



Robert W. "Bob" Sullivan

June 27, 1953 - April 22, 2010

Robert W. Sullivan, 56, of Bloomington died Thursday, April 22, 2010 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on June 27, 1953 in Bloomington the son of Robert E. and Eugenie (Thompson) Sullivan. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the Indiana University School of Business and was the owner and operator of Sullivan Clothing in Bloomington.

First and foremost, Bob was a devoted husband, a dedicated father and lover of good jokes. He cherished his family's Friday night pizza and Sunday morning pancakes. He was not shy to be "Mr. Mom" to his daughters or take his turn in the classroom; his devotion was unwavering.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Tanya (Boruff) Sullivan, his two daughters, Erin Sullivan of San Francisco, CA and Emily Sullivan of Bloomington, his mother, Eugenie Sullivan of Bloomington and one sister, Sabra Sullivan-Leamson of Indianapolis.

Private family arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 in Bloomington. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter, 3410 S. Old St. Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN 47401 or in care of Allen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

"some of it's tragic, some of it's magic, but I've had a good life all the way".

Tribute Wall

EU

“ Dear Sullivan Family--

My wife, Pat, and I have been away from Bloomington for more than three months, so it was quite a shock when we drove to Sullivan's (which we do every so often whenever we're in Bloomington) to see that it was closed. Sad as we were about the closing of the store, a store we loved to visit whenever we could, we were even sadder when I checked the internet and discovered that Bob had passed away in April.

He was such a special person. We would often look for excuses to visit the store, just so that we could have a chat with Bob. He brought sunshine to everyone he met, and he was so good at his trade. They don't make them like Bob anymore. He was one of those people who grace Bloomington with his presence, his personality, his character. Every visit to Sullivan's was a tonic for us, and Bob Sullivan epitomized for us what a good person was. If only the world had more like him.

Please know that, deep as his loss must be for you, that Bob also lives in our hearts, and our grief over his passing is profound.

Eugene Eoyang, 2230 Cape Cod Drive

Eugene Eoyang - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MA

“ I was shocked to just find out about Bob's passing.

I always enjoyed his company from high school through college and beyond and during those years always could count on a good laugh when around him.

Bloomington will never be the same without Bob and the Sullivan Store.

Tanya and family you are in our prayers.

Mark Phillippe - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

LS

“ Hello Tanya, Ms. Eugenie, Erin and Emily,

My wife Angela and I are deeply saddened to learn of Bob's passing. We were just saying last week that we had not visited our "friend" in a while and were making plans to travel to Bloomington to see him and acquire one of his high quality suits, which is only surpassed by a higher level of customer service and loyalty.

Bob had an uncanny way of making all of his customers feel so special. He was a true gentlemen, deeply committed and loving family man, honored businessman and community leader; all with a very warm and engaging smile! May God use all of these attributes to help comfort you during this time.

Lee Sullivan - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

NY

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO BOB'S FAMILY. ALTHOUGH I AM A COUSIN, I DID NOT KNOW BOB BUT I KNEW HIS FATHER.MY MOTHER, HAZEL COLGLAZIER WAS FOND OF "BOBBY".. NANCY COLGLAZIER YOUNG

NANCY COLGLAZIER YOUNG - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ I met Bob many years ago while getting my hair done with Kaye Beavers. Since I was teaching & lived in Franklin, my appt. was always on Thurs. evenings and Bob was usually there when I got there or sometimes he came in after me. I knew his store, having lived in Bloomington for 11 years back in the 1970's, but I didn't know Bob until Kaye introduced us. He shared many stories of his family vacations and his "girls"---all 3 of you. Anyone could tell how much he loved and enjoyed his time with you. He had such a wonderful sense of humor and genuine interest in other people's lives. What a classy guy he was and devoted family man! You are so lucky to have had such a wonderful husband and father. I have a close friend who works in Bloomington and she told me of your loss. Words cannot express my shock and sadness for everyone who ever knew him.
My sympathy and love goes to his entire family, even though I've never met you---I know you are very special, wonderful people.

