



## W. Francis Sullivan

May 29, 1925 - June 16, 2023

JAFFREY, NH/ PEPPERELL: W. Francis Sullivan, Jr. 98, a former longtime Pepperell resident died Friday, June 16, 2023 at his home.

His wife of 68 years, Ann B. (Wheeler) Sullivan died in September 2019.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Nashua, NH, May 29, 1925, a son of William F. and Mary E. (Fallon) Sullivan and resided in Pepperell and Rindge, NH before moving to Jaffrey 14 years ago.

He was a 1943 graduate of Pepperell High School and continued his education at the former Burdette Business College in Boston.

As an adolescent, Fran became Pepperell's first Lowell Sun paperboy, growing his route to all of East Pepperell and a large portion of Pepperell itself. He earned several trips as a reward for the size of his route including to Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

A stand out athlete in high school in both baseball and basketball, Fran played baseball for the traveling team, The Hobos during WWII, and was a member of Pepperell's Green Waves travel basketball team.

He leaves three sons, David B. Sullivan of Townsend, Daniel B. Sullivan of Englewood, Florida, Timothy W. Sullivan of Lyndeborough, NH; a daughter,

Sharon S. Vincent of Lunenburg; nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Joan M. Floyd in 2013 and was the brother of the late Joseph J. Sullivan of North Reading and Mary K. Wall of Pepperell.

Mr. Sullivan worked twenty five years as the Purchasing Director at New England Business Service in Townsend, retiring in 1989. Prior to that he worked in a similar capacity for 17 years at Bemis Brothers Bag Company in Pepperell.

Fran was the Treasurer for the North Middlesex School District at its inception in the early 1960's and served in that capacity for over 20 years. While residing in Rindge, Mr. Sullivan was known to be amongst the most faithful fans of the Franklin Pierce College Sports teams.

Calling hour will be held in the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend on Saturday, July 15, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM in the funeral home. Burial to follow at Pepperell Cemetery, 8 Park Street Pepperell.

# Cemetery Details

## Pepperell Cemetery Association

Park Street  
Pepperell, MA 01463

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of W. Francis Sullivan.*



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July 14, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *I have fond memories of sitting on the couch at the house in Pepperell watching the Bruins, Red Sox, Celtics and Boston Patriots with Uncle Fran as a young boy. I am an avid Bruins, Red Sox and Celtics fan today because of his influence! Thank You Very Much Uncle Fran, Love Rich*

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**Richard La Roche** - July 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of W. Francis Sullivan.*



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July 09, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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“ Fran, Birthday buddy, May 29th, and dear lake neighbor. Those were wonderful memories at the lake and Ann and Fran were a great part of those happy times. Fran , always pleasant , smiling and just an all around wonderful person. Also loved knowing and sharing good times with all the Sullivan family.

*I am living in Henniker, NH now . I am hoping to be at the service on the 15th but don't drive far from home these days so will see what I can arrange. My loving thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Polly M.*

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**Polly Mellin** - July 05, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ I have fond memories spending time at great aunt sis & uncle frans place on the lake, I even rode my horse there once for a visit with my friend dawn & her horse. Sis was very good to me & I loved keeping in touch via cards and letters after we moved to maine. It was so great to see them in Townsend on Memorial Day trips down. I miss them both but am thankful they are together again and that Fran went on his terms❤️. Thinking of the family, and my aunt Janie who was a wonderfully cherished niece to uncle Fran & sis.

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**rachel heath** - June 25, 2023 at 05:19 PM