



Mr. Donald "Tony" Joseph Sullivan

July 27, 1940 - May 20, 2016

Donald "Tony" Sullivan, 75, of Ankeny, Iowa, passed away Friday May 20, 2016.

He was born in Melrose, Iowa, to the late Frank and Mary Sullivan. He attended St. Anthony's Elementary and Dowling Catholic High School.

Tony proudly served his country for four years in the US Army. He was employed as a contract carrier for John Deere with Standard Forwarding for over 30 years.

He also was a successful owner and franchise chairperson for International Dairy Queen. Tony was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, receiving the honor of being the Irishman of the Year in 2008. He was active in the VFW, Issac Walton and Teamsters #147 organizations.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, MaryAnne, sons David (Cherie), Daniel (Jody) and four grandchildren, Shannon (Andy), Michelle, Nicholas and Wyatt, sister, Virginia (Bill) and brother, James (Lucille).

Tony was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John (Louise).

Tony liked to visit and help others in time in need. He enjoyed golf and especially playing cards with his euchre friends. Tony was an outgoing and

caring person and will be missed by all who knew him.

The visitation will be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, 510 East First Street, on Monday, May 23, 2016 from 5pm-7pm, with a 7pm Scripture Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will also be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 11 am with burial in Ankeny Memorial Gardens. Lunch will follow at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the John Stoddard Cancer Center.

On-Line condolences: DyiamondMemorial.com

All floral delivers may be made to the church on Monday!

Cemetery Details

Ankeny Memorial Gardens Cemetery

4208 N Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church
510 East First Street
Ankeny, IA

Scripture Service

MAY **23**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church
510 East First Street
Ankeny, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church
510 East First Street
Ankeny, IA

Burial

MAY **24**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Ankeny Memorial Gardens Cemetery
4208 N Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Dear MaryAnne,
We are so sorry for your loss. I am so glad I got to see you both at Margie's funeral. You have been such great friends to our families and I thank God for Tony and you!
I take comfort in the fact that Jesus says to trust in Him and you will have eternal life. I hope we get to see you this summer in Iowa.
Love,
Mike and Lynne Paasch

Mike Paasch - June 21, 2016 at 12:55 PM

MP

PS I sent you a card earlier, but it came back. Must have a bad address.

Mike Paasch - June 21, 2016 at 12:56 PM

KH

“ MaryAnne, I have so many good memories working with Tony at Standard Forwarding. He would always make sure I had my Twinkies & Pepsi in the morning or check to see if I needed a ride to work It was such a blessing to have known him. May God bless you and your family today and always.

Kim & Jerry Heston - May 23, 2016 at 04:59 PM

VS

Marianne I just spoke with Tony in Melrose at the funeral of Harold Conway. We had a lovely visit I asked if you were there and he replied that you were under the weather. He said also that he talks to my son Sean at the track. He was kidding me about the numbers I always play 138 I said they're good Tony play them. I will keep you and your family in my prayers God bless you.

Vicki smith - May 23, 2016 at 05:10 PM

ES

“ *Mary Anne,*

Sorry to hear about Tony. I first got to meet Tony in 1956 after my family moved to Des Moines. He had moved there earlier. We were very close and stayed that way through the years. Karen and I are in Quebec City, Canada and will not be able to attend the services, but we have been sharing our recollections of both you and Tony since the weekend. Our very best.

Karen and Ed Smith

Ed Smith - May 23, 2016 at 04:47 PM

MB

“ *MaryAnne, i am so sorry for your loss. I remember Tony when I met Bernard Michael Murphy and his wife Barbara. It was before they were married and Barb and I were living on Rutland Avenue in Des Moines. We went to a New Years Eve Dance in Melrose and you and Tony were there. I know that he will be missed terribly by his family and all his friends. Is Bernard still living around Des Moines somewhere?*

Marcella Robinson Betts - May 22, 2016 at 10:23 PM

DS

“ *Mary Anne,
I was saddened to hear of Tony's passing. You and your family are certainly in my prayers. Im sure you have many precious memories that will help your family now and in the future.*

I smile when I think of all the fun times we had teaching at Northwest Elementary so many years ago. I treasure those times and always will.

*May God bless you and your family!
Diane Silver*

Diane Silver - May 22, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "Tony" Joseph Sullivan.*



May 22, 2016 at 11:59 AM

CW

“ *Tony had the biggest heart. He was so giving, helpful, and insightful. He (and others) welcomed me into the Dairy Queen world, and I always knew there was someone I could ask for help from in Tony. He will truly be missed.*

Chris Welsh - May 22, 2016 at 10:48 AM

LO

“ *Such sad, sad news. Tony was always "there" for the O'Donnell family. His folks and ours were best friends back in the day. So, we all were like family. He always had a smile ... maybe some advice ... and usually a good joke, too. We will miss him tremendously. Our prayers go out to the entire family. Tom & Lois O'Donnell*

Lois & Tom ODonnell - May 21, 2016 at 06:47 PM

DB

“ *Tony made my world a better place. His love for life, kind, and willingness to help out were examples that were hard not to emulate. He always had the perfect story and remembered things so clearly. Thank you, Tony, for letting me part of your world. May the luck of the Irish continue with you in the afterlife and beyond.*

Dong Banh - May 21, 2016 at 01:09 PM

 Sandra Allgood

“ *Sandra Allgood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Tony" Joseph Sullivan*



Sandra Allgood - May 21, 2016 at 11:42 AM

DO

“ *Debra Ott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Tony" Joseph Sullivan*



Debra Ott - May 21, 2016 at 09:23 AM