



Mrs. Jeananne Sullivan

November 8, 1934 - August 3, 2020

Lenox, MA — Jeananne Sullivan, 85, a lifelong resident of Lenox, reluctantly died Monday, August 3rd at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center after an interminably long and exceptionally devastating illness.

The daughter of the late Elmer T. Stickles and Amber (nee) Buck, she was born on November 8, 1934. She was a graduate of Lenox High School in 1952. She was a cheerleader and met the love of her life, a baseball and basketball player, the late Thomas D. Sullivan. They married in 1954 at Trinity Church and were together until his death in June 2006.

Jeananne was a homemaker until her kids were in school when she took a job as a secretary and assistant to Norman Simpson in Stockbridge. His firm developed the book "Country Inn's and Back Roads" which was a guide to businesses that today we know under the name of "Bed and Breakfasts". Later she managed the day-to-day affairs of her husband Tom's construction business as well as wrangling her very high-strung husband: a full-time job all by itself. She adored spending time with her family and was an integral part of their lives, especially her beloved grandchildren.

The family was forever robbed of her loving personality when she suffered a near fatal aneurysm as a vibrant 61-year-old. Jeananne spent the next 24 years of her life in nursing homes paralyzed and on a feeding tube. Anyone

working in one of those facilities might have seen her and wondered what her problem was. Her problem was smoking and a genetic predisposition to aneurysms. So, if you smoke, stop. If you know someone who smokes, convince them to stop. If you haven't been to the doctor in a long time, then go. If you think that you are a sissy if you go to the doctor, go anyway. It might have saved Jeananne and it just might save you.

Jeananne loved unconditionally, especially her husband, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children; Kim L. Burton, Thomas P. (& Linda) Sullivan of Lenox, and Timothy A. Sullivan (& Margaret) of Wilton, CT.; grandchildren Christopher and Amber Burton, Ryan, Ian, Alicia, Kayla, Kyle, and Liam Sullivan, great granddaughter, the amazing Ally Faulkner; and her sister Nancy Hutchinson of Lenoxdale.

Besides her husband and parents, she is pre-deceased by her brothers Donald and David Stickles, and sister Shirley Turner.

The family sincerely thanks the staff at Kimball Farms for their devoted, compassionate care over these many years and especially this past month.

A private graveside service will be held in Mountain View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, try to do what Jeananne did - be kind to one another. Donations in Jeananne's memory may be made to Hospice of the Berkshires in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

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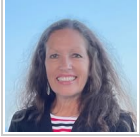
“ Dear Kim & family,
Please except our condolences on the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May she RIP.
Dave & Lisa Bowers

David Bowers - August 15, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ Aunt Jeananne, I have such wonderful memories of visiting you & Uncle Tommy when I was young and staying in your big beautiful 3 story home. Dad referred to it as “The Sullivan Hotel” :) One winter dad brought me up during school break to spend time with Kim. There was so much snow it seemed like such a magical place! After a day out on the snowmobiles (I believe I hit a tree and bent one of the skis) and walking among the fragrant fir/pine trees we came inside and you made a supper of chili which was the first I ever had. You probably know everything now, with you being up in heaven, that I wasn't fond of the big chili beans (haha) but I ate it anyway. Later in the evening, while no one was around, you showed me a drawer full of Pepperidge Farm cookies (which might have been Uncle Tommy's stash) which we enjoyed with a cup of coffee. Isn't it strange the things that we remember from our childhood? But this is one of my favorite memories! I'll always remember your sweet smile and cute laugh. I looked forward to seeing you, since every visit was a special time for me. Thinking of you with love!

Cheryl Stickles Taylor - August 07, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ I met Kim, and her family, when they returned to Lenox in 1971. She and I became fast friends and we've been best friends ever since. Lots of memories listening to 8 track tapes in the attic of their grand house at the top of the hill. Daily trips into Aspinwall on the back of her snow mobile with the rest of the family in winter. Tagging along on family vacations to Maine. I loved her mom and dad as if they were my own. They are now back together dancing. Much love to Kim and the Sullivan family.

Candace Collins - August 07, 2020 at 08:30 AM

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“ Dear Kim and family,
I am sorry for your loss. A mother is such a precious jewel and it is hard to say goodbye to someone who has been in our lives for so long. Sending prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

It has been quite a while since the kids and I were in the Lenox Elementary Schools, but I remember the Burton and Sullivan families with fondness. Blessings to you all.

Sincerely,
Becky Knox (grade 3)



Rebecca Knox - August 06, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ Tommy, Kim and Timmy - Sending condolences and warm thought to you at this difficult time. I know it has been along road for you all. Hopefully fond memories and photos of your Mom will bring smiles and laughs as you remember her. Laurie Gaherty

lauren gaherty - August 06, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ I’ll miss you sweet Aunt Jeananne. Fond memories of our visits when I was young and the numerous trips to the basketball games. Our Thanksgivings together for years and when Uncle Tommy caught us dropping items through the duct vent while the adults were at the table. We loved the Stockbridge House it had so many hiding places. Who could forget the goat cart “Little Tommy” engineered! RIP 🙏

Marlene MacFarlane - August 06, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ General Dynamics purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Jeananne Sullivan.



General Dynamics - August 06, 2020 at 07:24 AM