Cheryl Flater - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MI

“ Bob, gave my daughter Julie her first "real" job, for which for her was a very positive experience. He was a great guy, and I enjoyed meeting him, his loss to his family and to the Bloomington community is too great to be measured.

Michael Iser - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JU

“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear about Bob's passing. I worked at Sullivan's for 2 years when I was in school. Bob was the best boss that I ever had. He was so helpful, kind and funny. I enjoyed spending my days with him and sharing stories about our lives together. He was an amazing man and will truly be missed. My heart goes out to his family.

Julie Iser - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob. Bloomington lost one of her best. He was devoted to his family, the community and friends. Every visit to the store he made you feel so special. We will miss him.

Steve, Debby and Steve Reed - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RI

“ I met Bob for the first time, the first day of Kindergarten at McCalla grade school. The thing that struck me then, and the thing that stayed with me through our Senior Year, was his constant smile. He had an infectious smile. He was a great Ambassador for Blomington. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rick Dyer - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JH

“ I met with Bob this past February at a Men's Show and he told about his surgery coming up. Bob knew I had a similar situation last year. I worked with both Bob Jr. and his father over the years and I can tell you this: In the dictionary under Gentlemen they are now both pictured. I will sincerely miss Bob and the pleasure he brought to our business relationship. There was always a smile!!!

Jim Huston - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BC

“ *To Bob's Family: we're stunned & so very sorry to hear about Bob's death. Our condolences to you all. We will miss Bob and his smile, his humor, & his graciousness. You will be in our prayers.*

Brian & Carol Beall - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

J(

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Tonya and the girls in the death of Bob. Dot and her family have know the wonderful Sullivan family for several generations. We are sad to see him leave us at such a young age. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jerry & Dot (Moore) Spore - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

ST

“ *Tanya, Erin, Emily...
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. Learning of Bob's death has made me so very sad. And yet, though I've lost a friend of many years, it is a comfort to learn that so many others shared the constancy of Bob's good nature, love of life, humor, civility, and genuine interest in his friends and their families. The common threads of experience in knowing Bob that are shared in these condolences paint a happy picture of a good man and a life well-lived. What a great guy. We'll all miss him.*

Steve Gooley - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SC

“ So very sad and surprised to hear of cousin Bobby's passing. Our deepest condolences from my family in Florida to all of you. I am Hazel Colglaziers grandson and sadly have not had any contact with Bob in many years but remember him so clearly as I use to bump into him at the store..

May God bless all of you!

Scott Paynter - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SA

“ My grandfather Chuck Clapham, and father Steve Gooley always bought their suits and dress clothes at Sullivan's. I first went into the store in a stroller pushed by my mom. Bob always stopped and talked to us and was ready with a big smile. Years later, he knew not just my grandpa's and dad's sizes, but my husband's too. He was always part of what makes Bloomington such a special place. I was so sorry to hear of his passing and the Sullivan family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Samantha Ridge - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

TR

“ Our sympathies go to all of you during this difficult time. Bob touched our lives deeply from a business relationship and a personal one. His wit and energy always made shopping with him a pleasure and he always knew exactly what to do to complete the "perfect man's" wardrobe. We hope that in time you will be able to console yourselves with the wonderful memories of a man who truly made a positive impact on all who had the opportunity to know him.

Our community has lost a very special person--one who embodied the meaning of leave every every place you go a better place than it was before you arrived there.

If we can help any of you in any way, we will consider an honor to be called upon.

Sincerely,

Treva and Ric Olson

Treva and Ric Olson - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing last week. He was indeed a special man. He will be missed by us and we want you (Tanya) to know we are thinking of you at this difficult time. Gob bless you and your family.

