



## James Jeremiah Sullivan

April 26, 1946 - May 16, 2022

James Jeremiah Sullivan, age 76, of Portage, formerly of Miller Beach, passed away May 16, 2022. He was born on April 26, 1946 to Michael and Mary Sullivan in Gary, IN. A first generation American, he attended Holy Angels Grade School and graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1965. As a young man, Jim began to work in the steel industry. He started as a crane operator and later, after attending trade school, he retired as an electrician at Mittal Steel after 46 years of service. He was a member of Local 6787 Burns Harbor IN. Jim was a lifelong member of the Friendly Sons of Erin. He worked hard and provided his family with a life free of want. He met another first generation American, Mary Samardzrij and they married. They were blessed with two sons-Michael and Jimmy. The Sullivan's lived in Miller Beach IN for many years and then to Portage, IN where their family grew to include many beloved furry "children" -Eric, Fagen, Mario, Duke, and Jim's beloved loyal friend-Charlie. Jim was a good son, a good Catholic, a good husband and father, and a loving grandfather to his precious grandson-Jack, whom he will watch over from above. Jim was loved and we will miss him every day.

He was preceded in death by his parents-Michael and Mary; brother-Daniel. Jim is survived by his wife-Mary; sons-Michael and Jimmy; grandson-Jack; sister-Eileen Sullivan. A lifelong Democrat, he encouraged all good Democrats to get out and VOTE!! A memorial service for Jim will be held at a later date. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.b](http://www.b)

urnsfuneral.com.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Big Sully was a great man and father. I spent so much time at the Sullivan household growing up and Big Jim was always so generous to us. So many great memories on his boat and watching Bears games and boxing in the basement. Love to Mary, Mike, and Jimmy. — Russ Natalie*

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**Russ Natalie** - August 09, 2022 at 09:04 PM

MR

“ *Dear Mary, Michael and Jimmy,*

*My condolences on the loss of your beloved husband and father Jim.*

*I will always remember Jim's soft spoken kindness, warmth and engaging conversation...he was truly a good man.*

*And, of course, I remember Jim in his HMS letter jacket running down the hallways of Horace Mann School.*

*May his memory be eternal.*

*Millie Turajlic Ruzbasan HMS '65*

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**Millie Ruzbasan** - May 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM

BR

“ Mary, Michael and Jimmy, so sorry for your loss. Sully was a best friend to me through some of the Holy Angels years and into high school. Great fun and adventures growing up those years in Gary. Always enjoyed seeing Jim on the occasions I was back in town for a reunion. May he rest in peace and may his memory comfort you in the time ahead.

*Bob Ridgely*

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**Bob Ridgely** - May 27, 2022 at 03:04 PM

DD

“ Mary, Michael and Jimmy I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Daryel Durr*

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**Daryel Durr** - May 21, 2022 at 10:45 PM

MS

“ My condolences to Mary, Michael, and Jimmy. Jim was a good, kind, and generous person - his home was open to everyone. I still remember when Jim and Mary picked me up from O'Hare when I first traveled to IN from PA. Soar high kind spirit - RIP and God Bless



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**Melanie Samardzija** - May 20, 2022 at 07:58 PM

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“ Mary and family,  
Very sorry to hear about Jim. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Anne Pickering and family

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**Anne Pickering** - May 19, 2022 at 10:20 PM

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**Millie Ruzbasan** - May 30, 2022 at 05:56 PM