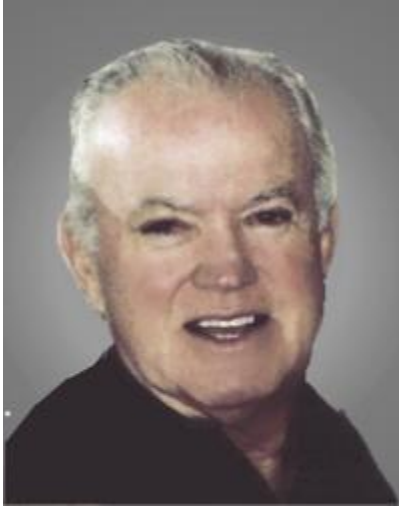


Half Staff – John P. Sullivan

October 8, 2017



John Parker Sullivan, 86, passed away peacefully at home in Rockport, on Sunday, October 8, 2017, surrounded by his loving and devoted family. Born in 1930 to John F. and Grace (Parker) Sullivan, he grew up in Marlborough, Mass. During his high school years, he served as captain of the football team, captain of the baseball team and was elected president of his class. He continued playing football at Boston College, graduating in 1952, and went on to earn his MBA at Harvard Business School, graduating in 1954.

Mr. Sullivan then joined the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958, rising to Lieutenant JG where he received a High Award for Excellence. During his service, John was based in Los Angeles where he met his future wife, Ingeborg Halvorsen, who was in the Foreign Service as Secretary to the Ambassador to Iran. They married in 1959.

John went on to pursue a successful career in business which included serving as a sales manager for Kordite Packaging Co., V.P. and Co-Owner of Design Pak Co. in Marlborough, Mass. He then founded Impulse Packaging in East Providence, R.I. He and Ingeborg embarked on other entrepreneurial ventures, owning and operating the beautiful waterfront bed & breakfast, Eden Pines Inn in Rockport, for 33 years, as well as opening Sundays Ice Cream on Bearskin Neck in Rockport. John also played an active role as an Executive Board member at Marlborough Savings Bank (now Main Street Bank), for 27 years.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Ingeborg, along with his four children and four grandchildren: Deborah and Ken Meyers and their son, Parker of Duxbury, MA; Chris and Pam Sullivan and their daughter, Cori of Tiverton, R.I., Tim and Kellie Sullivan and their daughter Isabel and son, Matthew of Rumford, RI; and Carole Sullivan of Rockport, Mass. John's grandson Parker is following him into the business world pursuing a business degree at Suffolk University, and his granddaughter Cori has followed him into the Navy as Midshipman 1st Class at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

John was a devoted brother to his six siblings and their spouses: sister, Jean Santos and her husband, Tony (deceased) of Sharon; sister, Eileen Sullivan (deceased) of Marlborough; brother, Richard and his wife, Lorraine (both deceased) of Marlborough; brother, William (deceased) and his wife, Judy of Hudson; brother, Paul and his wife, Pat of Billerica, and brother, Robert and his wife, Diane of Westborough, Mass. He was a loving uncle to dozens of nieces and nephews and is predeceased by his nephew, Stephen Sullivan, killed in active duty in Iraq as a Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent in 2005, as well as his nephew, Kevin Sullivan. John Sullivan was larger than life, with sparkling blue Irish eyes and a loud, contagious laugh. He loved nothing more than the opportunity to share his quick-witted humor with friends, family and strangers alike. He was beloved by many and will be missed by all.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, October 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington Street, Gloucester. Family and friends are cordially invited. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Saint Joachim Catholic Church, 56 Broadway, Rockport, on Saturday, October 14th at 11 am. with a celebration of life to follow. Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John may be made to: Saint Vincent de Paul Society, c/o Holy Family Parish, 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Online condolences may be given at: www.greelyfuneralhome.com