David & Karen Lessard - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

GC

“ My good friend is gone, and I so very sad. I worked in the store during my senior year at IU - I got to know Bob and we became close friends. After a year away, I returned to Bloomington for law school and our friendship continued. Bob and I shared a lot of great times together - going to the Comedy Caravan, talking IU Sports, sailing on the lake, having drinks, sharing a meal, sharing stories and jokes. Over the past 8 years, I think it would be hard to find a three week period that Bob and I didn't communicate in some way. Every time I am back in Bloomington, I always made sure I had an extra hour (or two) to go down to the store and see my friend and share stories. He taught me so much during a time when so much in my life was changing. Tanya, Erin, and Emily - Bob and I often talked about "his girls" and you should know how much he loved you...he was so proud of each of you...he always told me about the family vacations and trips...I know he loved that time with you. I know this is going to be hard - hard for a lot of people that were touched by his spirit and life, but I promise that I will always keep him alive in my heart, my thoughts, and my words. I miss him dearly.

Greg Clark - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RP

“ Our deepest condolences to the Sullivan family.

RE/MAX Acclaimed Properties - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BA

“ Bob Sullivan was a wonderful man. We have never shopped in any store where we were treated so graciously. No one will ever take his place, and we will miss him tremendously. Bloomington has lost a very special person. We are so sorry for your loss.

Bill and Rebecca Applegate - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RF

“ When you think of what it is to be a pillar of the community, Bob Sullivan epitomizes that description. I remember Bob from High School. His upbeat attitude, his smile, his humor and his kind words for everyone he knew were always heart felt. Each of us who knew you intend on seeing you with that big smile when we cross over. We will miss you Bob!

Rusty Fishel - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SH

“ I got to know Bob well during my four years at Sullivan's. Bob was like my dad away from home, always giving me heartfelt advice and teaching me to take things with a grain of salt. I learned so much from him, both professionally and personally, and I am so sorry to hear this sad news. His kindness will not be forgotten, and my thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Shannon Sutton - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

LA

“ Tanya, It was with the greatest sadness that I learned of Bob's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and that I'm here if there is any way I can help. Larry

Larry Bender - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

AN

“ To all the family of Bob,
I only had the opportunity to know Bob through working with him at Olson, but he was such a happy, upbeat person to work with. He was always appreciative of everything one did for him. I am so sorry that you had to lose him at such a young age. Just from working with him on occasion, I could tell he packed a lot of living into his time here on earth. I hope the memories of all the good times you had with him, will bring comfort to you.

To Eugenie, please know that any of us here at Olson will be available to help you in any way we can. Our prayers are with both you and your family.

Ann Keller

Ann Keller - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

TI

“ To our neighbors in days gone by, to childhood friends of the children, and on behalf of our family, I want to say that I am so deeply sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a terrific guy, a proprietor of integrity and keen sense of community service, and such a wonderfully personable friend. I too went to Bob to get a first suit for my son and other times when I hoped to find a suit as sharp as the ones he wore. Sincere condolences from the Diemers. May you find some moments of comfort during these sad days.

Timothy Diemer - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BJ

“ Tanya:

I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. What a kind person he was to all. Always had a smile. My prayers to you and your family.

BJ McElroy - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

TS

“ We cannot imagine the sadness all of Bob's family must feel. But please know that we, along with much of Bloomington, is also sad. Whenever it came time for clothes for Tony, we would always say, "It's time to go ask Bob what we ought to get." He seemed very much a part of our lives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Tony and Jan Shipps - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

TO

“ Decades ago I bought my first suit from Bob(which lasted until a few years ago!). I remember the care, attention to detail and ease that Bob displayed as he fitted it. From that point on, I was a loyal customer, buying my suits only from Sullivan's. He always knew my suit, coat and shoe size because he was a caring, consummate business owner.

Over the years Bob and I had the opportunity to interact professionally when I worked for the City of Bloomington. After that, we enjoyed many a conversation about local and national events whenever I came to the store. Bob was always up to speed on every topic we discussed.

