



Rosemary C. Sullivan

July 22, 1929 - January 19, 2024

Rosemary "Rosie" C. Sullivan, 94 of Zanesville, died 2:06 PM, Friday, January 19, 2024, at Helen Purcell Home in Zanesville.

She was born Monday, July 22, 1929, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Harold J. Floss, Sr. and Margaret (Rumel) Floss. She was married on Saturday, November 19, 1949, to William J. Sullivan, Sr. who preceded her in death on Thursday, July 24, 1986.

She was a longtime member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Rosie was born in Chicago and was raised and educated in the Catholic Schools of Chicago. Rosie was employed at Illinois Bell before relocating to Zanesville, in 1960 with her family. She worked in the cafeteria at St. Nicholas School retiring in 1970 as Cafeteria Manager. Following her retirement she worked as a Ward Secretary in the OB unit with Good Samaritan Medical Center until 1985, and for Dr. Othello Repuyan, M.D. for 9 years. She was a proud member of the Good Samaritan Charity circle and the Greater Zanesville Singers. Rosie was a gracious loving lady who never met a stranger. She was a dedicated and caring wife, mother and Nana to her family.

Rosie is survived by three sons: William J. (Pat) Sullivan, Jr. and Thomas H. (Martha) Sullivan both of Zanesville; and Kevin M. Sullivan of Newark; seven grandchildren: Jenny (Jason) Combs, John Sullivan, Erin (Nick) Ritchey, Bill

Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., James Sullivan, Sr. and Brianna (Zach) Clapper; ten great grandchildren; and one brother, Bob Floss of LaGrange, IL; sisters-in-law, Donna Floss, Lucille Floss, Caroline Floss and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Rosie was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" J. Sullivan, Sr., who died on July 24, 1986; one son, Brian Patrick Sullivan who died Nov. 29, 1974; one daughter-in-law, Marguerite Sullivan; siblings, Lorraine Kolo, Bill Floss, Harold Floss, Jr., George Floss, John Floss and Gene Floss.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Helen Purcell Home and Genesis Hospice for the exceptional loving care Rosie received.

Donations may be made in Rosemary's name St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Nationwide Children's Hospital or to the Charity of your Choice.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Prayer Vigil will take place at 7:45. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 925 East Main Street, Zanesville with Fr. Martin Ralko officiating. Burial will conclude in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Zanesville. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hillisco.com or mbsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Prayer Vigil

JAN **23**. 7:45 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
925 Main St.
Zanesville, OH

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Deepest Sympathy to all of Rosemary's family.
May she rest in peace. Prayers.*

shirley Labaki - February 05, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CH

“ *Bill and Family,*

Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. You are all in prayers.

Chad Haren

Chad Haren - January 29, 2024 at 11:03 AM

TT

“ *Bill, Tom, and the entire Sullivan family. Suzann and I are sorry for the loss of your mother Rosemary. I remember the cafeteria days where our mothers and many other mothers cooked those delicious meals. They all had a lot of fun doing it and that was what it was all about, having fun. Take care and RIP Rosie from the Toll (aka tollhouse cookies) house in Wisconsin.*

Terry and Suzann Toll - January 24, 2024 at 04:30 PM

PM

“ *Patty Miller lit a candle in memory of
Rosemary C. Sullivan*



Patty Miller - January 23, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.*



January 22, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *My prayers & thoughts to the Sullivan family. I worked with Rosie @ Good Sam OB unit. She was one of a kind!! A very sweet lady. She shared her fluffy white icing recipe with me years ago & it has been a favorite of my family since. Let the memories of her help her family through this difficult time. Mona Hambel Elliott*

Bill & Mona (Hambel) Elliott - January 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *I remember Rosie when she worked for Dr. Repuyan and our daughter was little. She was our favorite. You have my sympathy.*

Sherry Wilkins

Sherry Wilkins - January 22, 2024 at 07:48 PM

JM

“ May Rosie be greeted by the angels as she reaches paradise surrounded by the love and prayers of our faithful community.

*When I go,
don't learn to live without me,
just learn to live with my love,
in a different way.
And if you need to see me,
close your eyes,
or look in your shadow,
when the sun shines,
I'm there.
Sit with me in the quiet and you will know,
that I did not leave.
There is no leaving when a soul is blended with another.
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Jennifef Mallett - January 21, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ *To all of the Sullivan Family; My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, friend. What a special and wonderful lady Rosemary Sullivan was. She was loved by everyone that had the pleasure to know her! Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the difficult days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Rest in eternal peace Rosie!*

Kathy Schiele Soller

Kathy Soller - January 21, 2024 at 06:04 PM

KS

“ Thank you, everyone, for your kind wishes and support for my family as we remember my beloved grandmother, Rosemary Sullivan. My name is Kevin Sullivan Jr, and I'm honored to be Rosemary's grandson.

Allow me to share a bit about myself: I'm 34 years old and have had the privilege of serving in the Army for the past 16 years—ouch, typing that reminds me of how time flies. I can vividly recall those cherished childhood days spent playing at Nana's house, where love and laughter filled every corner.

In my current role, I serve as a medical operations, intelligence, and training instructor at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. However, this weekend, fate threw a curveball my way as I contracted COVID, and I'm not well enough to travel to be with you all in person. But even from afar, I felt compelled to share a few words about one of the most enigmatic figures in my life.

Rosemary, or Nana as many of you fondly know her, was not just a grandmother; she was a force of nature, a guardian of our family's traditions, and a source of unwavering love and wisdom. Her presence was a beacon of warmth that illuminated our lives.

