



David A. Sullivan

August 16, 1972 - March 16, 2016

David A. Sullivan, 43 of Grand Island went to his Heavenly home Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at CHI Health St. Francis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Father Richard Piontkowski will be the Celebrant. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday with a Parish Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Sullivan was born August 16, 1972 at Grand Island the son of Maurice and Beverly (Rohweder) Sullivan.

Survivors include his wife, Courtney; their children, Tiara, Mackenzie, Shayla and Cedric; his father and step mother, Maurice and Marilee Sullivan of Grand Island; brother, John Sullivan of Grand Island; sisters, Cathy (Mike) Crossley of CA, Sandy Meyer of Grand Island; father and mother-in-law's, Jack and Cindy Paulsen of St. Paul and Vaughn and Carolyn Scarborough of St. Paul; brother-in-law, CJ Scarborough (Jessica Jacobson); sisters-in-law, Heather (Loren) Pearson, Missy (Mike) Nelson, Liz (Nick) Busch; uncle, Norman (Sue) Rohweder; step brothers, Kenneth and Kevin Mathine and step sister, Debra Mathine; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Beverly; grandparents, Howard and Mildred Sullivan and Gus and Florence Rohweder; aunts, Cheryl Sullivan and Phyllis Rohweder and uncle, Wendell Rohweder.

David graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic in 1991 and Southeast

Community College in 1993. He worked as an auto body man working for Grand Island Body Shop from 1995-99. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in 2000. He was a Police Officer for 13 years serving the Grand Island Police Department, Mitchell Police Department and the Merrick County Sheriff's Office. Later he worked for Harley Davidson Central and was currently employed by Bosselman, Inc. On March 17, 2001 he was united in marriage to Courtney Scarborough.

David was an Eagle Scout and participated in Civil War re-enacting from age 12 till the present time. He was in two movies about the Civil War, "Gods & Generals" and "Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter." He enjoyed riding his Harley and was a member of the Nebraska Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. He loved spending time with his children and his friends were important to him. He had a smile that was contagious and that transitioned into his kids. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *David A. Sullivan*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Robert Holland lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Robert Holland - March 22, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ *I'm the gal that took care of Cedric at Giggles Day Care. I'm so sorry and thinking of you, Courtney. Lois Schultz*

Lois Schultz - March 22, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Dave was a wonderful man and he will be missed by his family and his friends. Your families will be in our hearts and prayers. Steve, Penny and Travis Galliard*

Steve Galliard - March 21, 2016 at 08:58 AM

DR

“ With heavy hearts, we remember so many Boy Scout meetings, Camp Outs, Pancake Suppers, Popcorn Sales, and on and on, we were all Family. To all the Family of Dave, please know you're in our prayers and care so much. Take comfort in your memories and God's Love. Red, Dee, Todd, Matthew and Damien

Dee ROLLINS - March 20, 2016 at 02:37 PM

DJ

“ Deidre Johnson lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan



Deidre Johnson - March 20, 2016 at 01:43 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dave. My thoughts and prayers to the family .

Lowell Tuma

Lowell Tuma - March 20, 2016 at 01:42 PM

 Nichole Ray

“ Sully, your life was taken too soon. He must have bigger plans for you. Rest easy big guy and know you will be missed. Bless your family during this difficult time. Tippy



Nichole Ray - March 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM

RD

“ *Rachael Dvoral lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Rachael dvoral - March 20, 2016 at 10:11 AM

JZ

“ *Jim Ziller lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Jim Ziller - March 20, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends. Dave was a great individual and friend. He entered every room with a smile. Dave will be missed.*

Brandon Zavala - March 20, 2016 at 08:13 AM

BC

“ *Bill Carstens lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Bill carstens - March 20, 2016 at 02:57 AM

Lori Sautter

“ *Lori Sautter lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Lori Sautter - March 19, 2016 at 10:19 PM

CM

“ *I heard of Dave's death at Bible study and have been praying for your family since. My son, Chad, was in the same Boy Scout Troop and my husband, Lee, was friends with Dave's dad. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray God will give you comfort and peace. I know this is and will continue to be difficult for you, but with God's help time will soften the hurt.*
Carolyn Mills



Carolyn Mills - March 19, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David A. Sullivan.*



March 19, 2016 at 06:14 PM

DR

“ We wish to send our condunaces to the Sullivan familes for the loss of David.
We met Dae through his dad years ago when we were going to Muzzle Loaders shoot and Dave would come with his dad Morrie.
I know that we will all miss him.
Dennis & Colleen Ringlein

Dennis/Colleen Ringlein - March 19, 2016 at 03:17 PM

Brian Robbins

“ Brian Robbins lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan



Brian Robbins - March 19, 2016 at 03:04 PM

MM

“ Prayers to the Sullivan family. Dave and I went thru police academy #145 together. He was a great person. He will be missed.

molly mayber - March 19, 2016 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ James Crofutt lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan



James Crofutt - March 19, 2016 at 02:10 PM

EC

“ Courtney and family,

The boys and I are so sorry for you loss. You're all in our thoughts and prayers.

Godspeed Dave, you are now in a place with endless clutch levers....

Ellis, Braden and Samson Collins.

Ellis Collins - March 19, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David A. Sullivan.



March 19, 2016 at 01:19 PM

GM

“ To Courtney and all:

I worked with Dave at G.I. Body Shop. We became very good friends, although recently we haven't kept in touch much since I have been on the road. I did get to see him in late January, thankfully.

