



Brian Keith Sullivan

July 16, 1961 - April 19, 2008

Funeral services for Brian Keith Sullivan, 46, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at Kelleytown Baptist Church, Hartsville, with burial in Middendorf Baptist Church Cemetery. The Revs. Rod Elliott and Gary Anderson will officiate. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to College America, 2508 Stadium Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mr. Sullivan died Saturday, April 19, 2008. Born in Baltimore and raised in Hartsville, he was a son of Shirley Catoe Sullivan and the late Carl A. Sullivan. He was a member of Kelleytown Baptist Church and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He was employed as the sports editor for the Lexington County Chronicle and was previously a sports copy editor at The State. He received numerous awards from the South Carolina Press Association.

Surviving are his wife, Michele Taylor Sullivan; son, Samuel Brian Sullivan; mother of Hartsville; sister, Robin D. Sullivan of Hilton Head Island; brother, William C. Sullivan of Myrtle Beach; maternal grandmother, Vena J. Catoe of Middendorf.

Previous Events

Service

APR **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Kelleytown Baptist Church
2609 Kelleytown Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ I know it's been many years now since we've lost Brian, but we'd lost track of each other a few years before he was gone. I didn't know Brian long, just over a year or so as we passed like ships, but I found this page and the news hits me hard, even all these years. Sully was a tremendous guy, a good friend, and he and Michele befriended me when I moved to South Carolina, like they did many others. When I think back to my time in South Carolina, I think about Sully, and all the fun nights we had on the sports desk at The State newspaper, and getting together after deadline. I wish I'd kept better in touch. He was a funny, thoughtful man, a hard worker and great teammate, and I was lucky enough to call him my friend. If you got in a jam, if you needed advice or help in any way, Sully was your guy. I found this memory page after running across an old issue of Sports Illustrated Sully'd given me. The issue was one with my Detroit Tigers on the cover from '84. He thought I'd want it and gave it to me one day. That's just the kind of man he was — thoughtful and giving, such a good man and a good friend. Rest in peace, my friend.

Don Shell - March 20, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ My heartfelt prayers go out to you all at this time of bereavement. Brian and I had chorus together in high school and I always looked forward to this period as Brian would make us all laugh. He was a bundle of fun and I will always remember him.##imported-begin##Leslie Byrd Williamson##imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ While I only talked to Mr. Sullivan once by phone and never met him, an article he did about my son is pasted in our scrapbook because of the words Mr. Sullivan said about my son after an interview with him. You see, my son graduated from Lexington High School and went to play football at the University of South Carolina and Mr. Sullivan called me and my son about this honor and wrote an article that speaks for itself. I appreciated the quality of this article. Mr. Sullivan touched our lives because of this.##imported-begin##Judith Haile##imported-end##

April 26, 2008 at 11:16 AM



“ I was out of state all weekend, got home last night and heard the news. Whether I contacted him about Lexington Dixie Baseball or the Lexington Touchdown Club, Brian was always willing to help with promotion. For several years, he and I worked together to ensure Dixie baseball highlights made it in the newspaper - and parents/players loved it. Brian understood his contribution to the community helped make it a better place to live. We've lost someone very special. My prayers will be directed to his family - that they will experience the peace, strength, courage and perseverance made possible through Christ.##imported-begin##Scott Vaughan##imported-end##

April 24, 2008 at 07:02 AM



“ Mrs Shirley, Paul and I were so sorry to hear of your sons illness and passing. We so enjoyed having you for our neighbor on Stadium Rd. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad and difficult time. Paul and Rebecca Alford and family##imported-begin##Rebecca and Paul Alford##imported-end##

April 23, 2008 at 10:27 PM



“ How saddened I was to learn of Brian's passing as I read *The Messenger* this afternoon. Although it has been years since I have seen any of you, the fun times we had growing up in Kellytown are fondly remembered. All of you treated me like part of your family. You will be in my thoughts in the coming days, as time and the memories of Brian comfort you.

