To leave Frank's family a message on their guestbook, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **28**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Unitarian Universalist Society  
405 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis Joseph Sullivan*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 24, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ *Francis Joseph Sullivan*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I passed quite a few hours talking to Frank on the post office corner in Saratoga Springs. I really enjoyed his stories, his take on life and his approach to politics. He was a genuinely likable guy with a great sense of humour.*

*My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He was a great guy.*

*I just learned of his passing yesterday because I haven't been attending the post office gatherings or I certainly would have come out to pay my respects to a truly wonderful person.*

*Tim Williams  
Saratoga Springs, NY*

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**Tim Williams** - December 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM

MM

“ Eileen and Gerry: So sorry for your loss. We pray the God of comfort will surround your hearts and minds with the loving memories of your loved one to live on in your hearts. God bless you.  
Mike and Nancy Matesic

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**Michael Matesic** - July 16, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MO

“ My sincere condolences for your lost, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this time "He will swallow up death forever,And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**Montana** - July 12, 2016 at 02:49 AM

LL

“ We were saddened to learn of Frank’s passing. We met Frank (or “Francesco” as he often referred to himself) during the Occupy Albany demonstrations that began in 2011. We quickly learned that his political and social concerns were accompanied by a ready wit — and usually by a bright smile — and that his environmental concerns were exemplified by his use of a bicycle for personal transportation.

We are posting a photo taken during the 2/4/12 General Assembly of Occupy Albany, meeting on the Empire State Plaza Concourse, in which Frank (lower right) is clearly identifiable from behind.



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**Leo & Martha Levy** - July 06, 2016 at 11:25 AM

TR

“ We will never forget Frank and his friendship. His sense of humor, his delicious kale salad, his willingness to always show up, his dedication to family, friends, and the future of the world. He was a very important friend to Peter and will be missed greatly. Keep in touch Ellen, and thanks for the wonderful gathering today!

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**Terri Roben** - June 28, 2016 at 11:40 PM

 Mittsie Shannon

“ Ellen, Molly and Jack, we were so sorry to hear of your dads passing. there were few. ike him! He wil be missed but never forgotten! We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Always remember he will watch over all of you with love and caring.

*Mittsie & Ken Shannon*

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**Mittsie Shannon** - June 28, 2016 at 03:37 PM

AW

“ You are in my family's thoughts and prayers. Frank's commitment to helping others is remarkable and a wonderful legacy.

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**Amy Roma and Ryan Winmill** - June 27, 2016 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ We are so sorry for your families' loss. We heard many stories from Eileen about Frank. He must have been an amazing Man. Tom and Maureen Matesic (Gerry's brother and wife)

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**Tom and Maureen Matesic** - June 27, 2016 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ Dear Ellen, Molly, Sam and family -  
Frank put up a valiant fight to stay with you as long as possible.  
May he rest now and his love for you help you through this sorrowful  
time.  
My thoughts are with you all.

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**Sharon Siegel** - June 26, 2016 at 09:06 PM

GN

“ Frank was a very caring presence in the  
environmental community and a good  
example to all of us because he quietly  
worked hard, bicycled everywhere and  
encouraged other activists. My sympathies to  
the family,. Grace Nichols



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**Grace Nichols** - June 26, 2016 at 06:55 PM

DM

“ Dearest Ellen,  
  
So many lovely memories of our time in Albany are associated with  
Frank and you! I'm deeply touched by the wonderful photos that  
capture the richness of his life, love and gifts to his family and  
others. His cap and bicycle reminded me of Jim... You're in my  
thoughts. Dorothy McClellan sending love from Texas!

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**Dorothy McClellan** - June 26, 2016 at 01:00 PM

JR

“ I'm feeling very sad to learn of Frank's death. I've had the pleasure of knowing him through his participation with Occupy Albany, Capital District Transition Network, and especially, People of Albany United for Safe Energy (PAUSE). It's hard to imagine Albany without him and his cheery nature, hard work, optimism, passion, creativity, thoughtfulness, and kindness. He often bought me a tea at a group meeting, or offered me a ride home. I think my last memory of him is running into him at the Co-op and him sharing photos of his grandchild. He was quite proud of that. Thank you Frank for being such an awesome guy. You made a difference!!!!



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**Jessica Rae** - June 26, 2016 at 12:45 PM

RM

“ My sympathies to the entire Sullivan family. Although it's been many years since the Sullivans left Glynn St, every time I saw Frank about town on a bike or doing some community service, it brought back a flood of good memories. My thoughts & prayers are with you. Ray Moran

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**ray moran** - June 26, 2016 at 10:26 AM

RW

“ Ellen and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Frank can be at peace now. We are thinking of you and wishing you the best in the days ahead.

Love,  
Robert, Beth, Sophie and Ellie Whiteman

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**Rob Whiteman** - June 26, 2016 at 06:24 AM

JS

“ Ellen and kids, and all of Frank's family- It was with great sadness that I learned today of Frank's passing. Know that I loved him as my brother, best friend through college, and always hoped that we would reconnect. I have missed him, and will miss him still,. With love, Jeff Staudinger

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**Jeff Staudinger** - June 25, 2016 at 08:59 PM

MS

“ Ellen, Molly & Jack,  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Frank was a great neighbor and friend and will be missed in this neighborhood forever.  
We are here for you if you ever need anything. The tribute to him was beautiful, thank you for sharing that with us.

*Love, Mary Smith & family*

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**Mary Smith** - June 25, 2016 at 06:52 PM

JS

“ Thank you, Frank! I never met you, but know of your work with PAUSE. Your work, while you were here, lives on with all of us. We are forever grateful.  
Joanne Steele  
as self (chair Mid-Hudson Sierra Club)

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**Joanne Steele** - June 25, 2016 at 06:33 PM

EB

“ I was lucky enough to work with and for Frank. He was extremely fair. He always put the people he served first. His low tolerance for incompetence helped keep the consumers of 700 South Pearl both healthy and happy. He left a very high standard which will be hard to maintain. Thanks for the great food and laughter .i loved the memorial that was created. I learned more about my friend .

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**Ed Bartz** - June 25, 2016 at 10:16 AM