



## John "Jack" Francis Sullivan Jr.

April 18, 1934 - May 11, 2020

John Francis "Jack" Sullivan, Jr., son of the late Alice and John F. Sullivan, Sr., was born April 18th, 1934 in Boston, MA. He attended Boston English High School and Bentley College before relocating to Honolulu in 1957. He was married for 58 years to Mary Katherine Warner and they had four children: Colleen, Kevin, Kathleen, and Kiley. He is survived by his wife, children, five grandchildren, and sisters, Anne Sullivan and Patty Lee.

In over fifty years of community service, Jack was involved in sports, pollution control, traffic safety, and corrections. His greatest pleasures came from coaching youth and working in Hawai'i's Correctional Facilities, helping to recognize the untapped potential of those populations since 1965. Jack was president of Hawai'i Business Service, Inc. for 46 years and was a real estate broker, as well.

In 1974, he helped organize the Hawai'i chapter of the Associated Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). He later went on to coach for Maryknoll High School, Pac-5, Hawai'i Youth Soccer Association (HYSA), Women's Island Soccer Association (WISA), Bulls Soccer Club, Special Olympics, and teams within the youth corrections system. His influence was felt throughout the sport of soccer in the Hawaiian Islands, as Jack served on various boards and committees, wrote columns for local news outlets, served as an announcer for the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association at Aloha Stadium, and lobbied for the building of the Waipio Sports Complex. Additionally, he loved his long involvement with the Honolulu Quarterback Club, honoring local athletes. Over the years, Sullivan has been recognized in many ways for his leadership and devotion to others, including the First Lady Volunteer Service Award (1990), the Thomas Jefferson Award (1990 & 2006), induction into the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame (2004) and the National Soccer Hall of Fame (2007), as well as being selected to carry the Olympic flame in the torch relay for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

He was affectionately known as "Uncle Jack" by many in the corrections community and "Mr. Soccer" by radio personalities when he called to give his weekly soccer updates. Jack

was proud of his Boston Irish background and marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade as The Leprechaun for 40+ years. He was quick with a story, a smile, and a helping hand. His goal was to make a difference in the lives of others. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of his life will be held when we can safely gather to share memories, stories, and hugs. To be notified, please email [jacksullivankids@gmail.com](mailto:jacksullivankids@gmail.com).

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# Comments

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“ I remember my father telling me stories about meeting Jack in Long's and Jack's first comment was always, "How's Keith?". Jack shared his love of soccer with me early in the 1976 AYSO season in Kailua. My love for it has never waned. Jack always supported and encouraged me in my coaching career. From U10 AYSO through U19 HYSA and coaching at the college level at Hawaii Loa. I moved away for many years but moved back to the Windward side in 2005. I loved meeting up with Jack again. Everytime we would meet, after his usually warm greeting his first question was always, "How's your Dad?" Thank you Jack for your love and support through the years. Rest in Love.

**Keith Merriam** - May 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ Jack and his family were neighbors for 28 years when Jim and I lived in Hawaii. What a wonderful and involved man and a good friend.

**Fran Mayo** - May 23, 2020 at 10:01 AM