Vickie Kelly Lucas##imported-begin##Vickie Kelly Lucas##imported-end##

April 23, 2008 at 08:50 PM



“ Shirley, Billy and Robin: I am so sorry and saddened to hear of Brian's passing. I trust God will heal your hearts in the days ahead. I know what it's like to lose a sibling and cannot imagine losing a child. I will be thinking of you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Bobbie Huggins##imported-end##

April 23, 2008 at 09:02 AM



“ Shirley and Family, We want you to know Our Love And Prayers are with you. The loss of a child is hard to go thru. God be with all of you as you make it thru the days ahead. Love and Prayers.##imported-begin##Kerry & Gwen H McManus##imported-end##

April 23, 2008 at 08:51 AM



“ My prayers go out to you and your family. May God comfort you in this time of need.##imported-begin##Maggie Heatley##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 09:30 PM



“ Robin, Mrs. Sullivan, Billy, Michele and Samuel, My heart is breaking for you. As I mentioned by phone to you, Robin, I spoke with Brian not long after Samuel was born. I could so clearly see how "in love" he was with his family and that precious, blue eyed "little Brian". I think that one of the greatest gifts God gives us is memories. They create pictures in our heart that make us smile and keep us forever connected to those we love. I cherish the memories of growing up together at Kelleytown Church. My prayers are with you in the days ahead. Love, Jeda##imported-begin##JEDA KELLEY-BRANDEL##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Brian was one of my favorite high school classmates.

Sincerely,

David A. Tucker##imported-begin##David Tucker##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 05:04 PM



“ Sully was such a great guy, and didn't think for a second before befriending me and showing me the ropes when I was a 20-year-old part-timer in The State's sports department in 1998. The best nights I had at The State were those sitting across from Sully talking about baseball as we worked. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Jeff Romig##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 03:42 PM



“ Brian was an incredible man. I will always cherish his genuine warmth, great sense of humor and dedication to his profession. He welcomed me to The State and South Carolina with open arms and quickly became much more than a colleague. Sully was a treasure, and we are fortunate to have shared part of our lives with him.##imported-begin##Alex Hill##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 02:59 PM



“ Michele, you and Samuel are in my thoughts and prayers. May God richly bless and keep you during the coming days. We love you! Jeanette##imported-begin##Jeanette Ross##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 01:51 PM



“ Michelle,

We are thinking of you and your family at this very difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you and Samuel. My children have been keeping him in their prayers!

Kelli (Larry Salters Daughter)##imported-begin##Kelli Salters Kelly##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 10:14 AM



“ Dear Michele- I am so very sorry about Brian. I am thinking about you and keeping you and Samuel in my prayers. Take care- Caroline##imported-begin##Caroline Taylor##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 10:02 AM



“ Dear Michele,
My heart goes out to you, Samuel and Brian's family. You have my deepest sympathies and know that Jesus is carrying you through these days of grief. I am here for you.
Love,
Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Tomes##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to all of Brian's family and friends. My prayers are with you.

Chip Lupo##imported-begin##Chip Lupo##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 09:10 AM



“ Mrs. Shirley,

I was so sorry to hear about Brian. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, and may God give you the strength you will need in the coming days.##imported-begin##Karen McLendon Lukridge##imported-end##

April 22, 2008 at 09:09 AM



“ Bill, I want to extend to you and your family my deepest sympathy. I can remember the fun times we all use to have back in the 80's. Brian was always such a pleasure to be around. I was so happy to hear it when you told me he had married and had a son. He touched all our lives in a special way. May God bless you and keep you all in this most difficult time. Anne L.##imported-begin##Anne Laird##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 09:53 PM



“ Shirley and family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God's mercy and compassion carry you through each day. Keep Brian's memories and love alive in your heart always. God Bless each of you.##imported-begin##Edna Faye Warr##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 08:24 PM



“ Shirley, Billy, and Robin

Just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you all and praying for you. Please pass along our condolences to Brians wife.

