



Ronald W. Sullivan

January 23, 1951 - April 21, 2025

Lt. Col. Ronald W. Sullivan, US Army (retired), 74, died April 21, 2025, at Prince William Hospital in Manassas, Virginia.

He was born on January 23, 1951, in Alexandria, Virginia and grew up in Springfield, Virginia. He graduated from Annandale High School in 1969 where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He continued his education at William and Mary on a football scholarship. In both high school and college, he not only played sports, but also took various leadership roles in school, church, and DeMolays. At William and Mary, he was an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity; joined ROTC, where his Army life began; graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration; and married his high school sweetheart, Vickie Park.

Ron was commissioned on August 25, 1973, in the United States Army. For his first assignment his primary duty was leading a platoon in 1st Battalion 7th Infantry in Germany. Then he worked at various bases in hospital administration. After receiving his MBA from George Washington University, he was assigned to DOD to oversee the installation of technologies to military hospitals around the world. Ron received numerous meritorious service medals over the twenty years of active duty. From the beginning his wife, Vickie, supported him in all aspects of military life, including moving 20 times in 20 years.

After retirement, in 1993 he began his corporate career with positions at EDS, SAIC, and PeopleSoft. His last career move was to InterSystems where he was Vice President/General Manager of the Federal Sector for 22 years. He enjoyed working with his team on developing and providing data management solutions for health care in the federal sector. He was very successful and highly respected in his field.

Ron's family was extremely important to him. Over the years he coached his kids in soccer, baseball, and football. Always an avid fan at his children's games and activities, he then continued to attend his seven grandchildren's activities from lacrosse to soccer to dance. He shared his love of golf and the beach with family and friends. Ron was generous with his love, support, and advice for all those whose lives he touched. He was always there for you.

In addition to his loving wife of 53 years, Vickie (Park) Sullivan, survivors include his three children, Stacie S. Mulholland and husband, Richard Mulholland of Fredericksburg; Todd Sullivan and wife, Shelly Sullivan of Culpeper; and Jodie C. Teates and husband, Ryan Teates of Culpeper; and his seven grandchildren who called him 'Bubba': Brooklynn Mulholland, Bryan Mulholland, Brayden Mulholland, Cameron Flores, Grant Sullivan, Colton Teates, and Autumn Teates. Also survived by a sister, Linda S. Berger and husband, Michael Berger and nephew, Robby Berger of Georgetown, Tx.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, May 4 at 2:45 PM at Evergreen Country Club, 15900 Berkeley Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Art of Dance, (<https://app.gostudiopro.com/apps/grow-pro.php?id=F1B3D715-0D39-8CD6-E2ED-5F8762A5D02D>) LLC, Culpeper, VA 22701 for RVSP Student Scholarships or to Antioch Church, PO Box 446, Haymarket, VA 20169

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 2:45 PM (ET)

Evergreen Country Club
15900 Berkeley Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall



“ Andrew Windsor & family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ronald W. Sullivan.



Andrew Windsor & family - May 01, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Sullivan.



May 01, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Sullivan.



May 01, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald W. Sullivan.



May 01, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ I met Ron at a World VistA event. Together we sat and talked about promoting VistA outside the VA. He was a cofounder of the VistA Software Alliance and was a champion of public healthcare. When I created my company, now 17 years ago, he helped me, giving me referrals, adding my company to opportunities and pushing me to be more. I am forever grateful. Will miss him.

Claudine Beron - April 30, 2025 at 10:37 PM

RC

“ Ready Computing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald W. Sullivan.



Ready Computing - April 30, 2025 at 09:50 AM

EP

“ Ron hired me twice. I'll never forget his commitment to me personally, the team he led, and excellence. I cherish many “Ronisms” but will share my two favorite. “A great meeting must involve a change of state [as in plan or approach].” ... “Whatever you do make sure you can look yourself in the mirror at the end of it and be proud of who is staring back at you.” I've perhaps loosely paraphrased. Ron-you accomplished both of these kind sir. Through meeting you I was made better...my personal “change of state.” You can certainly look yourself in life's mirror and be proud of all you influenced and accomplished. This sailor wishes this soldier fair winds and following seas. BZ Boss. BZ.

Erick Peters - April 29, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MI

“ Yours in ZAX,

Moore Gouldman III '72

MOORE GOULDMAN III - April 29, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ *I am very sorry to hear about Ron's passing. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Ron was the type of inspirational leader that facilitated great teamwork...he knew when to crack the whip and when to unwind. Although its been a few years, I am proud to have known and worked with Ron. His legacy as a strong leader and a good man will live on.

Jeremy Derby

Jeremy Derby - April 29, 2025 at 01:43 PM

MW

“ *Out thoughts and prayers for Ron, Vickie and the entire family. His devotion to his family is evident throughout the many years of knowing them.*

Best wishes to all of them.

Mark and Rhonda Wicker

Mark W - April 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

PL

“ It is with a heavy heart that I share in your grief at the loss of our dear colleague and friend, Ron. His absence leaves a void that cannot be filled, yet his memory brings warmth even in this difficult time.

I can still hear Ron's distinctive laugh, which I imagine continues to bring joy in Heaven. When we first met, we formed an immediate connection, discovering we had both retired from the Army and served in many of the same locations without our paths ever crossing until InterSystems brought us together.

Ron's devotion to his family was evident in how his face would light up whenever he spoke of his wife and children. Those moments we spent sharing stories about our kids remain precious memories I will always cherish.

Though we worked on different teams, I was fortunate to collaborate with Ron during my time in D.C. and Boston. His leadership was marked by a rare combination of clear vision and gentle guidance—in over 15 years, I never once heard him raise his voice in frustration. When I asked Ron for help, he never declined but instead would always ask, "How can I help?"

While we mourn his passing, we also feel profound gratitude for having known such an exceptional person. Ron's legacy of kindness, professionalism, and friendship will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

*Phil Leamon
InterSystems Corporation
Dallas, Texas
US Army (Retired)*

Phil Leamon - April 29, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DS

“ It was my privilege and great honor to have worked with and for Ron. He was and remains an inspiration to me for how to “do the right thing” at all times. His leadership, compassion and mentoring are examples of his tremendous commitment to the success to his teams and those he worked with and trusted to always make it across the goal line.

I want to personally thank the Sullivan family; Vickie, his children and grandchildren for sharing him with us. He meant so much to us and we appreciate your sacrifice. Ron was always able to listen to our inputs, plan a successful course forward and inspire the team to achieve success. He never said “go, take that hill” instead he led us up it as a team. Always in front, always leading by example.

I am thankful and grateful to count him as both a trusted mentor and friend. I am forever a better person for having had the opportunity to work with and for him.

I will never forget you, always love and admire you, and hope that I am lucky enough to meet you again.

David Slarskey - InterSystems

David Slarskey - April 28, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ *Very few individuals truly embody the essence of real leadership, and Ron was one of those rare exceptions. He led by example, cared for those in his charge as if they were family, brought out the best in those around him, and inspired others to join him in achieving his mission. I had the privilege of serving alongside Ron for over 15 years as his engineering right-hand and "technical executive officer." Ron was a force of nature who built an incredibly successful team—one that everyone wanted to be part of—and those fortunate enough to be involved took great pride in their contributions. Not a day goes by that he is not missed, fondly remembered, or held up as an example by those who knew him.*

Ron will always be remembered by those lucky enough to have known him as a genuinely caring leader and friend who made a lasting impact on our lives and inspired us to become better for others. "O Captain, my Captain!" You will always be my mentor and my friend Sir. Till we meet again...

David Sr. - April 28, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



David Sr. - April 28, 2025 at 11:26 AM