



Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan

September 29, 1966 - January 30, 2022

Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan, 55, passed away on January 30, 2022, at his home in Wooster, OH. He was born on September 29, 1966 in Ravenna, OH, to the late Claude L. Sullivan and F. Jane (Crooks) Sullivan Bair, who survives. Steven married Sherri (Tyson) Sullivan on May 25, 1991.

Steven graduated as valedictorian from Indian Valley North in 1984 and went on to earn his doctorate in Biblical Studies at Southwest Bible College & Seminary. He was a former member of the Order of St. Luke. Steven was a minister at Moreland U.M.C. Wooster and several other area U.M. Churches.

Steven is survived by his wife, Sherri; his daughter, Megan Sullivan of the home; his mother, F. Jane Bair of Tuscarawas; his sister, Ruthann Martinelli; his mother and father in-law, Don and Joann Tyson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Claude Sullivan; stepfather, Harold Bair; brother-in-law, Scott Tyson.

The memorial service for Rev. Dr. Steven Sullivan will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church, with Pastor Hyun-Suk Kim and Rev. Steven Court officiating. Visitation will take place at 10 AM, one hour prior to the service. The family requests that visitors please follow COVID protocol and wear a mask. Memorial contributions may be made to Gnadenhutten U.M.C. Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 37, Gnadenhutten, OH 44629.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church
220 N. Walnut Street
Gnadenhutten, OH 44629

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Dear Sheri and Megan, There are no words to express how sorry Gloria and I are concerning Steves death. You are both in our prayers. While Steve was at Salem he was very helpful with the Scout troop and the ROC youth center as a board member. Steve and I always got along and I considered him a good friend . He was so gifted in so very many ways. I always enjoyed our many talks together about so many things. You have our deepest sympathy. Larry and Gloria Cecil

Larry Cecil - February 11 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.



February 09 at 08:37 PM



“ Dear Sherri and Family,
My prayers are with you all. I was heartbroken to hear the news. As young pastors just starting out, he has been a wonderful mentor and friend to us. We will always remember his sense of humor and his encouragement. He was the first to welcome Heather as a clergy candidate to the East Ohio Conference, and gave her a humdinger of a question during BOM interviews in 2019: "What came first, evil or sin?" She'd thought out loud and responded, "If you're talking about on Earth, sin came first because it allowed evil to enter, but in general, evil existed before time." He said, "There's no right or wrong answer. I just wanted to see how you think!" He also has been an advocate for Sean during his candidacy. We wish we'd known him better. Until we meet again!



Heather and Sean McLeod

Heather McLeod - February 09 at 11:52 AM

MA

“ Michelle Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan



Michelle Anderson - February 08 at 09:46 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Steve through The Order of St. Luke. We enjoyed his wisdom and wit so very much.

Mickey Shankland



Mickey Shankland - February 07 at 07:53 PM

CC

“ SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS STEVE & I SERVED TOGETHER IN the ORDER OF ST.LUKE chickchanay70@yahoo.com

chick chanay - February 07 at 06:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.



February 07 at 08:58 AM

LM

“ Pastor Steve was pastor at Loudonville UMC. I enjoyed Steve visiting my mom when her COPD got so bad she couldn't leave the house. He loved sports and so did mom. She really looked forward to his visits, especially when he brought communion. A very wise man!

Linda Mehaffey - February 05 at 08:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.*



February 05 at 02:44 PM

FF

“ *From: The Gowins and Wellman Family's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.*



From: The Gowins and Wellman Family's - February 05 at 12:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.*



February 04 at 02:25 PM

BM

“ *Dear Sherri and Megan and family,
I was so sorry to learn of Steve's passing. As a fellow pastor I served with him on various committees and often saw him at district events and Annual Conference. I will always remember Steve as full of life and energy, kind, yet unafraid to speak his mind, and willing to take a stand and volunteer where needed. I was blessed to have Steve as a colleague and consider him a friend. He will be missed by so many. You are in our prayers. Beth & David Mansperger*

Beth Mansperger - February 04 at 12:49 PM

DL

“ *RevSullivan was not with us long in Salem. He explained things very well in his Bible studies I wish the best to his family, and you are in my prayers.*

Deb Lambert - February 03 at 04:50 PM

PH

“ Sherri and Megan,
I am so sorry of Steve's passing. I loved to hear him sing, such a wonderful voice. Now he will be in our great Heavenly Father's Choir and he can belt out as loud as he wants. I was honored to be able to get to know him and work with him in meetings at Loudonville United Methodist Church. Prayers and condolences for you both and for the family.
Patty and Gail Hunter

Patty Hunter - February 03 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ Sherri,
We are So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I first met him when he was pastor of my grandparents' church at Center. (Gus and Blanche Tedrick) He did a great job with them and came to my home to visit them in their final years. I was happy to have him come to New Concord Methodist. Prayers for you and your family.

Jane Tedrick Wells Sherman - February 02 at 07:36 PM

DF

“ I am so sorry for your family's great loss. I enjoyed talking with Steve and the discussions we had in his Bible Study groups. He always had a smile to share. It was a pleasure to have known Steve, though only for a short time, he will be missed.

D. Foreman - February 02 at 04:58 PM

KG

“ I join others in offering my heart-felt condolences to Steve's family. I followed Steve at New Concord UMC and he was very gracious during our transition. We met on our own several times and I appreciated how well he prepared me for my new appointment. I enjoyed talking with him at clergy retreats and Lakeside, and am very saddened by his death. I pray God's peaceful presence will bring comfort to Sheri and Megan and all of his Steve's family.