Our boss couldn't quite understand when Dave needed a long weekend off, to go off somewhere for another re-enactment. But I understood, he was very passionate about that. On Mondays after that, when Dave was still gone, the boss would say "When's Dave coming back, anyway?" LOL! It was a long-running saying after that! We will miss Dave, a very unique kind of guy.....

Gaylord Martens-Grand Island

Gaylord Martens - March 19, 2016 at 07:27 AM

CD

“ *My deepest condolences to all! Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers!*



Craig Dvorak - March 19, 2016 at 02:07 AM

NS

“ *Nicole Sayles lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Nicole Sayles - March 19, 2016 at 01:27 AM

SH

“ *Shane And Tracy Hansen lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Shane and Tracy Hansen - March 18, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ *He was good fine Irishman.... NEVER to be forgotten...*



Michael Bub - March 18, 2016 at 09:34 PM

CF

“ *Cacy/Raney Family lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Cacy/Raney Family - March 18, 2016 at 07:38 PM

CF

God will be there for all of you in this time of despair. To Cedric and the rest of the children, God is the Father to the Fatherless and the Husband to the Husbandless. God will be there for you now and forever. We will not ever understand the reasons of God but His plan will forever bare the most amazing fruit even in a time of loss. May God be with you and your entire family during this time of loss of your dad and husband. Remember that God will not ever put more on you than what can be handled. We are all here for your entire family in the time of loss. RIP David and God will take care of your family and carry them all while guiding those of us to how to come along side of them moving forward.

Cacy/Raney Family - March 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ *Michelle Boyll lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Michelle Boyll - March 18, 2016 at 05:59 PM

FP

“ *Forrest Peterson lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Forrest Peterson - March 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM

PS

“ *Paul & Carolyn Scarborough lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan*



Paul & Carolyn Scarborough - March 18, 2016 at 02:52 PM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to all. David is in my prayers as are all of his family. He has been remembered by seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland and the Office of the Dead has been said in his memory. We will continue to pray that the Divine Mercy of Christ covers him and he finds rest in his savior.*



Eternal Rest grant unto him oh Lord and perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in God's peace. Amen.

Deacon George Wunderlich - March 18, 2016 at 02:29 PM

JC

“ I remember Dave from my earliest years of Reenacting. At that time he was a Confederate Reenactor with Company G of the 9th Texas out of Nebraska. Back in the early 1990's he started wearing the blue coat & briefly joined the Missouri Irish Brigade when I was trying to get that organization up and going but not long after he found his place in the Holmes Brigade where he has been ever since. I have always known Dave Sullivan and this is very shocking and sad and unexpected and so hard! I just heard from him not that very long ago when he was inviting me to the Fort Scott Muster this coming April for a Holmes Brigade reunion of sorts. Its really going to be hard not bumping into ole Dave at events anymore!

*Col. James Crofutt
U.S. Muddy River Battalion*

James Crofutt - March 18, 2016 at 02:09 PM

RT

“ Robert Talbott lit a candle in memory of David A. Sullivan



Robert Talbott - March 18, 2016 at 02:07 PM

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James Crofutt - March 18, 2016 at 02:05 PM

RT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert Talbott - March 18, 2016 at 02:05 PM

RT

“ About 4 years ago, after coming back from a civil war event, I discovered someone had cut the fuel line of my truck, where it sat in a parking lot over the weekend. On top of that my cell phone had died and I'd misplaced my charger. Dave was kind enough to call a tow truck, wait with me until it arrived, and then paid for the service with his AAA discount card. He never asked for reimbursement. I'll never forget that act of kindness.

Robert Talbott - March 18, 2016 at 02:00 PM

DQ

“ It was with a great deal of sadness that I read of the passing of 'Fuds.' David was a joy to know and made many reenacting friends while serving with the Holmes Brigade. He was a constant help and encouragement to all who knew him.

My heartfelt condolences to his loved ones and his family. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with his family during this difficult time.

I will miss him greatly. He was my pard.

*David Quin
Springdale, Arkansas*

David Quin - March 18, 2016 at 01:25 PM

KR

To Courtney, his children and family members and all his friends and co-workers,

I was absolutely floored when I heard about Dave's passing. The last time I saw him was at my dad's funeral on Jan 30th. I am not sure if I had a chance to talk to him or not, I was pretty much in my own little world at that time but I was so glad to see him and you, Courtney. When I heard of Dave's passing my heart just broke some more. I met Dave when he worked for us at GI Body Shop. I was sad when he left to go to the police academy but knew that was his passion and he talked about becoming a policeman all the time. Dave and I would have some heart to heart talks, he knew what I was going through with my son being on drugs and gave me advice and I too gave him advice when he asked. He was always the "same old Dave". He was always in a good mood, willing to do anything he was asked to do, hard worker and never missed work. We kind of had a running joke after he left the body shop, we were taking bets on when he was going to shoot himself in the foot, because if it could be done here at the shop (getting hurt or being clumsy) Dave would do it, but no matter what he didn't ever complain. He was a true friend, and whenever I did see him after that we always talked. I could have never, ever imagine what people would do if someone passed suddenly with no warning, but I found out first hand. He was taken way too soon and it just isn't fair. God Speed Dave and RIP

Karen Reinhardt - March 23, 2016 at 01:36 PM