



Karen Denise Sullivan

March 30, 1955 - May 22, 2003

We are most grateful for the life of our beloved Karen Denise Sullivan. We will always love her and praise God for her beautiful, nurturing, and generous spirit, which touched so very many. She was called to rest from her illness on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 2:08 p.m. Karen was born March 30, 1955 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Alberta Kelley and the late Rev. Calvin B. Kelley. As the eldest of four sisters, she set a mark of excellence in whatever challenge set before her. To say that she was everything to her family is not enough. Educated in the Philadelphia Parochial School System, Karen was awarded with First Honors from St. Maria Goretti High School. She continued to excel academically and in 1978 graduated Suma Cum Lade from Lincoln University, where she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Omega Chapter. On October 7, 1978, Karen was united in Holy Matrimony to her college sweetheart Tully Keith Sullivan, and then began residing in Baltimore, Maryland. As she instantly became an integral part of the Sullivan-Cooper family tree, her life was enhanced with loving in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, and even more friends. Karen came to be as endeared to them as she was to her family in Philadelphia. Their marriage union was blessed with three children, Jasmine and twins Heather and Tully. Affectionately known as T.C., her son Tully predeceased her in 2001. Karen faced a mother's sorrow with strength, dignity and extraordinary grace. Only those closest to her knew that her heart was forever broken. As a personal staffing specialist, Karen was a Federal Government employee for more than

twenty-five years. Her invaluable dedication was recognized with numerous awards of service and merit. At Immaculate Conception Church, she demonstrated and served her faith well by being a C.C.D. teacher. Karen was the finest example of a daughter, sister, wife, aunt, and the most dedicated mother; she was everyone's resource for help or advice. Every birthday, holiday, milestone, or time of need she was always there, showing love and support. Her home was constantly the gathering place for her family and friends. Her nephews, nieces, children's friends, and teammates were always welcome. Karen was the kind of cook that knew the real meaning of "soul-food" and she could pull together a meal, "just like her mother and Aunt Ovinia" taught her. She leaves to cherish her spirit: her husband, Tully; their daughters, Jasmine and Heather; her devoted mother, Alberta Kelley; her in-laws, Tully and Charlotte Sullivan; her sisters, Maria Kelley, Mary Gilstrop, and Kim Fuller; four brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law; a most supportive friend, Danita Wilkinson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and so many friends. Karen will be truly missed, but her presence will always be felt. We pray that God will grant eternal peace to her soul and may His perpetual light shine upon her memory.

Tribute Wall



“ Karen Denise Sullivan

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“ Karen Denise Sullivan

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Tully, Jasmine and Heather ... What can I say? My heart goes out to your family. I know that you have a strong family, a strong circle of friends and a strong faith in God. I know in my hear that T.C. and Karen are reunited, happy and at peace. I will be supporting pancreatic cancer research as well. This awful disease has taken way too many good people. Peace, Minnie (one of the USF&G gang of 4)###imported-begin###Minnie Shorter###imported-end##

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“ To Keith and all other family members; we are so sorry for your loss, and you have our deepest sympathy.###imported-begin###John &Olivia Scott###imported-end##

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“ To Tully and his family: As I have seen through your e-mails I know that you know God is all knowing and He is in control. Weeping may endure for the night but joy-God's Joy will come in the morning. My prayers and sympathies are with you and your family. Peace! LV LU Class of '80###imported-begin###LaVora Valentine###imported-end##

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“ Coach Tully, I was deeply saddend when I heard the news of your wife's passing. I have been and will continue to pray for the strength of you and your daughter. I can't imagine how hard it must be to go through something like this, but you have shown enormous strength and courage. May the Lord continue to guide you and give you peace in this difficult time. Peace and Blessings! Wanda and Kristina###imported-begin###Wanda E. Jackson###imported-end##

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“ Tully, my prayers and thoughts will be with you during Karens homecoming. My heart is heavy. You are a strong man, I truly admire your courage. Through it all you remain positive, Give my love to your daughters, and kiss your mom for me. Call me when you get some time. Peace to you. Love you Rodney Scott and family Pensacola Florida###imported-begin###Rodney Scott###imported-end##

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“ Hello Tully, I don't think we have ever met, but I am Lisa M. B. Johnson, '85 and the National President of the Alumni Association of Lincoln University . I want to send my heartfelt condolences and will keep your family in my prayers. I read several pieces of information that were forwarded to me and I KNOW that as long as you keep GOD FIRST you will be alright. Just know that you WILL see your Karen again and she is going to look WONDERFUL in all her GLORY! You stay Blessed and know that God is STILL God. With Love, Lisa###imported-begin###Lisa M. B. Johnson###imported-end##

