



Jimmy Sullivan

August 5, 1937 - June 10, 2021

Jimmy Lee Sullivan, 83, currently of Plainfield and formerly residing in Wilbur, was called into eternal rest at 7:10 p.m., on Thursday, June 10, 2021, within the comfort of his own home. One of four children, he was born in Newport, Indiana, on August 5, 1937, and was raised in the small town of Cayuga, by his mother, Martha Dove (Barclay) and stepfather, Clarence Dove. Facing more obstacles than most people experience over the course of their life, Jimmy was diagnosed with polio at the age of three when he became no stranger to the challenges that would lead him to live a full and sedulous life, despite his barriers.

A proud 1955 graduate of Cayuga high school Jimmy attended Terre Haute Business College where he received an associate degree in accounting. Finding work as a farmhand in his youth, he supplemented his income by taking tickets and selling concessions for the local movie theatre, where he met Gretchen and started a courtship during his senior year and went on to marry in 1959. Blessed to complete their family with two sons, the Sullivan's began their journey in Indianapolis later settling into the quiet town of Wilbur. Diligent to provide and destined to overcome, Jimmy proudly earned his living as a leading sales representative at Refractory Engineers where he deservedly retired with 35 years of refractory manufacturing expertise.

Jimmy loved the game of basketball and he played for the Indianapolis

Olympians on the National Wheelchair Basketball League; where his team was awarded the title of National Runner Ups in the 1964-1965 season and won the National Championship the following year. In addition, he was a member of the Monrovia Christian Church and former President of the National Association of the Powerhouse Engineers. His hobbies included boating, fishing, music, and woodworking, but most of all he was a proud family man and rejoiced to be the Grandpa of his three beloved granddaughters.

With water as his equalizer and offering him serenity, Jimmy and Gretchen were able to enjoy lake life with extended stays and journeys on their boat at Green Turtle Bay on Kentucky Lake. Tirelessly committed and determined to meticulously strive for perfection, he took pride in his work and in everything that he did. Extremely intelligent, he was always striving to learn and possessed a great sense of humor. His optimistic outlook and genuine humility were guaranteed to bring out the laughs. Loved and respected on a personal and professional level, Jimmy leaves a legacy of love and an army of family and friends to continue in sharing his story.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Don Sullivan; brothers-in-laws, Horace Hayes and David Bishop.

Survivors include his soulmate and loving wife of 62 years, Gretchen Helen (Boyd) Sullivan of Plainfield; sons, Mark Sullivan (wife, Vicki) of Indianapolis and Greg Sullivan (wife, Melissa) of Highland Park, Illinois; 3 adored granddaughters; Brooke and twins, Rylee, and Gabrielle Sullivan; sisters, Nancy Hayes of Terre Haute and Judy Bishop of Rockville; brother-in-law, Tom Boyd of Williamsburg, V.A.; 9 nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Friends and family may visit from 4 to 7:00 pm., on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11am, on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, with additional calling held an hour prior at the funeral home. Pastor Kurt Alexander will officiate the services and burial will follow in Terre Haute, with a brief committal service held in the Apostles section of Roselawn Cemetery estimated to take place around 1:45pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley Hospital for Children or to the March of Dimes. All attendees who have not received the vaccine are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering throughout the duration of services. Donation envelopes and masks will be provided by the funeral home. Search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media and to share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry, send a condolence to the family, or light a candle in Jimmy's memory please visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

7500 N. Clinton Street
Terre Haute , IN 47805
<http://Phone: 812-466-5221>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
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Additional Visitation

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



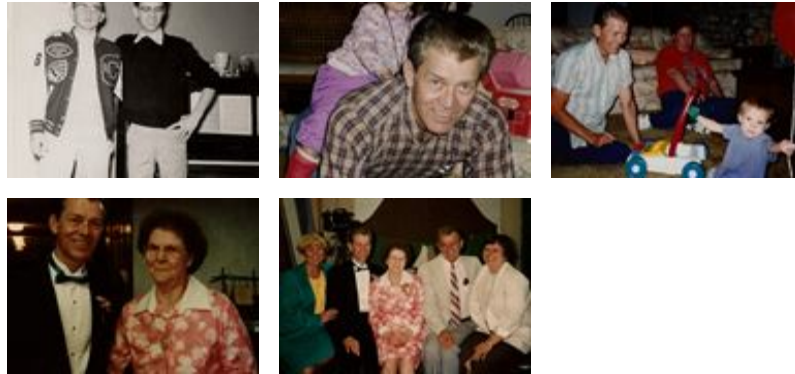
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.*



June 16, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2021 at 09:23 PM

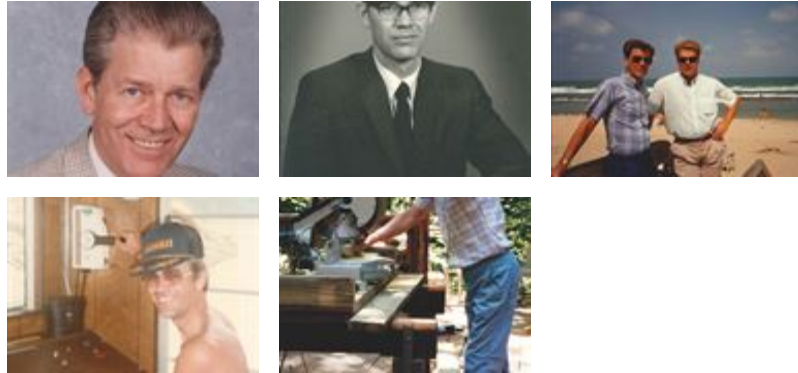
KW

Life is full of Memories that are very special. Jimmy was one of those. God Rest his soul in Peace. Our special memories will continue with his Family. Tom and Keneen Winget

Keneen Winget - June 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Lea Gordon purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.*



Lea Gordon - June 15, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.*



June 14, 2021 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ A good man. The original hot rod hoodlum, he will be deeply missed. Deepest sympathy to his family.

The Monrovia Knights Car Club

Knights Car Club - June 14, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.



June 14, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.



June 14, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JW

“ Gretchen and Jimmy will always be a big part of some of my fondest memories growing up. They were neighbors that became our family. I am certain that there is a special place in heaven with a lovely manicured lawn already prepared for Jimmy but he will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. My prayers and love to Gretchen and the family.

Julie Weiss - June 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM

KM

“ Words can not express the deep love and admiration i had for my Uncle Jimmy. He was a true survivor and warrior right up to the end. I know he is in heaven, free from the health issues and enjoying the company he's with in heaven.

Kim McKay - June 14, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.



June 14, 2021 at 12:24 AM

PB

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with Jim at Refractory Engineers. He was an awesome guy. He gave me my first formal "Ata girl" certificate. I never saw him after he retired but thought of him often. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Pam Brooking - June 13, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Jimmy Sullivan.



June 13, 2021 at 09:14 PM