



Bill Sullivan

December 23, 1957 - March 28, 2008

William J. Sullivan, MD, pediatric physician with the Ft. Collins Youth Clinic, went to God at 11:05 pm Friday, March 28, 2008, surrounded by family, friends, and the love of thousands, after a year long battle with cancer. Born in Ancon AFB, Canal Zone Panama while his father was on active duty on December 23, 1957; he spent most of his formative years in University City, MO. After completing his medical education and eight years as a USAF Pediatrician, he moved with his family to Ft. Collins, CO in July, 1990. He was a graduate of University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine in 1982, served in the USAF Medical Corps from 1982 until 1990, discharged with the rank of Major. He received the status of Diplomat from the American Board of Pediatrics in 1987. He has been an active member of the medical staff of Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins, CO 1990-2007, and served as Vice-Chief of Pediatrics and QAI Chair in 1993-94 and 2002-03, and as Chief, Pediatric department 1995-96 and 2003-04, as well as the initial Vice Chief, Pediatric Department for the Medical Center of the Rockies 2006-2007, where he was instrumental in developing the Level I nursery. Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Donna Lippert Sullivan, MD (1976 graduate of Union High School) and four children, daughter Erin Sullivan-Ortiz and her husband Israel of Greeley, CO, son Curtis Sullivan of Indianapolis, IN and daughters Kathryn and Megan Sullivan of the home, his mother Mrs. Jean Sullivan of University City, MO and in-laws Dr. Jake and Anna Lippert of Camdenton, MO. Also three half-brothers, three brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, their spouses and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and classmates. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph L. Sullivan. In addition to providing exceptional care of children in Ft Collins, Windsor, and Loveland, he was an extraordinary educator of patients, nurses, peers, and Family Medicine and Pediatric residents. "Doc" Bill's greatest passion was skiing, particularly heli-skiing in Canada and snow-cat skiing in Colorado and Utah; he was an avid golfer and bowler. He also traveled with his family camping throughout the west and northwest. He was a strong supporter of CSU Athletic programs. (...go RamNation!) A memorial service will be held at 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 3, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (5450 S. Lemay Ave, Ft. Collins, CO). All are invited to the recitation of the rosary which begins at 4:50 pm Thursday followed by the daily 5:15pm Mass. The service will be followed with a reception in the adjoining Seton

hall until 8pm. This link will bring you to directions to the church courtesy of mapquest.com. This link will bring you to the church's web page. A Funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (2083 Hanley Road, Dardenne Prairie/O'Fallon, MO) on Sunday, April 6, 2008 beginning at 2:30pm, with reception immediately following in the church hall. This text will bring you to directions to the church courtesy of mapquest.com. This text will bring you to the church's web page. In lieu of flowers and gifts, his family requests that donations be made to Dr. Bill's legacy, through one of the three following memorials: 1. "Doc" Bill Sullivan Memorial Athletic Scholarship Endowment - through the CSU Foundation, for athletes in any sport who maintain strong academic effort and give back to their community through active community service and leadership. Contact: Kristi Bohlender at the CSU Athletic Department at 970/491-2048. 2. "William J Sullivan Memorial Fund" - for excellence in education in the care of children, including an annual lecture series given by nationally-recognized clinicians, as well as scholarships for educational programs for children. Sponsored by Fort Collins Youth Clinic. Donations can be made directly to the fund at any First Bank of Northern Colorado, mail to First Bank of NC, PO Box 270770, Ft Collins, CO 80527. 3. God's Child Project - an organization to assist God's poorest children in their educational, social, physical, and spiritual growth. Bill and his family have supported these efforts since their mission trip to build homes in Guatemala in 1999. <http://www.gcpnc.org/godschildprojectnc/gcpnchelpnow.html> You may send memorial contributions directly to these organizations or you may send them to Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524 and they will be forwarded on.

Comments



“ Dear Sullivan Family,
Words cannot possibly express how deeply saddened we are for the loss of your wonderful father and husband. Dr. Bill, as my children referred to him, was the kindest, most wonderful person to anyone who knew him. Dr Bill was the first physician with whom we established a relationship when we moved to Fort Collins 15 years ago. I feel like we also know the entire Sullivan family so well by Dr. Bill sharing stories about all of the children and Donna, over all of these years. He so loved all of you and there wasn't a visit with him that he didn't share how each of you were and what trips you had planned together or what accomplishments had taken place with the children since our last visit. He took such great joy and pride in his job of caring for our children. He was such a great role model. My children will forever remember him and miss him. Thank you dear Sullivan's for sharing your father and husband with us, he protected and cared for my precious babies and I will be forever grateful to him. Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family. Take Care, Love The Carpenter's

Kenneth and Michelle Carpenter - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Curtis and family,

The men of Iota-Zeta Zeta at the University of North Texas would like to extend their deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

We're thinking of you during this difficult time. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Respectfully in ZAX,
Sammy L. Nichols II, High Pi
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
Iota-Zeta Zeta

Sammy Nichols - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donna and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bless you with the much needed strength, and give you peace and comfort today and in the days ahead. May the memories you have of your husband and father be treasured forever. Stay strong for each other and take care. Shelly, Christopher, and Jennifer Kuntz

Shelly Kuntz - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish the family of Dr. Sullivan all the best in their process of grieving. I hope it makes it an easier process knowing how much his colleagues and the community appreciated and loved him. He was a wonderful man. We all admired his courage and quiet humor, and we can only hope we can be as courageous as he was when we are faced with our life tragedies. God bless you all. I am deeply sorry for your loss, and for the loss of Bill in our community.