My wife Kati and son Alex also were especially saddened by Bob's passing, as Alex has become a second generation Sullivan's customer and fan. Bob always took great care of them no matter the circumstance (or emergency!)

Tanya, Erin and Emily, we are truly saddened for your loss and pray for your comfort. We will miss Bob greatly. But more importantly, we also will always remember a great and true gentleman of our community, with a wonderful sense of humor, the best outlook on life, and genuine care for others.

Tom Guevara - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

EL

“ I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the Sullivan family for Bob's sudden and untimely death. I have been a loyal customer, friend and admirer of Bob and his father since my family and I moved to Bloomington. He always greeted me with a smile, and I shall miss him a lot.

Edoardo Lebano - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

AL

“ Even only as an acquaintance of Bob's, he will be missed.

Allison Chopra - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Sullivan family. Shopping at Sullivan's was always a pleasure because of Bob and his ever present smile and care. We will miss this very special friend.

Larry and Betty Davidson

Larry and Betty Davidson - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

TO

“ *Bob Sullivan represented the finest traditions of American shopkeeping. His family name was on the storefront and as a previous customer, the moment you stepped inside you could always rely on a first name greeting from Bob himself.*

I could speak to the quality of every piece of clothing I purchased at Sullivan's. They include my favorite cardigan sweater, two matching Pendleton shirts that have simply refused to fray, and a pinstripe suit that I always reserve for an extreme need to impress.

But my most enduring memory will be the fact that every single time I came into Sullivan's, Bob had a smile for me. His presentation was genuine. Bob really treasured his customers. Quality aside, the truth is that I shopped at Sullivan's Clothing because of Bob Sullivan.

Tom Roznowski - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob's family from all the Campaignes. It seems like Sullivan's has been a part of the lives of two generations of Campaignes -- just like two generations of the Sullivans.*

Please accept our sincere condolences.

*Dave and Jane
Jean and Ernie*

Dave Campaigne - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

PE

“ *Tanya, Erin and Emily,*

We are so sorry to hear about Bob. We hope you find comfort in your many happy family memories. I know he will also be missed by so many in the community.

He surely was a happy neighbor to have on Montclair.

*Sincerely,
The Thatchers*

Paula, John, Erik Thatcher - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

HC

“ *Sullivan family,*

Mr. Sullivan will be missed by everyone who ever met him. I will never forget the kindness he showed me each and every time I saw him. Whether it was spending spring break in Mexico with your family or spending the night with Emily, He always treated me like I was apart of the family. He was extremely good at what he did- everyone who walked into Sullivan's came out better than when they walked in. He was a great father, friend, and person.

I'm praying for you all.

Hattie Edgeworth Cripe

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MA

“ I was so saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He was always a pleasure to visit with at the store, and I considered him to be a true gentleman and a part of Bloomington's history. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Kruzan - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I knew him only from the few times each year I came in the store, yet he always greeted me by name and was always warm and gracious. Few men have made such a good and lasting impression on me when I first met them. I will miss and always remember his smile, his humor, and his candor.

Steve Feaster - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

WI

“ When growing up with Bob, he always presented himself with class & above all a good sence of humor. The world has lost a Good soul. I send my condolences to his family.

WILLIAM BASTIN - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MC

“ We were very sad to learn of the death of this good man. Marc remembers playing with Bob and Sabra as chidren while Bob's parents attended IU football games. Chris often said that Marc looked his very best when he bought his clothes at Sullivans. Bob Sullivan; a master clothier, a good friend, and a dear soul, will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his mother, wife and children.

