



James Joseph Sullivan

April 18, 1944 - February 1, 2025

James Joseph Sullivan, lovingly known as "Jim," passed away on February 1, 2025, after a hard-fought battle with Parkinson's Disease in Gainesville, Virginia, at the age of 80. Born on April 18, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jim lived a life defined by dedication to his family, his country, and his passions.

Jim's academic journey began in Philadelphia, where he earned an Electrical Engineering degree from Drexel University. He later pursued advanced studies, earning an MBA from American University and completing programs at the U.S. Army War College and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. These achievements laid the foundation for a remarkable career that spanned over three decades of service to the United States Army.

Jim retired as a Brigadier General in 1998 after more than 31 years of distinguished service in both active and reserve units. His career was marked by numerous engineering and logistics command and staff positions. During "Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm," he served as Chief of Staff for the Headquarters of the 97th U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort Meade, Maryland. Later, during "Operation Joint Endeavor," Jim was deployed for nine months as a General Officer across Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, and Germany. His final military assignment was as Acting Commanding General of the 310th Theater Army Area Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia—a role in which he led

over 3,000 soldiers with unwavering commitment.

Following his retirement from military service, Jim transitioned to a successful civilian career as Chief Engineer Contractor for the International Broadcasting Bureau. In this capacity, he provided critical engineering support to the Voice of America through his technical expertise and leadership. Before retiring in 2006, Jim was awarded the GSA Employee of the Year Award, signifying his efforts and contributions toward propelling the company's visions.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jim was a man who cherished life's simple joys and treasured moments with loved ones. He shared a deep bond with his wife of 57 years, Patricia Ann Sullivan ("Pat"), with whom he enjoyed playing board games and traveling to new destinations. A devoted father to Lauren Seifried (and her husband Jason), Lisa Sullivan, and Thomas Sullivan, Jim also took immense pride in being a grandfather to Nicholas, Robert, Amelia, and Thomas.

Jim's hobbies reflected his vibrant personality and zest for life. He loved playing cards with his brothers and friends—a pastime that brought laughter and camaraderie into his days. An avid collector with an eye for detail, he found joy in preserving pieces of history. Fishing trips offered him moments of peace amidst nature's beauty, while watching old movies allowed him to relive cherished memories from bygone eras.

Those who knew Jim remember him as hardworking and dedicated—a man who loved his country deeply and served it with honor. His love for family was evident in every aspect of his life; he was a steadfast presence whose warmth will be dearly missed.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home located at 9609 Center Street in Manassas, Virginia (20110). Following this gathering will be a reception

beginning at 5:30 PM at City Tavern located at 9550 Center Street in Manassas (20110). Family and friends are invited to come together during these times to celebrate Jim's extraordinary life. Burial with full military honors will take place on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Arlington National Cemetery, 1 Memorial Dr., Arlington, VA 22211. A reception will follow at Celtic House Irish Pub & Restaurant, 2500 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204.

James Joseph Sullivan leaves behind a legacy of service, love, and dedication that will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing while celebrating the remarkable life he lived.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. 5757 Waterford District Drive, Suite 310 Miami, FL 33126. 1-800-473-4636
www.Parkinson.org

Previous Events

Burial

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Ave
Arlington, VA 22211
(877) 907-8585

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU DAD!!* ”

Thomas S - January 09 at 11:39 AM

HS

“ *To Patricia and the family: Jim touched so many lives in the very best way. I'm so grateful I got the chance to know him as a friend. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family. I am so sorry for your loss.* ”



Herman Shaw - July 07, 2025 at 02:53 PM

TS

“ *Today would have been your 58th anniversary with mom. We love and miss you so very much dad!!!!!!!!!!* ”

Thomas Sullivan - June 03, 2025 at 12:57 PM

PS

“ *Jim was the LOVE OF MY LIFE. I loved him so deeply and I will forever miss him.* ”

Patricia Sullivan - April 28, 2025 at 11:35 PM

TS

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!! WE LOVE YOU AND MISSS YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!* ”

Thomas Sullivan - April 18, 2025 at 04:12 PM

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“ We love you so much Dad!!! Miss you!!!

Thomas M Sullivan - March 07, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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“ Jim served as my Deputy Cdr during my tenure as Cdr of the 310th, I had the pleasure and honor to serve with Jim during the activation of the 310th for Service in Bosnia during the implimentation and enforcement of the Dayton Peace Accords in 1995. A knowledgeable and seasoned soldier he was committed not only to the mission but also to the care of his soldiers. Jim and Pat were true assets to the 310th as both Soldier/Spouse and Friend. David Kauchek MG(R)

David J Kauchek MG USA (R) - February 25, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Joseph Sullivan.

February 22, 2025 at 02:06 PM

ST

“ We were so saddened by the loss of Uncle Jimmy and we extend our sincerest condolences to the entire Sullivan Family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, and we will continue to hold you close in our hearts. Love, The Tomchewsky Family



Sharon Tomchewsky - February 22, 2025 at 02:03 PM

NB

“ With heartfelt sympathy for Pat, Lauren, Lisa, Tommy and families. I know Jimmy will be missed and wish comfort and peace for all who loved him.

Nancy Bassett

Nancy Bassett - February 21, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Joseph Sullivan.

February 20, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Sullivan.



February 20, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SS

“ Scott and Mari Lu Shore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Joseph Sullivan.



Scott and Mari Lu Shore - February 17, 2025 at 06:50 PM

SS

“ *Mari Lu send our condolences to you. He was a great mentor and friend and I will forever cherish the time spent with him with the 310th.*

Scott Shore - February 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Sullivan.*



February 12, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Joseph Sullivan.*

February 12, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SK

“ *Pat, Im so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a great person to always talk to. Remember all the great trips you had together. Sarah Kelly*

Sarah Kelly - February 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM

BB

“ Byron B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Joseph Sullivan.



Byron B. - February 06, 2025 at 03:35 PM

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“ 249th Engineer Battalion Association. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Joseph Sullivan.

249th Engineer Battalion Association. - February 06, 2025 at 03:18 PM

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“ 249th Engineer Battalion Association. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Joseph Sullivan.



249th Engineer Battalion Association. - February 06, 2025 at 03:18 PM