



Willoughby Aaron Sullivan

September 2, 1945 - May 12, 2024

Willoughby Aaron Sullivan III, (Will), died in Picayune on Sunday, May 12, 2024, following an illness. Mr. Sullivan was born on September 2, 1945, in Langley Field, Virginia, to the late WA Sullivan Jr and Amanda Haley Sullivan. After his father's discharge from the Army, his family returned to Natchez, MS, where he grew up. After graduating high school, he joined the US Marines in the 1960s; he later graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a BA in Journalism. He continued his military service as a member of the US Air National Guard and later in the US Army National Guard, from which he retired. As a reporter, he wrote the Wildlife and Fisheries column in the Clarion Ledger newspaper in Jackson, MS for more than fifteen years. In 1989, he moved to Picayune to take the managing editor position at the Picayune Item newspaper, a job he genuinely loved, and at which he continued for more than twenty years. He was a loving husband, nurturing father, avid writer, gardener, historian, animal lover, and outdoorsman. He is greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 24th, 2024 at Natchez National Cemetery in Natchez, MS. A memorial celebration will be held at the Picayune Senior Center on Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Senior Center of South Pearl River County, 45 El Patch Rd, Picayune, MS 39466. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his son, Will Patrick Sullivan (Maria Morales) and two grandchildren, Jacob

Patrick Sullivan, and Eliza Georgene Sullivan; his daughter, Kathryn Sullivan (Brad Duplantis); and his siblings Mrs. Elizabeth (Wiley) Magee, Mrs. Mary (Frederick) Emrick, and Mr. Richard (Brenda) Sullivan.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **24**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Natchez National Cemetery
41 Cemetery Rd
Natchez, MS 39120-2027
(601) 445-4981

Memorial Celebration

MAY **25**. 2:00 PM.

Picayune Senior Center