



# William Joel Sullivan

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**W**illiam Joel Sullivan, 71, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2014, after a lengthy illness. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at Perry United Methodist Church. Entombment will be in the Freedom Mausoleum at Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. The family will visit with friends on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m., the hour preceding the service, in the sanctuary at Perry United Methodist Church. The family respectfully requests contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 886 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201, to honor Joel's support of this organization that helped his father who suffered from Alzheimer's.

Joel was born in LaGrange, Georgia, to the late William C. "Doug" Sullivan and Lucille Ford Sullivan. Upon graduation from Troup County High School, he passed up a baseball career to join the U.S. Air Force, where he proudly served our country for 4 years. Joel received an Associate's Degree from Middle Georgia College in Criminal Justice, which he put to good use during his 25+ year career in law enforcement. He began working for the Houston County District Attorney's office as an investigator, then later transferred to the Warner Robins Police Department as a patrolman and eventually a detective. Joel joined the Middle Georgia Fugitive Squad for a few years and ended his career on the DEA Federal Task Force. Through the years, he enjoyed giving closure to many family members involved with cases on which he worked. Although he was active in enforcing the law by detaining many individuals during his career, he always believed in giving people a second chance. Joel enjoyed hunting and taught both of his sons how to hunt, hunter safety, and gun safety at an early age. He coached little league baseball when his sons were young, and always enjoyed spending time with his family.

Left to cherish the memories of Joel are his loving wife of 41 years, Carolyn Vance Sullivan of Perry; his two sons, Chris Sullivan (Krissie) of Roswell, and Chad Sullivan (Sarah Dickerson) of Perry; his sister, Shirley Sullivan Collins (David) of Klondike; five grandchildren; two nieces; and two nephews.



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Condolences may be left for the family in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Tribute Wall

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**Lynn Johns** posted:

Dearest Carolyn, from time to time, I dig around a little on the internet to check up on people from my past. Today's search led me to Ed Lukemire, which led me to you and then to Joel. I can't believe how crushed I feel (since it has been so many years since I have seen either of you) to hear of Joel's passing. I have many fond memories of times spent with the two of you, and regrets (that are magnified today) as to how I let the years separate us. I can't keep back the tears and am so,so sorry for your loss.Lynn Bundrick Johns (former URESA clerk in DA's office under Steve Pace and Theron Finlayson)

August 18 at 8:00 PM



**Jason Ashford** posted:

So sorry Carolyn, everyone at State Court's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. - jason

July 1 at 8:00 PM



**Eric Foreman** posted:

Carolyn, My condolences to you and your family. It was my pleasure to meet Joel on the few occasions during Clerk conferences over the years. My prayers are with you and your family.

June 24 at 8:00 PM



**Jim Warren** posted:

Carolyn, please accept my condolences for the loss of Joel. I really enjoyed working with him while he was our investigator back when I worked for Avon Buice. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the Sullivan family.

June 24 at 8:00 PM



**Renee Mason** posted:

Ms. Carolyn and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Beverly Schnee** posted:

Carolyn and Family, My sincere sympathy in the loss of Joel. I remember him fondly while working in NIU at WRPD. Cherish your memories.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Abbey Green** posted:

Lt. Joel Sullivan was a mentor, co-worker, father figure, and a true man-mans type person. Over the years while working in law enforcement with Joel, I learned alot about law enforcement. Joel had a story for most any situation which made me understand better. The high point in my life while working at WRPD was when I was appointed to our newly formed SWAT squad. Joel was the leader but he ran the team like we all were the boss. No man was never too small to have some imput into our team. With Joel's experience, we created a pretty good SWAT team. We even competed against Bibb County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. I can go on and on but in closing, My prayers are with the Sullivan family. I know Joel will be truly missed by everyone. All of my thoughts about joel are very happy ones. God Bless Joel and his whole Family..Abbey

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Dana Chastain** posted:

Carolyn and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn and family. My deepest sympathy in your loss of Joel. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Smith Sumter County

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**John Westbrook** posted:

So sorry for your lost. Will keep you in my prays. John Westbrook

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn I was so sorry to hear about Joel. I remember many good times many years ago around the card table. You and your family are in my prayers. Bonnie (Pond) SeaboltContact Me

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Carlynn Wilson** posted:

Mrs.Carolyn,I will never forget Mr Joel.. He was always so sweet to me.. We always remember him carrying me around when I was little... praying for you.. love you and will always hold a special place in my heart for you and Mr. Joel.Love,Carlynn Wilson

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Linda Colucci** posted:

Shirley, so sorry to read of your brother's passing. Will keep you and family in my prayers.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Paul And Vicki Shealy** posted:

