



## Josephine L. ("Jo") Sullivan

August 19, 1926 - October 17, 2022

Josephine L. Sullivan  
(nee Leach)

Josephine L. ("Jo") Sullivan, 96, of Westmont (formerly of Braidwood) was gently called from her home to eternal life on October 17, 2022. She was born in Braidwood on August 19, 1926, the daughter of Joseph J. Leach and Josephine J. (Ruva) Leach.

A graduate of Reed-Custer High School and valedictorian of the Class of 1944. Jo worked as a secretary for the Office, Field Director of Ammunition Plants (OFDAP) in Elwood until her marriage to the love of her life, Edwin J. ("Ed") Sullivan, in 1950. Thereafter she worked at the State Bank of Braidwood and helped Ed establish the Sullivan Insurance Agency in Braidwood. After Ed's death in 1980 Jo worked at the Fossil Ridge Public Library until retiring in 1993.

She is survived by her son Dan (Cindy) Sullivan of Downers Grove, her daughter Rita (Kevin) Carlson of Downers Grove, and her grandchildren, Brendan Sullivan of Indianapolis, Thomas Sullivan and Shannon Sullivan of Downers Grove, Caitlin Carlson of Milwaukee, and Molly, Patrick, and Sean Carlson of Downers Grove. She is also survived by her honorary son Charlie (Cheryl) Boyd, honorary grandchildren, Jessica Boyd and Charlie Boyd Jr, all of Braidwood, and countless others who knew her simply as "Grandma Jo". She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Tressie (Tom) Hiles.

Jo was very proud of her faith, family, friends, and community.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, where she was a lector, Eucharistic Minister, CCD teacher, youth minister, member of the Parish Advisory Council, Mt. Olivet Cemetery Board, and Past President of the Council of Catholic Women. She was a charter member of the Braidwood Recreation Club, a member of the Braidwood Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary (Fire Sirens), Braidwood Chamber of Commerce, Reed-Custer Educational Foundation, Braidwood Area Historical Society and the Red Hats chapter. She was a volunteer at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet. After moving to Westmont to be nearer her grandchildren she became an active member of Holy Trinity Parish, the Holy Trinity Seniors Group, and the Westmont Joyful Voices Show Group.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood (815-458-2336). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, followed by burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in her memory to the charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
[info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

OCT **20**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church  
110 South School Street  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Rita & Dan, I loved your mom as most people in Braidwood did. Even here in AZ for 16 yrs., we kept in touch. She was a gentle & faith filled soul who I treasured having in my life. I learned so much from your mom-& I loved being w/ her. She always thought the best of people, which is a wonderful trait have! God has taken Home. Blessings, Diane Wisniewski

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**Diane Wisniewski** - October 22, 2022 at 01:09 PM

LP

“ Dan and Rita: So sorry to hear this. It was such a joy for me to "run into" your mom a few years back at the Immaculate Conception Anniversary mass, that I sent an email to all of my brothers and sisters. My mom ALWAYS talked about your mom and their life long friendship. Wishing you and your families the peace and comfort that come only in The Lord. God Bless. Len

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**Len Penkala** - October 21, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JS

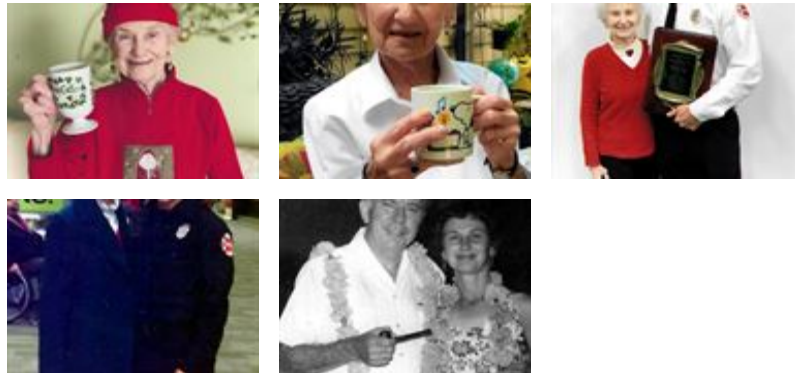
“ When Jo was a reader at Immaculate Conception Church, she had a way of reading Scripture that held my teenage attention (which we know can be a task!). Later our paths crossed at Fossil Ridge Library, where we both worked. Jo was an awesome addition to the staff! What a great co-worker and what a great person she was. Always so kind, pleasant, helpful and thoughtful. Every year for my birthday, there was a card and greeting from Jo. Thank you for the happy memories Joie, Rest In Peace. John

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**John Slanicky** - October 19, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - October 19, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Sullivan/Moore Family*



Pennie - October 19, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Pennie - October 19, 2022 at 09:48 AM

PB

“ 9 files added to the album Sullivan/Moore Family



Penny Barbell - October 18, 2022 at 02:44 PM

PW

“ My condolences to the entire family - Pat Woulfe

Pat Woulfe - October 18, 2022 at 01:39 PM

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“ When our sister Cindy married Dan, Jo became family to all of us. We were blessed to be a part of her life. We shared many holidays together and had a lot of fun. She was a sweetheart and we loved her! –The Moore family

Pennie Barbel (Moore) - October 18, 2022 at 12:09 PM

PH

“ BEAUTIFUL obit for Jo. May she have eternal life ; and may EACH of you survivors have God's indescribable PEACE 🙏🙏🙏

Pete Henrisey - October 17, 2022 at 10:48 PM

BF

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. . May your memories bring you comfort now and in the days ahead.* ”



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**Barbara Viano & family** - October 17, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JV

“ *The most loyal, loving person in the world.. will miss you forever!* ”

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**Janie Votta** - October 17, 2022 at 08:16 PM