



John W. "Jr" Sullivan

December 21, 1920 - April 13, 2007

John W. "Bill" Sullivan, age 86, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2007 at his home in Laurel surrounded by his family.

He was born December 21, 1920 in Delmar, Maryland, a son of the late John and Cora Ellen Figgs Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan's military service began in 1943. He proudly served his country in World War II in Company C 193 Glider Infantry of the 17th Airborne. Being one of three survivors from Company C, he was transferred to Company L. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Varsity, the one and only air invasion of Germany. He received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart to name a few.

"Jr" or "Whistling Bill" as he was known began his career in 1941 with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Maryland Division. He worked for Penn Central, Con Rail and ended his 42 years of service for the railroad with Amtrak in 1982. After retirement he kept active and productive with opening a business at the Laurel Flea Market with his wife and family. The business was quite successful and he became known as "the guy with the good stuff."

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Catherine Sullivan; a daughter, Jean

Melvin and her husband John; five sons, John J. Sullivan and his wife Meri Jane, William P. Sullivan and his wife Ruth, Christopher Sullivan and his wife Penny, Thomas Sullivan and Mike Sullivan; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Morris and Amy McLaughlin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Chuck Sullivan; a sister, Nelly Kubish; and two brothers, William Cannon and Marion Cannon.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 11:00 am at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street, Delmar, where family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment with military honors will follow the services at St. Stephens Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to Delaware Hospice , 20167 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Service

APR **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Tribute Wall



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sullivan##imported-end##*

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“ *To My Aunt Chickie and my cousins:*

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Bill & Chuckie. May
God take good care of them and the rest of the family. We miss you
all and think of you often.*

All my love,

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Sullivan family at this time of
loss of Mr. Sullivan. I am a neighbor (across the road) and send my
deepest sympathy.*

*May God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Linda
Willey##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prays are with the family. I use to live across the street from Mr. Sullivan. He was such a great man. He was always so pleasant to talk to. I really miss seeing him and Mrs. Sullivan.*
Love,
Kim###imported-begin###*Kim Evans (Baublitz)*###imported-end##

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“ *Speaking for those who served, and
those who are serving,
To the loved ones of John Sullivan, Jr
May we share your sorrow and
express our sympathy for your loss.
John will always be in our memory
and I am sure he is serving honorably,
as we remember him.*
Russ Franklin
South Eastern Shore District Chaplain
The American Legion###imported-begin##*Russell*
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