Marc and Chris Kellams - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SU

“ I am so sorry to see that Bob had passed away. He was always such a gentleman and a friend to us when we went to his store. He helped my son purchase his first suit and he made such an impression on him that he always asked about Bob when he was home from school and if there was anything he needed he looked forward to going to Sullivans. I am sorry to say I didn't see him outside of the store but he always made me feel special when I was there as we talked about our children and our spouses. Tanya please accept me and my families deepest sympathy. Bob was truly an extraordinary person. Sincerely, Susan Young

Susan Young - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BH

“ Tanya and family,

We are so sorry to hear about Bobby. We always enjoyed seeing you at the airport during spring breaks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bill and Rainey and family.

Bill Hanna - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

GA

“ I had occasion to meet with Bob on a few occasions and he always was professional, personable, and very knowledgeable. If anyone could, it was he who made me look better and feel better because of the clothing he helped me select. Others who knew him agreed with me that he was an incredibly courteous, respectful, and decent person. In short, he was an absolute class act.

My sincere condolences on the loss of an outstanding son, husband, father, and member of our community.

Gary Dunn - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

GD

“ *Your family is in our prayers. My husband always called Bob a "class act".*

Ginny Dunn - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

CA

“ *My heart aches for all of you even though I know you have memories of wonderful years with Bob. Like so many others I have special remembrances,too--way back to waving at Bob, Sr. & Jeannie upstairs while young Bob joked with my husband, Charles-- & outfitted him to look like a proper attorney. Sabra was in college when my daughter, Chriss, visited her--seems impossible they can be so grown up now! Jeannie & I had a visit a couple of years ago & although I don't have her address, I'd like to get in touch with her. Please know you are all in my prayers--may you find peace in the sweet memories & strength to carry on as Bob would want you to.*
Carolyn

Carolyn Edwards - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

GA

“ *To Bob's Family, Though we were only occasional customers, Bob knew our names and our tastes. With his guidance our purchases were always successful. Our daughters were born around the same time at Bloomington Hospital so we always would catch up on their doings over the years. Bob was one of the downtown merchants who remembered the Christmas holiday lighting of the square when he was a kid and was instrumental in reestablishing that wonderful tradition. In these ways he marked our lives and we will miss him.*

George, Karen, and Anneliese Van Arsdale - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MI

“ I am stunned at the news of Bob's passing from this life. We all have to go at some point, but he was way too young. Carolyn, Emily and I send our condolences.

Sincerely,
Mike

Mike Groomer - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JN

“ To the family: I felt a great sadness upon learning of Bob's death. We have known each other for several years and in fact, I knew his father, too. He will be missed by me and I send my heartfelt condolences.

Bob knew my family well and was ever gracious, courteous, friendly, and accommodating when we met. He was eager to help and I always felt comfortable at the end of our transactions or conversations.

He departs the finite world much too early. I know we all need more people like Bob in our lives. Again, I am sorry for your loss.

Joe Nowlin - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SE

“ Tanya. May your wonderful memories fill your mind, warm your heart and lead you through. Bob was a wonderful man and he will be missed by so many. Our condolences. Sharon and E.G. White

Sharon and EG White - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BA

“ Dear Tanya, I just sent a card yesterday morning and did not realized that Bob had passed away yesteday. We are thinking of you, the girls and Bob's mother. We are so sorry. Your family has been part of our family for years. Bob and Ann Wrenn

Bob and Ann Wrenn - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ We're so sorry to hear of your loss. In deepest sympathy, Julie Bennett Dreesen and Sons Jack and James Dreesen, Marietta Bennett, Debra Bennett Cade & Al Cade, and daughters Laura & Crystal Grubb

Julie Bennett Dreesen - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BR

“ Tanya,
I am so sorry to have seen of Bob's passing in the paper today. What a sweet and energetic guy I remember from high school. My thoughts are with you and your girls and may your memories help you through this very difficult time.
Love,
Beth

Beth (Pruet) Reed - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DF

“ Bob was a person who made Bloomington a better place to be from and to live in. I treasured my friendship with him.

I will miss my good friend Bob.

David Ferguson - October 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM