



Thomas Sullivan

August 17, 1944 - April 1, 2015

Myrtle Beach

Thomas Ray Sullivan 71 passed away peacefully at his residence in Socastee in the loving care of his family on April 1, 2015. Born in Williamston, NC on August 17, 1944, Thomas was the son of the late Dolton Rupert Sullivan and Velma Jackson Sullivan of Greenville, NC. He was also predeceased by a brother, Dolton Rupert Sullivan Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Carol Barlow Sullivan of Socastee; sons, Thomas Ray Sullivan II (wife Caroline) of Summerville, SC and Chad Barlow Sullivan (wife Valerie) of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Dolton Tyler Sullivan and Devin Lee Sullivan of Myrtle Beach, SC, Chance Barlow Sullivan and Peyton Lee Sullivan of Charleston, SC, and granddaughters, Makayla and Niveah of Summerville, SC. Thomas also has a sister Barbara Woods of Greenville, NC and a sister-in-law Marilyn Sullivan of Choctaw, OK.

Tom was a member of the United States Air Force and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant after 24 years of faithful service to his country. He served as an aircraft environmental systems technician, field training detachment instructor, and retired as a first sergeant at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base in 1990. While serving as an instructor he made time to coach youth football on base.

After military retirement, Tom received an Associate Degree in Environmental Systems from Horry-Georgetown Tech and opened an air conditioning business (Superior Air) with other fellow retirees. They worked this business

successfully for 10 years before retiring permanently.

A boat trip down the Waccamaw River to Sandy Island was one of Tom's favorite pastimes. He has always enjoyed boating, fishing, woodworking, and talking and joking with his many friends. He was always known for his sense of humor, even cracking jokes during his illness. The last few years he got involved with the organization Sav-R-Cats and adopted a feral cat group near the river. He made many special friends there, but Bubba and Debbol will miss him the most.

Tom was a faithful member of Socastee United Methodist church where he helped with Street Reach and served as an usher and trustee. A celebration of life will be held there Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 11 AM conducted by Pastor Ray Smith. The family will receive friends after the service in the Fellowship Hall followed by refreshments.

The family would like to thank Lower Cape Fear Mercy Hospice for the support they gave Tom and family. The family asks in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Socastee United Methodist Church: 5575 Dick Pond Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or Sav-R-Cats: PO Box 2740 Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery
5575 Dick Pond Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of Tom Sullivan. My deepest sympathy to you in your loss. I met Tom a few times at the kitty colony and admired his devotion to the abandoned cats and the care he sought for them. I am a cat lover and care very much for the kittys by the river. Tom was their angel and now my heart is full of sadness because the kittys lost their care giver and I can only imagine how his absence will impact this kitty colony. How can I help?
R3Aussies@aol(dot)com*

Cheryl - April 05, 2015 at 06:06 PM

WU

“ *RIP Airman !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - April 03, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JM

“ *John Barnette and your friends in Food Lion Merchandising. purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas Sullivan.*



John Barnette and your friends in Food Lion Merchandising.
- April 03, 2015 at 06:29 PM

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“ Carol and Family- As a new 1st Sgt in 1989 , meeting and getting to know Tom was a godsend ! Tom Sullivan was one of those rare men, that anyone who was fortunate to meet and get to know him, came away a better person! Good friends are hard to find and harder to lose. our thoughts and prayers are with you --- Ed and Pat Sargent

edward sargent - April 03, 2015 at 06:22 PM

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“ Charles Evans lit a candle in memory of Thomas Sullivan



Charles evans - April 03, 2015 at 01:25 PM

PT

“ Keeping Carol and the rest of the Sullivan Family in our prayers as we cherish the memories of the best neighbor one could ever have. He will truly be missed, but will live forever in our hearts. Herb and Pat Thompson

Pat Thompson - April 03, 2015 at 10:27 AM

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“ Tommy and I were close friends, lived in the same neighborhood and went to school together from elementary through high school. Several years ago when Tommy returned to Greenville, myself and several other close school friends were able to gather for a short visit and share some childhood memories. Memories I will never forget of the good old days growing up in Greenville. From that visit I was able to get contact information, so we had lots of long phone calls reminiscing of the good old days. I am proud to say Tommy was a true friend and a special person. With deepest sympathy.
Donnie Teel, Greenville N.C.

Donnie Teel - April 03, 2015 at 07:55 AM