



Martha Marie Rhodes Sullivan

November 8, 1936 - May 10, 2026

Martha Marie Rhodes Sullivan, a long-time resident of Prince William County and Manassas, passed away on May 10, 2026 at 89 following a brief illness. She was the daughter of the late Bessie and Cecil L. Rhodes.

Martha was born in Middleburg then moved to Prince William County as a young girl. She graduated from Osbourn High School in the Class of 1955. In 1957 she married Walter Lee Sullivan at the Manassas Baptist Church. She worked for the Navy Department in Washington and then they transferred to Saumur, France for two years when Mr. Sullivan served in the U.S. Army. Following their return, she was employed at R. Jackson Ratcliffe Insurance Company as an office manager for 25 years. Mrs. Sullivan was an active member of the Manassas Junior Woman's Club, the American Red Cross, and the Little River Baptist Church in Aldie, VA. For many years she was a volunteer at Haydon Elementary School and enjoyed traveling, reading, watching sports, and entertaining.

Survivors include her sister Nancy Rhodes Harrover and husband Phillip of Catharpin, her brother Cecil L. Rhodes Jr. and wife Janet of Winchester, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services will be handled by Pierce Funeral Home and will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Sudley Methodist Church. In lieu

of flowers, please make donations to Little River Baptist Church, PO Box 223, Aldie VA 20105. Immediately following the service, a reception will be held at the Little River Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (entrance at back of building) 40385 Braddock Road, Aldie, VA 20105

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Sudley Methodist Church Cemetery
5308 Sudley Road
Manassas, Virginia 20108

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Just found out about the passing of Martha, a woman with wonderful wit, a quick mind and beauty. When I married Bill Tucker (son of one of Martha and Walter’s closest friends, Otis Tucker) she extended her friendship and insight into all things Manassas. I shall miss you Martha, and our chats over a glass of wine and many giggles. Godspeed sweet lady ❤️

Christina Tucker - 3 hours ago

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Rieck - June 01 at 07:34 PM

BR

“ I am so happy I got to be friends with Martha and Walter, they were always fun to be around. I knew them growing up and later in life worked on their home computer network for years. Walter would always bring me beers and want to talk about guns or the Redskins. I’d have to tell him when I’m done Walter, when I’m done. After Walter passed, Martha would continue to call me over to work on her computer and we’d drink some wine and talk. She was one of my Mom’s (Bea Rieck) close friend. I will miss her, she always told it to you straight.... with a smile. 😊



Bill Rieck - June 01 at 07:29 PM

TC

“ Correction on my condolences I ment to say Wallace and Sylvia Hooks

Toni Jordan Chapman - May 21 at 09:45 AM

TC

“ I remember Walter and Martha as being a couple who had a lot of fun Martha was always a sweet lady I enjoyed talking to her everytime we would see one another we would talk about the old times in Manassas and about Walter and Sylvia Hook and their family may Martha rest in peace Toni Jordan Chapman

Toni Jordan Chapman - May 21 at 07:20 AM



“ *To the Sullivan Family:
Nancy, Phillip, Cecil, Janet and Family members. Words cannot adequately convey or express my heartfelt love, thoughts and sympathy on the death of my dear friend, Martha. She was such a unique woman, with a love for fun and mischief. We did some crazy things. She educated me on the histories of the old Manassas Families and some secrets that will remain just between her and I. This photo is the original 80th Birthday celebration group at the Greenbrier in WVA November 2016. It was taken just before we all went on the “bunker tour”.
I will miss her laugh and funny expressions every day. However I will not say Goodbye. “Godspeed Martha, on to the next part of your spirit life. I thank God and good fortune to have been a close friend to you. Walter is waiting and I will see you again in Heaven.”*
🌻❤️
Oh yeah, I love you more!
❤️ *Suzy Sea* ❤️



April Kezele - May 19 at 07:13 PM

DR

“ *Martha was always a positive influence to those that were around her. May she Rest In Peace!*
Dennis Reed

Dennis Reed - May 19 at 02:30 PM

AV

“ Anita Vines lit a candle in memory of Martha Marie Rhodes Sullivan



Anita Vines - May 17 at 02:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Marie Rhodes Sullivan.



May 17 at 01:42 PM

PJ

“ Patti Russell Johnston lit a candle in memory of Martha Marie Rhodes Sullivan



Patti Russell Johnston - May 13 at 05:51 PM

JB

“ Worked with Martha when she was at the insurance office and I worked at the Prince William County School Transportation Dept. She was knowledgeable, professional and great at her job. She was a quick problem solver, and made everyone feel like she was always there to help them. I also knew her husband Walter, they will both be missed by many ! Sending Prayers

James Bettis - May 13 at 11:32 AM

MJ

“ *To the family*

Martha will be missed by all!!

*Mary Anna Johnson
President Class of 1955*

Mary Anna Johnson - May 13 at 11:09 AM

SK

“ *Martha was such a fun person to be around and always making everyone laugh and smile. She would always stop by the office to chat about whatever was going on along with helping her plan many great trips ! Always emailing funny jokes too ! RIP Martha and keep smiling*

Sarah Kelly - May 13 at 09:36 AM

JR

“ *Nancy, Philip, and family members,
I'm sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Sullivan when she came to Haydon Elementary. The students and teachers respected her and looked forward to her visits. She made the world a better place. Sending warm and caring thoughts.
Sincerely,
Jeanette Alvey Reynolds (Daisy)*



Jeanette Alvey Reynolds - May 13 at 09:21 AM

JN

NANCY, CECIL AND FAMILIES - SO SORRY - WILL MISS ONE OF MY COUSINS,. JOAN, ANITA, DENNIS AND STEVEN'S FA,MILY

JOAN NEWSOME - May 13 at 01:43 PM

LC

I am so very sorry to hear this news. Martha was always kind, funny, entertaining, gracious, and made you feel welcome. She & Walter were lifelong friends to our parents, and both sides of our family, the Russell and Hooe families. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Lisa R Colgan - May 13 at 05:52 PM

MM

Nancy and family, so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I walked the mall with Martha many times over the years, will miss her sweet smile. Mary Moore z7 Frank Moore

Mary Moore - May 14 at 04:03 PM

PJ

Martha was a schoolmate and friend to both of our parents. She was a well respected member of the community and never knew a stranger. I will miss our chats whenever we met up in the grocery store. Condolences to her family. May Martha Rest In Peace, as she and Walter are together again.

Patti Russell Johnston - May 14 at 06:34 PM