*Rev. Karen Graham
Lakeside UMC*

Karen Graham - February 02 at 12:04 PM

CG

“ Steve walked into United Christian Ministries at Kent State University and right away his energy and spirit was clear and exciting. I recall he was a first year student at the time of his arrival. It did not take him very long before he became active and a leader in our campus ministry.

We had a lot of lot of discussions about matters of faith, religions and world issues. It was a delight to see him expand and grow in his faith. It was not a surprise to learn he went into ministry and great news to learn he joined in ministry in East Ohio.

We would touch base at Lakeside during conference. That of course has not happen the last two years, he will be missed by many!

I was really shocked to learn one of the "young kids" I worked with at UCM has died. I pray the memories he has created for you and all that he work with over the years with offer comfort in the difficult days ahead and that the faith he proclaimed will nurture hope deep within.

God welcomes home his faithful and hard working servant.

Peace

Rev. Charles "Chuck" Graham

Charles Graham - February 02 at 11:19 AM

RA

“ We're keeping family and friends in prayer as we remember Steve's dedication in pastoral leadership, camping ministries, work on District Committees on Ministry and on the Conference Board of Ministry. What a loss! We pray grace and peace for all who are grieving.

Rev.s Gail and Andy Angel

Rev. Gail Angel - February 02 at 10:47 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.



February 02 at 09:58 AM

EL

“ Even though Steve just left our church in Salem Ohio in December, I have very good memories of him. We sat down and talked when he first came to the church and then he helped his cousin Nancy with a griefshare class. He shared a lot with us there. He sang in our choir and sat right behind me and we chatted often. My sympathies go out to his family, his sermons let me know where I will see him again. Blessings and prayers, Eileen Lafferre



Eileen Lafferre - February 02 at 09:36 AM

LB

“ Steve was our pastor at Lakeville UMC. He always had a smile and a good word. He had lots of energy for the church and was kind. We hold you all in our prayers. Linda and Dave Bush

Linda and Dave Bush - February 02 at 08:54 AM

GF

“ We knew Rev. Steve through New Concord UMC. Our condolences to the family.

Gleason family - February 01 at 11:29 PM

GC

“ My husband & I remember Steve when he was the Associate Pastor here at RRUMC in Rocky River. We thought he was a very dynamic person and was well liked. So sorry to learn of his passing. Our condolence to his wife and family.



George & Angie Cadwallader - February 01 at 06:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.



February 01 at 05:35 PM

DM

“ *Sherri and Megan, I was shocked to read of Steve’s death. You have my deepest sympathy. I will be praying for you and your family. God Bless.*
David F. Martin

David Matyin - February 01 at 03:35 PM

JP

“ *Dear Sherri, Megan, and family. Our sincerest sympathies to you! The days ahead will be trying
But you know where Steve is and that gives you comfort! Keep the memories!
God will be with you at all times! God Bless you all!!*
Judy & Richard Pollard
Loudonville

Judy Pollard - February 01 at 01:36 PM

LB

Our deepest sympathy to Sherri and Megan. It was such a shock. Thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏🙏 Les and Betty

Les and Betty Bennety - February 02 at 06:02 PM

JY

Dear Sherri and Megan, Steve and I were in Licensing School together and then served together on the Board of Ordained Ministry. I knew if I ever had a question about where something was in the Discipline of the UMC, I could always count on Steve. I will miss him. My sincere sympathy to you and all who knew him. Blessings and prayers, Jan Yandell

Jan Yandell - February 02 at 11:19 PM

RG

“ *Rev. Dr. James A. (Jai) Gibson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan.*



Rev. Dr. James A. (Jai) Gibson - February 01 at 01:32 PM

LT

“ *Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. We cherish our memories of Steve as our pastor at New Concord United Methodist Church.*
Peace,
Laurie Tucker

Laurie Tucker - February 01 at 12:43 PM

KM

“ Karen Marks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan



Karen Marks - January 31 at 10:27 PM

KM

“ Such fond memories of Rev. Steve. Bob and I always enjoyed talking with him and he was a delight to have in choir at New Concord. We will always remember the staff Christmas parties and the warm welcome to the Sullivan home. He was a wonderful pastor and gave us spiritual guidance that made us stronger. Bob and I send our heartfelt condolences to Sherry and Megan.



Karen Marks - January 31 at 10:23 PM

YC

“ My sincere condolences to Steve's family. Praying that you will be comforted by warm memories that you shared as a family. I fondly remember Rev. Sullivan's laughter smile and willingness to help keep a Board of Ministry meetings fondly on track. Prayers for peace and God's loving care. V. Y. Conner



Yvonne Conner - January 31 at 07:44 PM

PK

“ My deepest condolences. He was a wonderful minister and his voice as he sang in the choir reminded me of my Dad . I know he wasn't a true bass but he could hit those low notes like my Dad. Enjoyed our time together and will miss that voice. However that heavenly choir gained another great voice. Pam Kassinger

Pam Kassinger - January 31 at 07:43 PM

SM

“ Family of Dr Steven Sullivan so sorry for your loss. I remember when he was just a freshman named Steve my Sr year. He used to always give me a laugh and leave me with a smile. Mrs Bair and Ruthann remember all the good times . To his daughter Steve will live on through you.



Sue McPherson - January 31 at 07:00 PM

MP

“ *Melody Pappas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Sullivan*



Melody Pappas - January 31 at 05:56 PM