I know he will be deeply missed. By the grace of our Lord, you will see him again. That is our great comfort.##imported-begin##Terry and Angela Barfield##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 07:40 PM



“ Michele, You have been in my thoughts for these past few days and I will continue to keep you and Samuel and all your family in my prayers. Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you. Sincerely, Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Cody##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 06:36 PM



“ Our second great grandmother's epitaph reads, "Another link is broken in our household band, but another chain is forming in a better land." Brian, thank you for being one of the strong links in our family chain, both here and in your new home. For now, we'll miss your kindness, your humor, your enthusiasm, your love, and most of all, your sweet spirit. We'll see you again in our eternal home--just leave the light on for us.##imported-begin##Lynn Stidom##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 05:36 PM



“ Michele, Samuel and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. May God bless you, comfort you and provide you with strength and peace.##imported-begin##Jammie and Jack Turner##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 04:55 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Brian was an honest reporter and I enjoyed talking with him about the sports at White Knoll High School. We will surely miss a good friend.##imported-begin##Elaine Brooks##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 04:02 PM



“ My thoughts, prayers and sincerest sympathies to Michele and Samuel from a good friend of Sully both at The State and the Lexington Chronicle. We will miss him dearly as will everyone whose lives he touched.##imported-begin##Ron Aiken##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 02:20 PM



“ When I was a cub agate clerk at The State, Sully taught me the value of dedication and passion in a journalistic career. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##David Cloninger##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ Michelle, Samuel, Shirley, Robin and Billy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Brian's smiling face will be greatly missed on our street! Our door is open anytime you need us...just give us a yell. We love you!##imported-begin##Cindy Gates and Sherrie Hipp##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 11:54 AM



“ Robin, I was so sorry to hear about your brother. Please know you are in my thought and prayers. Geraldine A. Cox##imported-begin##Jeri A. Cox##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 11:02 AM



“ Robin and family, I am so sorry about Brian. He was a great guy. You all are in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Cindy Ellefson Griggs##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ Brian was a true friend. When I moved to Columbia and began working with him at The State, he was the first to make me feel welcome. He was a credit to our business, both as a worker and a friend.##imported-begin##Ron Morris##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 10:31 AM



“ Michele, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
If we can do anything for you, please let me know, I'm just down the road.
I will be praying for you.
Love, Kim##imported-begin##Kim and Randy Ferrell,
Lexington##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 09:15 AM



“ Michelle,
You are in my heart and prayers.
JR##imported-begin##Jean Mosteller (JR)##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 08:59 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Brian always wrote kind words about myself and the Lexington baseball program. The community has lost a true friend. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this time of grief.##imported-begin##Tommy Williams##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 08:44 AM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Brian truly loved his job and I was always happy to talk with him. I knew what I said would never be mis-quoted. The Lexington Community will miss Brian.##imported-begin##Jonny Thompson-WKHS##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 08:33 AM



“ Michele:

You have continuously been in my thoughts since Thursday. It seems nothing can be said that will be of any real help. If there is anything I can do for you in the coming weeks and months, please know that I would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Tracy###imported-begin###Tracy Powers###imported-end###

April 21, 2008 at 01:59 AM



“ Michelle, Samuel, Shirley, Robin and Billy,

You are in my thoughts and prayers. I cannot believe that this has happen but we will get through it together. I will see you all on Tuesday. Teresa and Mattie send their love.

Will Blackwell

Richmond, VA###imported-begin###Will Blackwell###imported-end###

April 20, 2008 at 10:05 PM



“ Michele,

You are in my every thought! My prayers are with you, Samuel, Shirley, Robin and Billy.

Take care,

Love you,

Alice###imported-begin###Alice Jones###imported-end###

April 20, 2008 at 09:08 PM



“ Aunt Shirley, Robin, Billy and Michelle, I am thinking of you in this time of sorrow. In the case of Brian, I think the feelings that come from throws of sorrow are worn out joy. There was joy in his soul along with a beauty that will continue to radiate amongst the memories and thrive within his children.

Love,
Molly##imported-begin##Molly Sullivan##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 09:03 PM



“ May God comfort you and give you the strength you need for the future.##imported-begin##Larry salters##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 08:46 PM



“ He will be greatly missed by all of his coworkers. I have never asked for his help that he did not help. I especially will remember the way his eyes would light up when he talked about Samuel and Michelle. He was a good father and my heart goes out to his family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Hilda Crain##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 08:03 PM



“ As a colleague and friend, I will surely miss Brian. He proved himself on a daily basis as a loving husband, a devoted father, and fine son. He was always willing to listen and counsel anyone who asked for his assistance.##imported-begin##Bill and Anne West##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 05:23 PM



“ *We are devastated by the loss of our friend and colleague. Our prayers are for the family during this tragic time.##imported-begin##MacLeod and Jerry Bellune, Lexington##imported-end##*

April 20, 2008 at 04:08 PM