



Patrick Shannon Sullivan

October 20, 1950 - April 9, 2023

Patrick Sullivan

Patrick Shannon Sullivan was born October 20, 1950 at the Pauls Valley Hospital to Gordon and Martha Sullivan. He passed from this life on April 9, 2023 at the age of 72. He attended Erin Springs School until eighth grade and graduated from Lindsay High School in 1968. He attended East Central University where he earned a Bachelors of Arts, a Bachelors of Science, and a Masters Degree in elementary education. He met his wife and best friend, Diana Hobson at the East Central University Baptist Student Union. They were married in August 1971.

Patrick taught school at Stratford, Byng, and Plano, Texas. He won teacher of the year at each school. He was accepted as member of Project Earth-storm at Oklahoma University. He was selected to participate in the Mezonet program for the state of Oklahoma. He assisted in writing weather system curriculum for elementary schools. He was chosen as a part of a five member team from OU that attended the International Meteorological

Conference in Scotland.

Patrick loved teaching science. He established the first outdoor classroom for Stratford and

Byng. While teaching at Plano he took several students to the Texas State Science Fair every year.

Patrick greatly enjoyed music. He often combined his love of teaching and music by writing educational songs for his students. He inspired several children to learn guitar and sing.

He was one of the original members of the Sundowner Band, which played in numerous

rodeos, festivals, and the Peach Tree Opry in Stratford. One of the highlights of his Sundowner

days was playing at Mikey Gillys place in Dallas.

Patrick loved Jesus and served Him faithfully from a very young age. He was ordained as a

deacon at Prairie Creek Baptist Church in Plano, TX. He also served as a deacon at First

Baptist Church of Stratford. He lead choir at FBC Stratford and youth choir at New Bethel

Baptist Church. In addition, he lead music for several Vacation Bible Schools.

He also loved

playing guitar and singing in his church. He loved his wife and children. He enjoyed playing

with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Diana, two children; Scott and wife Georgiana and their children:

Adyson, Dallyn and Taryn; Phillip and wife Rachel and their child, Faith; his brother Joel and wife Patricia and daughter Jennifer Niveze.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Martha Sullivan and

his brother Michael Sullivan.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in honor of Patrick Sullivan to the First Baptist Church of Stratford building fund.

Visitation; will be Thursday evening from 5-7 in DeArman/Pickard Chapel Stratford, Oklahoma.

Services; Friday 1:00 PM in the Stratford First Baptist Church. Officiating; Rev. Keith Stevens.

Burial will follow in McGee cemetery Stratford, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall



“ Patrick was a wonderful ambassador for the Oklahoma Mesonet. He was an integral part of helping us to get schools across the state to use weather data in their classrooms. He was extremely kind and generous with his time. I'm thankful for the many years our paths overlapped. My condolences to the family.

Andrea Melvin - October 16, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ Patrick Shannon Sullivan

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LK

“ I had 4 amazing teachers in my life.
Woodward K- Mrs L Adam's, Stratford 6th- Mr
P Sullivan, and then Durant was 10th Mrs D
Ratcliff and 10th Mr S Davis.



I absolutely had been blessed, With Mr
Sullivan and Mrs Ratcliff teaching Science. I grew up to pursue
medical to go for a Bachelor of Science 4yr degree. I remember in
3,4,5 and 6th going to the Peach Festivals and Rodeos and seeing
the Sundowners play, not knowing in 6th grade that one of them
would be my teacher.

I remember him carrying me off the playground hurt really badly to
the nurse in 3rd or 4th grade praying over me and then off his
classroom floor in 6th grade. Again, Praying running down the hall
as I came to.

He was always concerned for all students, not just his class. He was
so mild and caring. Had a way of knowing how to explain things for
us kids to understand. He was such a patient teacher.

He has been on my heart the last 2+mo.

I got to tell the other 3 how much I appreciated them, and he was
the only one I was still trying to locate. I wish I would have found
him to tell him and hug his neck saying thank you Sir.

If any teacher was 1/2 of a teacher as Mr Sullivan was, then they
are 150% amazing in their own skin. He is someone that would be a
great mentor to other's and do it with grace. Idk if he was, I am sure
with his caring, dedication and concern for other's he was mentors
to many.

