



Dr. Michael Evan Sullivan

October 19, 2022

Dr. Michael Evan Sullivan, 82, of Sarasota, passed away October 19, 2022. He is survived by wife of 48 years, Marilyn Billimek, retired public health nurse, of Texas. Michael was born 1940, in Philadelphia, an only child of Philadelphia merchant Albert J Sullivan, Jr, and Ruth Liebert, descendant of Manayunk's Liebert & Obert Brewery families.

Michael graduated from LaSalle College High School with honors. He then joined the army where he taught others how to fire the new Hawk missiles at White Sands, New Mexico. He resumed his education after his army service, earning degrees in Mathematics and Psychology at New Mexico State University, where he also earned a letter in baseball. He continued his extensive education in Texas with degrees in Accounting and Engineering; he also earned degrees from the University of Southern California in Public Administration, Systems Management, and a Doctorate in Systems Administration.

In 1982 he became Head of the Special Programs in the Range Operations Dept at Point Mugu, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division in Ventura County, California where he was responsible for TRIDENT, TOMAHAWK, HARPOON, SDI, GPS. Dr. Sullivan later worked in the Pentagon for the Chief of Naval Operations in highly secure and technical positions in naval weapons research and development.

Dr. Sullivan is listed in multiple editions of “WHO’S WHO – IN THE WORLD, —IN FINANCE & INDUSTRY, —IN CALIFORNIA, —OF INTELLECTUALS, —MEN OF ACHIEVEMENT. His professional memberships include IEEE, Engineering Management Society, Assoc of MBA Executives, American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Assoc of America, Federal Managers Assoc., Southern California Assoc of Public Administration —PRAETORS.

Michael’s early interest in mathematics led him to Las Vegas where he played blackjack earning money for college. His enthusiasm of the outdoors included fishing, backpacking, and climbing, causing Michael to be stranded once for 100 hours in a blizzard on Mount Whitney. He strongly believed in public service, thus, he has served on various community boards.

His passion in retirement was world-wide travel and baseball: a passionate supporter of south Florida minor leagues, particularly the Marauders, rarely missing a game, maintaining statistics, and following the careers of players and their families who he and his wife often entertained in their beach home.

Dr. Sullivan was an ardent supporter of his alma mater, LaSalle College High School. In lieu of flowers donations in honor and memory of Michael may be made to LaSalle at www.lschs.org/gift.

Visitation at Toale Brothers, 40 N Orange Ave, is October 31 at 8:30 am. Followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Martha’s Catholic Church 200 N Orange Ave at 10 am. Interment will be same day at 11:30 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM.

St. Martha Catholic Church
200 N. Orange Ave
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am broken-hearted over the loss of Mike, my “partner in crime” and the loveliest man you could ever have the good fortune to meet. Met him at the first neighborhood board meeting I attended, and immediately knew we would become great friends. I enjoyed his humor, his incredible intelligence, his giving heart, and shall cherish our friendship forever.
God speed Mike, and as Mike would say “roger that.”

joyce cloutier - October 27, 2022 at 07:39 PM

MW

“ Mike I met you 12 years ago at Ed Smith Stadium and the rest is history. Not only were we seat mates there, you were an integral part of my Spring Training baseball experience. Armed with charts, data, and depth charts, glove etc - I knew I was benefitting from your military background. (Always prepared). I will miss our group get togethers and will honor you this spring by cheering loud and proud. Thank you Mike. God Bless. Marianne Wiedmann (sec 109 dugout fans)

marianne wiedmann - October 26, 2022 at 12:11 PM

JE

“ So Sorry to hear this. Dr Mike , a True American and Geentleman. Our sincere condolences to Marilyn and the Family

Joe h Egolf - October 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM

YF

“ *Your Marauders Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Michael Evan Sullivan.*



Your Marauders Family - October 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

ML

“ *Such sadness in hearing the passing of Dr. Mike, in reading his obituary I never knew just how amazing he was...I only knew the love of the game of baseball he had, his kind heart with my grandkids as he & Ms. Marilyn watched them grow up at the field...he would kindly hand me a envelope with pics he would take her and there of them. My heart breaks for Ms. Marilyn and family. Thank you Sir for the kindness you showed me....May you keep looking down on all of us here. RIP Sir 🥹🙏*

Michelle Logue - October 25, 2022 at 01:41 AM

AJ

“ *I got to meet Mike, as he let me call him, though truly he has earned the respect of being called Dr., at Sarasota Reds games in 2006-7. When the team moved to Bradenton, he and I were the only season ticket holders to follow. I always joked with him that since he was in Sarasota first attending Reds games, that he was the #1 senior Marauders fan, and that I'd be humble to be #2. We shared many great talks throughout the years. I knew he was brilliant, but after reading his obituary, I wish I had more time to talk to him. Such an affable, yet accomplished and brilliant gentleman. My thoughts are first and foremost with his wife Marilyn, and his many friends. Dr. Mike was truly a remarkable man.*

Alan Pollard Jr. - October 24, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Mike's passing. We were both rabid baseball fans and I always enjoyed our interactions over the past 13 Marauder seasons. May he truly enjoy playing on the ultimate Field of Dreams...

Dave Hilsheimer - October 24, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ Always a pleasure to see Mike at the ball game. Always knew everything about the Maudrers. He will be missed at the ball games.

Thomas W Flint - October 23, 2022 at 04:21 PM