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“ Tully and Family, We received your email and wanted to express this to you: It is such a blessing to see that although you all have lost a wife, mother, friend, sister, aunt - that you still have the fortitude to know that GOD IS. So many more words can be said but your heartfelt email expressed our thoughts. May God grant you all HIS choicest blessings during this time. Beneak, Tiara, Rian and Jeff Hargrave Your email message to us: "Remember GOD can't make a mistake, HE will send you the greatest OPPORTUNITY to be blessed disguised as problems or tragedies, YOU just have to have the FAITH to let the SPIRIT guide you to the blessing."###imported-begin###Beneak & Jeffrey Hargrave###imported-end##

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“ Hello, I am a friend of Joye Locke. I did not know mrs. Sullivan, but I wanted to send my wishes to the family, and God Bless .###imported-begin###Toyome Stamper###imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I'm a friend of Joye Locke and will continue to keep her and your family in my prayers. Your mother will always be in your heart. ##imported-begin##Thelma Daniels##imported-end##

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“ Coach Tully & Heather: Our prayers and thoughts are with you always. Continue to be strong and lean on GOD, his will is perfect. Continue to be a blessing and inspiration to others. May God continue to bless you and your family. Love- The Washington family and "BIG C" ##imported-begin##Washington Family##imported-end##

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“ tully, it is always hard for me to express my feelings during times like these but, you know i'm here for you, please take care of yourself & the girls, life long friends never go away, you know you can pick up the phone ... ##imported-begin##kim m. blaney bivings##imported-end##

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“ Tully, I apologize for not being able to be with you in your time of need. We send out to you and your family our deepest sympathy and condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need a friend we are here for you. KEVIN ##imported-begin##The Little Family##imported-end##

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“ Tully, the news of Karen has shocked and overwhelmed me. Sending prayers of God's love and comfort to you and your family.##imported-begin##Inger Anderson-Taylor##imported-end##

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“ Your Family Is In My Thoughts, Heart, and Pray. Love!##imported-begin##Brenda Howard##imported-end##

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“ Tully, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. May peace be with you. We wish you many smiles and laughter as you celebrate the memory of your wife. We hope you'll find comfort in knowing that God has you in his loving hands. Also, remember that God loves you and we love you too.##imported-begin##The Winkler Family##imported-end##

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“ WITH LOVE ALWAYS TO KEITH, JASMINE AND HEATHER. KAREN AND TC WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR PRAYERS##imported-begin##Jean and Carolyn Fugett##imported-end##

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“ Tully I extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences for you loss. Karen is now free from pain and resting peacefully with the Lord. LU Class of 80.##imported-begin##Stephanie Gates##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tully and Family, Words can not express what I am feeling for you and your family. I can tell by your email message that you know that GOD IS ABLE! Our prayers are with you and God's Blessings be upon you.##imported-begin##Sharon and Guy Richardson##imported-end##

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“ Tully, My family and I have had you all in our prayers. We take comfort in knowing that Karen and TC are together. They will always live in the hearts and minds of all your friends and family. We love you and the girls so much and will be there when you need us. God Bless and keep you strong@##imported-begin##Jawauna, Michael and Morgan Greene##imported-end##

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“ Tully, we want to express our condolences to you and your family. We pray that God protects, comforts and lifts you and your family with His love. Just wanted let you know how much we are thinking about you and how very much we care. Peace & Love Always, Ella, Robert and Niya.##imported-begin##Summerville Family##imported-end##

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“ Tully and Family, Our sincerest sympathy is extended to you and your family during your time of loss. May the Lord continue to use you to bless others. God Bless You All. The Baltimore Starz & Jeff Hargrave##imported-begin##Baltimore Starz##imported-end##

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“ My family and I have you and yours in our prayers. May you find the strength to be forever strong and steadfast.##imported-begin##Trevor Roberts##imported-end##

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“ Tully, Jasmine and Heather, May God Bless and keep you during your time of loss. You were blessed to have Karen and I feel blessed to have known and worked with her for so long. Karen gave her all and all in everything that she did. You can truly be proud of your Mom and your wife because she was truly a gem. May God Bless and keep each of you and if ever I can assist in any way please do not hesitate to call on me. Arlene Bell##imported-begin##ARLENE G BELL##imported-end##

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“ You and your family are in my prayers tonight. God Bless you. Take care.##imported-begin##Gerald Randolph##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. I hope this poem will be found very comforting. All Is Well I have only slipped into the next room I am I and you are you Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, Speak to me in the easy way which you always used Put no difference in your tone, Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, Just around the corner. All is well. BY: Henry Scott Holland 1847-1918##imported-begin##Oneda McKee and Family##imported-end##

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