



## William J. Sullivan

June 25, 1931 - August 22, 2021

Albany-William J. Sullivan, 90 years young at heart, left this world peacefully at his Albany home surrounded by family on Sunday evening August 22, 2021 after a brief illness with pancreatic cancer. He had recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends before learning of his illness.

Bill was a childhood polio survivor and the youngest of the five children of Mary Helen Higgins Sullivan, an Irish immigrant and Michael Sullivan, a veteran of World War I. He is pre-deceased by his parents and brothers Harold and Michael and sisters Evelyn and Dorothy. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Betty Weber Sullivan, his children Mary Beth, Sean, Brendan, and Kevin, and his grandchildren Katelyn Grace and Kevin Patrick.

Bill was a devout Roman Catholic and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Albany Nocturnal Adoration Society, He was a graduate of St. Mary's Grammar School and Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1949, in Yonkers. He was a proud member of the 1945 NY Archdiocesan Championship Baseball Team from St. Mary's Grammar School. He also played on the Sacred Heart High School baseball team and the Pierce AC (Athletic Club) recreational baseball team that won a Yonkers championship. As a father of three sons, he enjoyed coaching at National Little League in

Albany for many years. His love and knowledge of baseball permeated his life.

He worked full time and attended night school to earn an Associate's Degree from Westchester Community College, a Bachelor's Degree from Pace University, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College. He spent most of his career as a manager in government in Westchester County, Lehman College and New York State followed by a second career with IRS.

Bill was known for his excellent memory, his quick wit, and his generosity. He made friends everywhere he went, remembering people's names and connecting to them with stories and jokes, or sometimes lines from a song. He followed local and national political news and had a great interest in World War II history. Bill was an avid bowler, a former handball player, and nearly a life-long Boston Red Sox fan. He also passionately followed the Detroit Lions and Notre Dame Football, and he was a devoted fan of high school basketball, often traveling to watch regional, state, and national level talent. Bill was forever young, renewed by the people he knew, and sustained by the devotion and loving care of his wife, the love of his life.

The family wishes to especially thank the Mirabile family for their support and the kind care provided by Community Hospice, especially Bill's nurses, Angel, Kathy and Michelle.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family on Thursday, August 26, from 8 to 9 AM in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway.

The family requests that ALL (vaccinated and unvaccinated) individuals wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Bill's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany. Please only enter the church from the parking lot doorway. Masks are required.

The Rite of Interment will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY at 1:30 PM.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Sacred Heart High School Attn: Claire Sullivan 34 Convent Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703; Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Road Albany, NY 12205; Parish of Mater Christi 40 Hopewell Street Albany, NY 12208; Or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Gate of Heaven Cemetery

170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
(914) 769-3672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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## Service

**AUG 26.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Graveside

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AUG **26**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
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# Tribute Wall



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



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 25, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *William J. Sullivan*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

CB

“ Sincere condolences from the George and Mary Broderick family of Dayton, Ohio for many years but always with Yonkers in their hearts. Bill and my dad George were more like brothers than cousins and shared many of those fond remembrances of baseball diamonds and the rough and tumble joys and obligations of lovely Sacred Heart school and parish. Like our father, Bill regaled in family and faith and shared his devotion to both with all he met. Each phone call or email between them was a guaranteed warm and sunny walk down memory line, lined with a million characters and capers experienced as if yesterday. Like our parents' in 2019, Bill's passing will leave a hole not of loss but of opportunity to be filled with joyful memories of those he loved and who loved him so well.

*Chris Broderick on behalf of his brothers Gidge, Bob, Tom and John and his sister Liz and all of the extended Broderick family.*

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**Chris Broderick** - August 29, 2021 at 12:40 PM

BN

“ I was very sad to read of Bill's passing. He was a very good man. I enjoyed giving him the many lessons we did together. Rest in peace Bill.

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**Bill Neumann** - August 25, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LH

“ Bill had a long and wonderful life surrounded by his loving family. Our neighborhood will sorely miss him. I'm so happy I was able to be there for his 90th birthday. Your great family is an inspiration. May you all enjoy life as Bill certainly did.  
love to you all, Lisa Hanifan

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**Lisa Hanifan** - August 25, 2021 at 05:20 PM

KL

“ I fondly remember Bill when we were in The Mater Christi Bowling League! RIP Bill  
condolences to his family.

Kathleen LeRoux - August 25, 2021 at 04:06 PM

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“ 156 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - August 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

PP

“ From the first time I was introduced to Bill at his son's physical therapy office in Latham, I found him to be pleasant, funny, and totally such an interesting person to talk with. It is a pleasure to say I knew him .. My condolences to his wonderful family .. Pat Peck

Pat Peck - August 25, 2021 at 10:28 AM



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



August 25, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JG

“ *I will always remember fun times we had bowling. Bill was a great man. RIP Bill.*

*Joe Grieco*

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**Joseph P. Grieco** - August 24, 2021 at 11:29 AM