



## Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan

November 22, 1946 - July 29, 2020

Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan of Columbia, MO, age 73, passed away peacefully July 29, 2020.

She was born November 22, 1946 in Omaha, NE to Raymond and Ann Peter. She grew up the eldest of three children and attended Mercy High School in Omaha and Rosary College in Chicago, IL. She married her soulmate, John Sullivan, on August 4th, 1973 and together they had eight children.

Suzanne's faith was the guiding principle in her life and she selflessly devoted her life to all of God's children. She taught grade school prior to beginning her life's work of raising her family. When asked how she managed to raise eight children she replied, "I promised God if He gave them to me, I would raise them, but I would need His help." She continued her devotion to children running an in-home daycare for many years, teaching CCD at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and managing various school kitchens with the Columbia Public Schools for 17 years. Additionally, she served as a wedding/event planner from 1997-2017 and coordinated the twice-yearly Knights of Columbus Fish-Fry for 25 years. In 2003 she became a board member for Interstate Printing, a Peter family business, which she actively served on until her death.

Suzanne is survived by her husband John Sullivan, mother-in-law Teresa Kilmer, brothers John (Becky) and Joe (Susan) Peter, children Teresanne and Mike Beshears, Bekki Sullivan, John and Jenny Sullivan, David and Natalie Sullivan, Dorothy and Tom Gleditsch, Libby Sullivan, Maggie and Evan Wolfe, Michael Sullivan, her 23 grandchildren and so many others she welcomed into her heart and home as her own.

The world is a better place because of Suzanne's presence. Her embrace was always warm and ready, her smile could light up a room, her ability to forgive inspiring and her faith steadfast. She will be missed beyond measure but her spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched. She has earned her eternal rest and heavenly reward.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Sunday, August 2, 2020, Parker-Millard Funeral Service. Mass of Christian Burial: 10:00 am, Monday, August 3, 2020, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

You may view the services live at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85001910899>

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory; 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65203; (573) 449-4153. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.ParkerMillard.com](http://www.ParkerMillard.com)

# Cemetery

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## Columbia Cemetery

30 E. Broadway  
Columbia, MO, 65203

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory  
12 East Ash Street, Columbia, MO, US, 65203

**AUG** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
903 Bernadette Drive, Columbia, MO, US, 65203

# Comments

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“ Suzanne will always be a lit-up smile and a forever-friendship in my memories extending back to high school. My heart is heavy and my prayers and thoughts are many for John and the family and for all of us who loved her. “To know her was to love her” (paraphrasing a song from our 1960’s).  
May your sad times be blessed with great memories...they are many, so keep them close and lean on one another!  
Sincerely, with love and prayers and sensing your sadness across the miles,  
Kathleen Claussen

Kathleen Claussen - August 03 at 12:02 PM

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“ God Bless you and your family at this difficult time.  
Pam Anderson



pam anderson - August 03 at 09:23 AM

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“ To John and the rest of the Sullivan Family, we are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. We are sending our love and prayers your way. Suzanne was a special lady to us, and we will never forget her loving, caring smile, and her ability to light up a room when she entered. We regret that we can't be at her service at Our Lady of Lourdes, as we are in quarantine because of Covid-19 exposure. But know that we send our love, and hope to get to talk to you in person someday soon. "Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give you." John 14:27

Dorothy and Don Pickerell



Donald Pickerell - August 03 at 07:43 AM

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“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



August 02 at 11:01 PM

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“ Monica Miller lit a candle in memory of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan



**Monica Miller** - August 02 at 04:28 PM



“ To the Sullivan family, I am so sorry for your loss. As a teacher at Paxton, it was always a joy to be greeted by Susanne's warm smile and caring nature each day in the Kitchen. She will be so missed.

**Monica Miller** - August 02 at 04:30 PM

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“ Steven, Gilbert, Michael and the whole Rios family purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



**Steven, Gilbert, Michael and the whole Rios family** - August 02 at 12:37 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



August 02 at 11:31 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



August 02 at 11:00 AM

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“ The NICU Team at Mercy Rogers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



**The NICU Team at Mercy Rogers** - August 01 at 09:03 PM

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“ Sir Knight John and family, my condolences. God Bless her soul, God Bless you and prayers. Sir Knight Warren.

**Warren Hollrah** - August 01 at 06:32 PM

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“ As I read about Suzannes life & the servant heart in her obituarym, I think about a Job well done. That's something we each only hope for when we come to the end of our life. She was a precious person. I only met her a couple of times but heard many stories. One of the last times I “ saw her” was during quarantine when I participated in a game her grandson coordinated use of social media. She was a judge and also a onlooker while her husband participated. I am glad we got to connect with her then.

I have prayed for her so much in the last couple years. She has been present in my mind and heart often. I am praying for your family. She definitely wanted you to live life fully and be happy even in her absence here on earth. I know that because she was a great mom and a person who clearly loved others. So remember that and let your memories wrap you in a warm blanket until you meet again.

Much love to you and yours ,  
Jessica Goodwin



Jessica Goodwin - August 01 at 11:07 AM

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“ My prayers for Suzanne as she enters her final resting place. My condolences and prayers to John and his family

Michael Van Beek - August 01 at 03:16 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



July 31 at 07:46 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



July 31 at 06:17 PM

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“ I was at Mercy High School for two years with Suzanne and Rosary College for four more years. I will never forget her easy smile and grace. She never spoke an unkind word and was always ready to help. What a wonderful person. Your family was blessed to have her in your midst. So sorry for your loss.  
Susan Bakel Cohn

susan bakel cohn - July 31 at 03:10 PM

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“ Prayers and condolences to Suzanne's husband John, family and friends. I admire the life she lived, her unselfishness and hard work in whatever she did. The Women Knights of Columbus hold her in the highest esteem.

Linda Kolostov - July 31 at 01:46 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



July 31 at 01:38 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



July 31 at 12:41 PM

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“ YOUR BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON FRIENDS & COLLEAGUES purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Suzanne Cecilia Sullivan.