I can't help but reflect on the countless lessons Nana imparted to me throughout the years. From her stories of resilience to her boundless love, she shaped my life and the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. In these trying times, when I find myself miles away and unable to be with you all, her resilience and determination are a testament to the values she instilled in me, guiding me in my service to our country.

Standing a little over 4 feet tall, with a 7-foot Irish demeanor that made her larger than life, Nana had a "pot of gold" personality – a mix of charm, wit, and a touch of Irish magic. Rosemary was a woman who defied expectations and left an indelible mark on all of us. At times, Nana was a bit of a conundrum. She had a way of keeping us on our toes, both literally and figuratively. In the most

loving and sincere way, she'd humbly speak about her age and her ability to walk miles around the nursing home, believing in keeping fit, both physically and emotionally. On one hand, she'd offer you cookies and sweet treats, inviting you to savor the flavors. And then, as you finished your treat, she'd tell you that you'd gained a few pounds with a mischievous twinkle in her eye, implying that those extra cookies had found a new home on your waistline.

As I was deployed to Iraq, I had a few rough days running the tactical operations center and setting up wired communication networks. As a leader, one of the first things you learn is never letting the ones in your charge see you falter. In need of counsel, impulsively, I decided to call my grandmother. I didn't even consider the time zone, and I made that call at the bright and early 5 am her time. I can only imagine the look on her face as she answered the phone to find her grandson on the line, utterly oblivious to the time difference. There must have been mixed emotions getting a call from an overseas number when you know your grandchild is deployed. And let's say Nana's "Irish charm" came through loud and clear, and she let me have it lovingly, of course.

After the initial scolding, with a mix of love and laughter, she greeted me with comforting and powerful words, giving me the motivation to continue. Nana reminded me that the next time I need to make an international call, I should start by learning the time difference!

That was my grandmother, always giving and never asking for anything in return. She taught me the value of selflessness, and her legacy of love will continue to shine, lighting the way for generations to come. Her fierce and loving demeanor, wit, and charm have become integral to who I am as I carry her spirit with me. You have undoubtedly changed the lives of everyone you knew for the better.

Godspeed, Nana.

AF

“ Aunt Lu, Colleen, Dennis, John & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary C. Sullivan.

Aunt Lu, Colleen, Dennis, John & families - January 21, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.



January 21, 2024 at 01:23 PM

VH

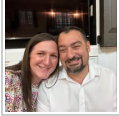
“ Rosie was an amazing lady! I first met her when I moved to Ohio in 8th grade. She knew I was new and made it a point to speak to me every day in the lunch line. Later, she was with me for the births of both of my children at Good Sam. (She was such a comfort because in those days husbands were not allowed in the delivery room). I will never forget her kindnesses to me over the years! Prayers for all the Sullivan family...

Vicki Hemmer Hamlin - January 21, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LH

“ Aunt Rosemary will be missed. She gave so much to many people. The memories that I have will be forever treasured. Her quick, little walk, her tough as nails personality and her gentle smile paint a picture that is one of a kind. She is an example to all with her faith, values and love for her family that she so proudly shared. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with all of my Sully family ❤️

Lori Houlihan - January 21, 2024 at 09:22 AM



We love and miss Lori ❤️

Erin Ritchey - January 24, 2024 at 07:02 AM

CB

“ My sisters and I always looked forward to reading Aunt Rosemary's Christmas and birthday cards. There are many joyful things to say about Aunt Rosemary. My favorite memory is listening to her and my dad talk for hours about their childhood. A beautiful memory.

Carrie Bliss - January 21, 2024 at 03:15 AM

CB

“ Carrie Bliss purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.



Carrie Bliss - January 20, 2024 at 08:24 PM

CB

“ Carrie Bliss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary C. Sullivan.

Carrie Bliss - January 20, 2024 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ Carrie Bliss purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.



Carrie Bliss - January 20, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GF

“ Gene Floss and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.



Gene Floss and Family - January 20, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CN

“ My mother was Francis Northrup. Everyone seem to call her Francie. She worked with Rosie for many many years on the OB at Good Samaritan. Many happy memories my mom talked about. Many prayers to the family so very sorry for your loss. I can just see Rosie and my mother sitting somewhere and laughing about all the things that used to happen when they were working.

Cindy Northrup - January 20, 2024 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ So very sorry for your loss, many prayers for family

melanie Bucci - January 20, 2024 at 05:01 PM

DJ

“ Donna, Debbie, Jim & Janet purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Rosemary C. Sullivan.



Donna, Debbie, Jim & Janet - January 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM

RS

“ May happy memories bring you comfort.

Rochelle (Paul) Smith - January 20, 2024 at 02:50 PM

EK

“ So many lovely and beautiful memories of our Dear Friend and Neighbor as we live across from Rosie and her great family. What great memories of our life on Lenox Avenue with all the kids playing and neighbors enjoying sitting on our porches watching the many kids playing and their families enjoying being with one another! Rosie always had a kind and caring word for everyone.. My deepest sympathy to all the family. Rosie, I know you will be Resting in Heavenly Peace with your Sweet Brian and Dear Husband and the rest of your family!

Ellen Kaufman - January 20, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KS

“ Thought and prayers for all the family and friends.

Kathy Starrett - January 20, 2024 at 02:02 PM

BK

“ Deepest condolences to the family. 🙏

Betty J. Kunz - January 20, 2024 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ Bill, my sympathy to you and your family. Many wonderful memories of your mother, prayers for all during this difficult time.
Mary Ann(Saad) Cogliano

Mary Ann Cogliano - January 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JR

“ Sorry for your loss and prayers for the family.

Juanita Robison - January 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM