



Arthur Lawrence Sullivan

December 23, 2010

Surfside Beach Arthur L. Sullivan Arthur L. Sullivan, 79, Long-Time National Park Service Superintendent Arthur Lawrence Sullivan had a distinguished career in the United States National Park Service, rising to Superintendent in only six years. During a nearly 40-year career he managed such national treasures as the Statue of Liberty National Monument, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, and Salem Maritime Historic Site. He began his Park Service career as a Historian at Harper's Ferry National Historical Park. Five years later he transferred to Minute Man National Historical Park before being assigned Superintendent at Salem Maritime. The Conservation Federation of Missouri named Sullivan the 1985 Water Conservationist of the Year and he received a Keep America Beautiful Award during a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden. Sullivan was born in South Manchester, Connecticut, on February 9, 1931 to John and Agnes Sullivan. He grew up in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, Massachusetts. He was a radio operator in the United States Air Force before attending Boston College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History in 1957. He married the love of his life Florence Ann Cahill on June 15, 1957 and they had three children. Surrounded by family, Sullivan passed away at home on December 23 from complications related to Sarcoidosis. He was 79. The family will receive visitors on December 26 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 ByPass, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

29576. A Funeral Mass will be held at St Michael Catholic Church, 572 Cypress Avenue, Garden City, South Carolina 29576 on December 27 at 9:30 a.m. A private burial will follow at the Florence National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Michael Catholic Church Building Fund. Sullivan never lost his love of learning. Late in life he learned to speak, read and write Russian and earned a paralegal degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He was a life-long water enthusiast who enjoyed fishing and navigating his boat on the Intercoastal Waterway and the open ocean. Sullivan was also a member of the Murrells Inlet Elks Lodge. Sullivan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Florence "Flo" Ann Cahill Sullivan; a son Kevin and his wife Coti Perez-Espinoza of Marietta, Georgia; a daughter Kimberly Pyles and her husband Bruce of Rock Hill, South Carolina; his brother John and his sister Louise Saint Germaine of Boston, Massachusetts; five grandchildren, Sally Plyes Duren, Madeleine Pyles, Ian Turley, Kelly Turley and Bryan Sullivan; and one great-grandson, Sullivan Patrick Duren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Sharon Sullivan of Jefferson City, Missouri; his brothers David, Daniel and Richard; and his sister Barbara. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Art. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It's not an easy thing to go through. The Piper Family sends their condolences. If you ever get back this way, I would love to see you all again. CHARLIE PIPER WICKS.##imported-begin##Charlie Piper Wicks##imported-end##

January 06, 2011 at 06:40 PM



“ Art was always so sweet to me. One thing that I will always remember is the home he and Flo had in Van Buren and his den with the wonderful aroma of his cigars. I would just take it all in. I loved going to that house and sitting in his chair. He had such a warm smile and a great laugh. I'm so thankful to have known him. My love to Flo and her family.##imported-begin##Holly Campbell##imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ Please accept our most heartfelt condolences and so sorry we could not be there during this time of sorrow in your life. It was a pleasure to know such a remarkable man. We will truly miss him as will anyone who knew him. We will keep you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Pam & Philip Nelson##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ Flo, I was sorry to hear about Art. I have never known a couple as compatible as you two were. You truly had become that one person the bible tells us about. I am so happy that you got to live your dream. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember your friendship. Love, Jackie###imported-begin##Jackie Wilson Van Natta###imported-end##

December 31, 2010 at 06:05 PM



“ Flo and Family: I was the Upper Current River Dist. Ranger. Patti & I offer our condolences to you and the Family. I'm glad Art had such a full life after retirement-Good for him. With Love, Chuck & Patti Dale###imported-begin##Chuck Dale###imported-end##

December 31, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Flo, I am so sorry to hear about Art. He was a very nice guy. I didn't know him like I did you but I enjoyed talking to him. I remember he would come down to see if Tera could go play with the grandkid. You 2 were so gracious when Tera and Christy were in the Carolinas. I am so sorry for your loss. If you ever come back to VB I would love to see you.###imported-begin##Della Underwood###imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ Flo and Family, We were very sorry to learn of Art's death. Our prayers are with you. Tom and Linda###imported-begin##Tom & Linda Griffiths###imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 01:08 AM



“ Flo, Peggy and I send our condolences and deepest sympathy in your loss of Art. May God bless you with peace and strength.##imported-begin##Tom & Peggy Graham##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 12:28 AM



“ Kim and family: I was so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. You are especially in my thoughts and prayers now, and I am really sorry. Please give your mom condolences for me and if there is anything i can do for you call. Sincerely, Sherri Newberry##imported-begin##Sherri (Pryor) Newberry##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 12:11 AM



“ Flo We are so sorry for your loss. It seems such a short time ago you and Art were here. Please let us know if you ever plan a trip back to Van Buren. We would love to see you. Della##imported-begin##Tom and Della Bedell##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Art. He was the grandfather of my cousins Kelly and Ian, and we are sure he will be missed. We also want to add that we think he was a wonderful park superintendent at Ozark National Scenic Riverways, here in the Missouri Ozarks. Our condolences to his family. — Steve and Debbie Turley##imported-begin##Steve and Debbie Turley##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you all,
Beth##imported-begin##Beth Zimmerman##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 12:21 AM



“ Dear Aunt Flo, I am so sorry to hear that Uncle Art passed away. My thoughts are with you, Kevin, and Kim, as well as the rest of your family at this time. May God's peace and comfort be with you. Sincerely, Theresa St. Germain Linstrom##imported-begin##Theresa##imported-end##

December 27, 2010 at 09:52 AM



“ Kim and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Keep in mind that your dad is at peace; it is those left behind who are in pain. Let your wonderful memories sustain you all.##imported-begin##Robin and Tim Champion##imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 03:02 PM



“ Flo, We were saddened to learn of Art's passing. Our deepest condolences go out to you and your family. Joan and Fred##imported-begin##Joan and Fred Carpenter##imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ our thoughts and prayers to all family members. I will miss seeing Art sitting on his sun porch in the eveings watching t/v with pure contentment on his face.##imported-begin##pam and peter crellin##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 06:15 PM



“ We were sorry to hear about Art. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. He was a great guy and will be missed. We enjoyed his company both one the water and while we lived next door. My condolences to Flo and the childred.##imported-begin##Robert and Virginia Biemel##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all.##imported-begin##Ken Shoultes & Red Rocket Carowinds##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ My condolences, Aunt Flo. It seems like only yesterday that Uncle Art took us horseback riding on the plains of North Dakota.##imported-begin##Thomas St.Germain##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 05:41 AM



“ Dear Flo and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers and hearts. If we can help with anything please call, we're on Montclair Dr sincerely, Jackie and Bud Patton##imported-begin##Jackie & Bud Patton##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 10:28 PM



“ *Uncle Art will be missed by me. I'll always remember him in his Forrest Service uniform with the big "Smokey Bear" hat on towering over everyone.* *##imported-begin##David Sullivan##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 04:35 PM