What a blessing he was to this little family dysfunctional child I was
growing up.

God always puts people in your life when you need them... I was
extremely grateful for the 1 yr he was my teacher as he was 1 of 4
of the most amazing teacher's I ever had been blessed with that
really made a difference in my life.

Thank you Mr Sullivan, I really hope you know how respected you
was even tho I was to young to even understand it myself then.

I know your definitely above because of Him that shined the light

thru you Sir.

*Thank you Sir,
Former 6th grade 1985 or so class student
Stratford, Oklahoma
Lynda (Bates) Knight*

Lynda Knight - May 06, 2023 at 04:56 PM

LK

Sorry 83 84 6th grade

Lynda Knight - May 06, 2023 at 08:33 PM

TT

“*Sad for the loss of this great man. I know he will be missed by family and friends but also know he is singing the ultimate hallelujahs in heaven right now and for that we are joyful. Mr. Sullivan was my first Sunday School teacher when we moved to Stratford. I remember him always smiling and being super friendly. It certainly helped a Colorado boy feel welcomed to small town Oklahoma. He also drove my bus route from time to time and his smiling face welcoming us in the bus was always fun. My most recent memory and certainly my favorite was him playing guitar and singing I'll Fly Away with my sister at our dad's memorial service.*

Travis Thomas - April 14, 2023 at 02:57 PM

AB

“*He was my homeroom teacher in 6th grade. He taught me to love science! Rest in Peace, Mr. Sullivan. Love good vibes and prayers for the Family.*

April (Burriss) Barrick - April 14, 2023 at 02:42 PM

TM

“ Patrick was a leader every where we went, workshops, schools and church. He had a kind and joyous heart. I loved always hearing the names of their set of pigs soon to be butchered. He leaves us with many memories and proud of our time together. Tricia Marlow

Tricia Marlow - April 14, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JO

“ Mr. Sullivan was an amazing teacher who inspired learning through fun and music. He will always be one of my favorite science teachers. I had him in the sixth grade at Byng (I'm almost 40 now) and still talk about the heart song he taught us with his guitar, the bug project, sprouting beans in an egg carton, taking class trips to the pond on campus, the constellation tent,, and so many other things we did. I have often thought about Mr. Sullivan in my days of helping kids learn not only science but other subjects as well. If I can make learning half as fun as he did I'll be doing alright. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.



Jennifer (Davis) Odom - April 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ Pat was one of the most enthusiastic & hard working teachers that I have known. Helen, Pat, & I worked many hours together preparing & conducting science workshops for the Stratford faculty. At Byng we attended several NSTA meetings & Pat drove. He was all about learning & applying new methods in his classroom. In college he loaned his car to my boyfriend so we could go on a date. He never hesitated to help me or mine. My deepest condolences to Diana, Scott, Philip, & their families.



Juanita Matthews - April 14, 2023 at 12:06 AM

DP

“ *Mr. Sullivan was one of my all time favorite teachers. He made learning fun. From the outdoor classroom time we would spend in the woods behind the football field to voting to see who was going to get to take care of the fish in our class. So many more great memories!! Continued prayers flowing up for all his friends, and love ones* ❤️

Drenda (Hook) Patrom - April 13, 2023 at 10:30 PM

BL

“ *Mr. Sullivan was one of my favorite teachers at Stratford. He was full of energy and was a great man. Sorry to hear of his passing. His memory will live on with all the kids he taught and made a lasting memory for. God bless his family.*



Brian Lewelling - April 13, 2023 at 09:51 PM

JB

“ *Judy Barnes lit a candle in memory of Patrick Shannon Sullivan*



Judy Barnes - April 11, 2023 at 06:57 PM

YB

“ *Praying for the Sullivan family and my deepest sympathies for your loss. Pat was a true man of God and a good man.*

Yevon Bolles - April 10, 2023 at 10:17 PM

DW

“ *Debra Whedbee lit a candle in memory of
Patrick Shannon Sullivan* ”



Debra Whedbee - April 10, 2023 at 06:49 PM