Richard Booth - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donna and family,
Our prayers are with you during this time. Doctor Sullivan (as we all called him) was our trusted doctor and friend. We loved going to the Youth Clinic to see what "Dr. Sullivan" would say about our hurt wrists and twisted ankles. He would share his stories about children falling off bunk beds and wrestling as primary sources of injury- which made us feel like we were a normal family.
His confident and responsible nature was always reassuring. We will miss him greatly.
The Supe's

Richard and Lea Ann Supe - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ All of us back in St. Louis are sorry to hear of the loss of our cousin, nephew, and dear friend. You are in our thoughts and our prayers. Love, the Neri's: Joe, Gina, Melissa, Caitlin, and Josie.

Neri Family - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donna and children: I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed working with Bill.

You have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mim

Mim Miller - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Dr.Sullivan. We have been patients of the Youth Clinc for quite awhile but whenever Dr.Gunther was not available we loved seeing Dr.Sullivan. Our youngest three children are adopted from Korea and the two smaller ones saw Dr.Sullivan at times. He was so kind and loving

with them and I so appreciate his kinds words and care. Your family will be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. May God hold you each close at this time.

David & Nancy Stice - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family of Dr. Bill,

When our children were young, we visited the office. The doctor's kindness and care were greatly appreciated and will be missed by all who knew him.

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. It is with great sadness that we write. We pray that God will be with you during this difficult time.

Bettinghouse family - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sympathy and prayers go out to your family at this time. I first met Dr. Sullivan in the hospital after the birth of our first son. We decided that he was going to be our pediatrician after that. I enjoyed his style and how he really took the time to talk to us, and seemed to enjoy our kids. He will be missed.

Erin Branchflower - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We'll miss him. Jean was the first of my cousins to marry and the first to have a child so that made Bill really special. He used to come into the dime store where I worked and call for Uncle Ona. I smile now thinking of it. He was always outgoing, too.

Ona (Krafft) Scott - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ When our son was born, Dr. Sullivan was the pediatrician on call. We know if he had not come in and resuscitated our son he would not have survived. We are eternally grateful and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. What a legacy of love and caring he has left behind. Thank You.

Justin and Lindsay Daley - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear about Bills passing. I feel sorry that we did not get to better friends with Bill. The time that I did spend with him he was always kidding and laughing about his family. It was obvious that over the years he was very charitable not only with his time as a doctor but also many different charities. Im glad that he's no longer suffering and I am sure he is looking down from heaven knowing someday he will be reunited with his family. My sincerest condolences to all the Sullivans.

James Dwyer and Family - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I haven't seen Billy since we were kids but I know what a wonderful son, husband, Father and Doctor he was. My heart goes out to his family.

andrea harris - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were fortunate enough to have Dr. Sullivan as our children's pediatrician for almost 9 years. We chose him out of all of the doctors we met when our first child was born. He was a lovely person. He had a true gift, always reassuring and making plenty of time for us. We learned much about his wonderful family during our visits as well. He will be missed by so many. Our hearts and prayers are with your family at this time.

The Ellis Family - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I only knew Dr. Sullivan for the 3 weeks that my twins were in the special care nursery at PVH in April/May 2002. Dr. Sullivan was the person that I wanted to see each day - he was the one who gave me medical updates, and he was the one who gave the ok for my little guys to come home. His gentle spirit was appreciated and he was wonderful with the twins' older sister. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we thank him for his years of service to our littlest children.

Jennifer Buchanan - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sullivan Family: We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Bill's passing. He was a caring, sincere man as well as a great physican to our daughters. We will always remember him fondly; his warm smile, approachable, relaxed manner with children and parents which we so appreciated, and how he wore little Teddy Bears on his stethoscope so it wouldn't be so scary for the little ones. We hope your loving memories of your wonderful father and husband will help you through this difficult time.



“ DR. BILL LOVES HIS FOOTBALL, TAIL GATING BEFORE THE GAME HOPING MANY DO THE SAME. COOKING UP SOME FOOD HELPS THOSE GET IN THE GROOVE. MAKING HIS WAY TO THE STANDS TO BE WITH HIS FANS. WHILE CHEERING HIS TEAM ON HIS FANS ARE CHERRING HIM ON. GOD BLESS YOU DR.BILL

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

LISA SPEAKER - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ What a gentle good man.

JoDene M. Albo - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We thought of your family all day today. We are some of Dr. Bill's greatest fans. He got us through a lot of rough times. It's going to be really tough without him. He was always there for us. We want you to know that we feel like we know your whole family because he was always talking about you. He was so proud of you and loved you more than you could ever know. He is going to be greatly missed, but we look forward to seeing him again someday. We will never forget him. Thanks for sharing all these last months with us. Rod, Sharon, and Danny Vernon

Rod, Sharon, and Danny Vernon - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Sullivan saw my oldest child in the hospital 6 years ago. Since than we have seen him at the youth clinic as our physician. He was a very kind hearted caring man who always made sure his patients came first. My heart and prayers go out to his family. May God be with you in this time of greivence. God Bless!

Danielle Howard - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sullivan Family,
Doctor Bill was our son's pediatrician for 9 years, since he was 2. He also saw our daughter at times. He always had time to talk with us and our kids, and genuinely enjoyed the kids. We appreciated his insights into family life. He had a gentle nature and humor that endeared him to us. He had a great life and will be treasured in the hearts of all his patients. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fuller Family - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for sharing Bill Sullivan with us. He helped take our son through some of his most difficult years and experiences. Dr. Sullivan's humor, advice, and wisdom helped all of us to grow through our son's medical issues. Please know what a difference he has made in all of our lives.

Kind Regards,
The Jones'

Bill, Deb, & Andy Jones - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM