



Thomas Russey Sullivan

January 24, 1919 - August 12, 2011

Thomas Russey Sullivan, age 92, known by all as "Smoke" died on Friday, August 12, 2011 at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, GA. He was born January 24, 1919 in Atlanta, GA to the late Thomas Q. Sullivan & Helen E. Russey. He operated a dairy farm in East Point, GA on Sullivan Road for many years before moving to Newnan, GA in the fifties. He loved farming and continued to farm his land in Sharpsburg. He was a member of Cokes Chapel United Methodist Church.

The funeral service is Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, Rev. John Hagen officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The visitation is Monday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the Cokes Chapel UMC, 4096 Lower Fayetteville Rd, Sharpsburg, GA 30277.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by wife, Sue Stephenson Sullivan of Sharpsburg, GA; sister, Judy S. Bernal of Arlington, VA; and brother, John R. Sullivan of Moreland, GA.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Wow, this is in every respect what I needed to know.*

JRqAonUMuZ - September 06, 2011 at 05:17 PM

DJ

“ *Sue, Dan, Brittany, Jonathan, and I were very sorry to hear about Smoke. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Always, Bonita*

Dan and Bonita Jacobs - August 16, 2011 at 07:17 AM

VD

“ *Dear Friends in Christ, On behalf of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class at First Baptist, North, S. C., I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Sullivan's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you travel this road of sorrow. May God's love, peace and comfort be poured out on you today and each day ahead. Love in Christ. Iris Cade, Annie Lou Morgan, Mildred Livingston, Gracie Jeffcoat, Frances Jones, Eloise Hall and Virginia Dunn.*

Virginia Dunn - August 15, 2011 at 05:54 PM

RH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Sullivan. I had the pleasure of visiting with him in our office just last week and had a long conversation about how to take a cruise for cheap, about his farming days and his wood working shop! I was amazed at the wealth of information he gave me. I will truly miss talking with him. If you need us, please call!*

Robin Hodnett - August 15, 2011 at 03:32 PM

KR

“ Ms. Sue, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Love you!

Karen Robinson - August 15, 2011 at 03:03 PM

CL

“ I just found out. I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a good man. Love, Connie

Connie Lipham - August 15, 2011 at 02:37 PM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Smoke was a good man. My father enjoyed working from him for 11 years when they first moved their farm down here from College Park.

Grady Cannon Family - August 15, 2011 at 09:21 AM

CF

“ M

CANNON FAMILY - August 15, 2011 at 09:11 AM

KS

“ Ms. Sue, So sorry to here about "Smoke". He was a wonderful man and we always enjoyed seeing him. He will be missed greatly. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless, Kathi and Jimmy Sumner

Kathi and Jimmy Sumner - August 15, 2011 at 07:50 AM

A.

“ I'm very sorry for your lost. Always, please look towards God for hope and comfort. (James 4:8; Revelation 21:4)

A.L. - August 14, 2011 at 06:44 PM

DV

“ Our deepest sympathies in the death of Mr. Smoke. He was a true Southern Gentleman and will be sorely missed by those who knew him. Sue, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick & Nancy Vermilyea - August 14, 2011 at 06:37 PM

CF

“ I was saddened to hear this news but so glad he had a long, happy and mostly healthy life. Smoke Sullivan got his nickname at birth from having been a "blue baby" who almost didn't make it. He was a consummate dairy farmer who had once wanted to be an engineer, and who would have made a wonderful veterinarian out of his great love for animals. I knew him as "Granddaddy." He was married to my grandmother, Carolyn Bohn Sullivan, for 52 years, and they raised me from the age of 4 months. He was a wonderful grandad to me as a child. He taught me how to fish, how to drive and how to carve a Jack-o-lantern. I appreciate the security and opportunities he and my grandmother gave me. Though he never had children of his own, he cherished his nieces and nephews--perhaps especially his youngest, Frank, who helped him a lot in his later years. He was a quiet man who mostly kept his feelings to himself, but he always had a sense of humor and a joke to play on children. After my grandmother became ill, he also became a great cook with special dishes to accommodate her restricted diet. I will always miss him and look back fondly on the good years we spent.

Catherine Fosl - August 14, 2011 at 02:21 PM

WR

“ Smoke was an everpresent friend to my family, He was a GREAT teacher, who knew how to do most everything. I learned so many things while working for him as we put up fences, built barns or repaired equipment. One time duing one of his/our projects, I was stung by a wasp, Smoke broke out his "firstaid kit". He spit out his ever present, chew of tabacco, He put it in my hand, and said to me in his slow southern draw "put this on it", Another lesson learned, I will miss your smile, and the twinkle in your eye.

Will Robinson - August 14, 2011 at 11:21 AM

RG

“ I'll never forget my summers "on the farm" in College Park. Smoke was always teasing me. He had a "chew" in his cheek that I could never figure out what that was!! He told me all kinds of things that this thing was in his mouth but wasn't years later that I figured it out. My condolences to all the family and love to Sue. I know he will be so missed. Love to all Jane

Rich and Jane Glaser - August 13, 2011 at 09:16 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll, we will miss Mr. Smoke. I can only imagine the stories that are being told in heaven, good friends together again! Love Susan and Ronnie

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - August 13, 2011 at 03:32 PM