Carolyn, Joel and I shared good times working together in the Touch Down Club and coaching the kids when they were young. We feel so blessed to have you and Joel as friends. We are praying for God's comfort to you and your family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**William Strickland** posted:

Carolyn and Family, sorry for the passing of Joel. I always enjoyed the holidays and visits through the years. Thanking back 34 years when I shook his hand for the first time and his words of wisdom. I know he loved his family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Buster & Judy Mcconnell** posted:

Chris,Chad,Shirley and Carolyn: For all of us that grew up in Warner Robins, we all lost a little bit of ourselves with Joel's passing. I knew grandpa Sullivan very well and was a little league all star with Joel. He was the fiercest competitor I knew growing up. At twelve years old he was chasing an adult umpire who had called him out. He lived about four doors down across the street. He would come up to my house to play on our swing set. He made a competition out of everything. Even jumping out of a swing backward. At Westside, he and I competed to jump out of a swing backward. Winner got a kiss from fellow 4th grader Teresa Rosenblum. All I got was two broken arms and lost two front teeth. He and I never had a cross word and he was a friend who could always be counted on. Man!! He could play baseball!!! My and Judy's prayers go out to you all.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Randy Jones** posted:

Carolyn I know you lost a lot more than me but I lost a life long friend; he RIP.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the family and friends of Joel Sullivan,All have our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences.R.I>"Bob" and Glenda Manry.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Mike Ginn** posted:

Shirley, sorry to learn of your brothers passing. You and your family will be in our prayers.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Brad Morris** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mr. Sullivan is a fixture of my childhood memories while playing ball at Flint Field and many in his "Little League Family" are thinking about him with such great fondness. Growing up playing ball with and against Chad and graduating high school with Chad as well, Mr. Sullivan is someone that I'll always remember as a part of my life growing up. My thoughts are with y'all, Mr. Sullivan will certainly be missed!

June 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Alonza And Yvonne Hester** posted:

Shirley and Carolyn....so sorry to not be able to make to the service.Joel was someone I truly looked up while growing up.My prayers are with you and the family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ms. Carolyn, I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Joel.My prayers are with you and your family during this sorrowful time.Becky Fendley,Clerk of Superior Court, Quitman County

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Karen Taylor** posted:

Carolyn, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray God will strengthen you and your family during this time of painful transition. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.Karen F. TaylorClerk of Superior Court Calhoun County

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn and Family, I am praying for a special blessing of comfort during your loss. God is faithful and will support you as you learn to lean on him in a greater way.Joy Lynn Turner, ClerkCamden County Superior Court

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Shirley T. Cheeley, Clerk Of Superior Court** posted:

Carolyn, I send my deepest thoughts and prayers to you and family during this present in your life. Remember God cares and love you all and so do we. My office staff joins me in sending this message. Look to the hills from whence cometh your help.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family. May God give you the strength and courage to endure your loss. May the many great memories sustain you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Debra DeBerryClerk of Superior Court DeKalb CountyContact Me

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Leslie Broadnax** posted:

We are here for you if you need us. May God be with you and hold you in his arms in this time of need. We love you. With deepest sympathy, The Broadnax Family JB, Leslie, and Jeremy

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time.Treva SheltonClerk Superior Court Paulding County

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Sherri Cates** posted:

Thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this time.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Patti Grimsley** posted:

Carolyn, You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You, Patti Grimsley, Twiggs County Clerk Superior Court

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Tom Gattone** posted:

Carolyn and family,I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss and will keep you all in my prayers. I have many fond memories of Joel and myself on the golf course and will forever miss him.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Joel will be missed by all. He was always a dear friend to Bobby and I. We both thought a lot of him. May God give you comfort during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you my friend. Kathy K. Trost, Walton Co. Clerk of Superior Court

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Gary Yates** posted:

Carolyn, Joel just always seemed to be part of the family of Clerks. We had many memorable times that I will always fondly recall. We will all miss Joel. My thoughts are with you.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Linda Pierce** posted:

Carolyn, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joel has always been such a presence with all of us, and will be remembered always as part of the Clerk family.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Mildred Peeler, Wilkes Co. Clerk Of Superior Court** posted:

Carolyn, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Linda Hays** posted:

Carolyn, I just saw that Joel has passed away.. My prayers are with you and your family.. Joel was such a special part of our Clerk family and will be missed by all of us... My family and I loved Joel he was special to us...praying for God to surround you with His peace and comfort during this difficult time.. Love and prayers Linda Hays, Clerk Superior Court Newton County Marcy, Carlynn and Hays Wilson

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**James W. Allen** posted:

Over the years I had worked many cases with Joel and he was very professional and a great person. Very sorry to learn of his passing. My job with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office led many times to Houston County and I could always count on Joel to lend a hand at anytime.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Carolyn, So sorry for your loss. I pray for God's comfort to surround you and your family at this difficult time.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn, so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Will be praying for you and your family. Janice Bryant - Terrell County Clerk

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Camie Thomas** posted:

Carolyn, My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss of your precious husband. I enjoyed getting to know him at Clerks training. Always a smile and kind word from him. May God comfort you and your family. Camie Thomas, Clerk of Courts, Jackson County

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Adayna Broome** posted:

Carolyn, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



**Elizabeeth Hursey** posted:

Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear about Joel. He has fought a good battle with his health for many years. You're in thoughts and prayers. Elizabeth Z. Hursey, Clerk Effingham Co.

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DS

**Diane Sweat** posted:

Carolyn and family, Thinking of you and praying for you all.

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BC

**Barbara Compton** posted:

Thinking of you all, prayers for comfort, may good memories flood your minds, heart and soul. Peace + and Hugs.

June 22 at 8:00 PM

PB

**Patricia Burdette** posted:

Dawn and Chris, so sorry for the loss of your Dad. It has been many years since I had seen Joel, but always thought so much of him. Love to you, Patricia

June 22 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Judy Smith** posted:

Carolyn and family, I was very sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I will always remember his smile and I'll surely miss him at the office. He's in the best of hands now and I pray you find comfort in your precious memories.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

BS

**Buddy And Linda Sorrow** posted:

Chad, Buddy and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and Prayers..

June 21 at 8:00 PM

ET

**Edward E. Tucker** posted:

Carolyn and family:I have just heard about Joel and am so sorry. I am glad I got to know and have the friendship and memories of Joel. I know ya'll have many many more memories.Again I am so sorry for your loss.Edward E. Tucker Retired Clerk of Superior Court Lumpkin County

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FP

**Freddie Pinckney** posted:

Carolyn and family, I sure am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.

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GB

**Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

June 21 at 8:00 PM

DG

**Debra Grim** posted:

~ Debra Grim, Perry, Georgia

June 21 at 8:00 PM

CV

**Carl Veline** posted:

Carolyn: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joel was a good man, an excellent public servant and a great friend who will be sorely missed.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

RN

**Robert Newman** posted:

Shirley and Sullivan family, I am sorry to hear about your lose. May God comfort and watch over you during this hard time. May Joel rest in peace.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Jim And Millie , Tina And Jay Sorrow** posted:

Carolyn and Chad you are in our families prayers. We have lost a truly good man and friend. Joel...you will be missed.

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**Robbie Johnson** posted:

JOEL ONE OF THE GOOD OFFICERS MAY YOU R I P. I AM PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN AND SERVED WITH YOU IN LAWENFORCMENT. ROBBIE JOHNSON RETIRED SHERIFF BIBB COUNTY

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**Judy Sanders** posted:

Carolyn I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. May God's love bring each of you the comfort needed at this time.

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**Sandra Lunceford** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May God bless each of you.

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Benny & Jeanne Dennard - Clayton, GA

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**D.J. Barnwell** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, May God give your family peace and comfort. God Bless

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**Janet Reneau** posted:

Prayers for the family.

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TH

**The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home** posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

LR

**Lynn Rooks** posted:

Carolyn and Family, My heart is heavy today for the loss of my cousin Joel. We didn't get to see each other that often but I hope and pray he knew that we loved him. Joel was a kind and sweet man and we all have so many memories of him and his family when they lived in LaGrange. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I pray God will take care and bring all of you comfort in the days ahead. RIP Joel you will be missed. Love you all.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

KB

**Kitty Barfield** posted:

Shirley, Carolyn and family, Words can't tell you how sad I am for you now. Prayers went up the minute I heard last night, my heart breaks for you. Shirley could you please call me if possible before the service? 478-953-4312 God hold each of you in the hollow of His hands. Love, Terry and Kitty

June 21 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Carolyn, I was so sorry to hear about Joel. Losing a spouse is very difficult. My prayers are with you and your family. God bless all of you. Love, Faye Wilson

June 21 at 8:00 PM

TM

**Ted And Inez Mcgrath** posted:

So sorry for the loss of your loved one. The family will be in our prayers.

June 20 at 8:00 PM

MD

**Mac-Rena Derrick** posted:

Carolyn/Chad so sorry to hear of your loss. God has a new angel in his heavenly home. May you and the family be blessed and your needs be answered.

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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**Sandy Adkins** posted:

Thoughts and prayers with all the family!

June 20 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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