



Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan

November 2, 1924 - January 23, 2018

Dr. Josephine Young Sullivan, MD (lovingly known as Josie, Babu, or Dr. Jo) went to be with the Lord on January 23, 2018 at her home at 164 Bellamy Close, Greer, SC.

Josephine was born in Suzhou, China on November 2, 1924 to medical missionaries, Dr. Mason P. Young, MD and Mrs. Louise O. Young. She lived in China until she completed Shanghai American School, then she returned to the United States to attend Agnes Scott College, graduating in 1944. In 1949, Josie graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine where she met her husband Francis, a fellow medical student. After residency training, the couple moved to Greer in 1954 to set up medical practices and raise their family. Josie practiced anesthesia for 24 years, 20 of those at Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital in Greer.

Josie was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Greer. She lived her life in total devotion to her Lord and Savior. She will be remembered for her humility and selfless service to others. Her volunteer activities included Greer Community Ministries, Taylors Free Medical Clinic, Greer Memorial Hospital, Camellia Garden Club, Daily Bread Ministries, and Habitat for Humanity. Josie was the recipient of the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award and the South Carolina Ageless Hero Award. She was involved in Masters Track and Field from her 60's to her early 80's. During that time she set a world record for her age group in the Triple Jump.

Josie is predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Dr. Francis S. Sullivan, MD.

Surviving are one son and daughter in law, Dr. Francis Sullivan, MD and Leslie Sullivan of Warwick, Rhode Island; five daughters and three sons in law, Martha and Ervin Robinson of Lancaster, Louise Rogers of Taylors, Virginia and Roger Sims of Greer, Julia Sullivan of Gowensville, Dr. Joy Hicklin, DD and Dr. Jonathan Hicklin, MD of Rock Hill; nine grandchildren, Daniel Sullivan (Dy), Caleb Rogers (Paige), Kate Leggett (Taylor), Cole Sims (Ashley), Allie Scharfe (Alex), Melanie Ashmore (Charles), Joy Caroline Hicklin, Andrew Hicklin and Elizabeth Pressley. In addition, she is survived by seven great grandchildren; Peter Sullivan, Adelyn and Luke Rogers, William and Evelyn Leggett, Colston and Benjamin Sims.

Dr. Sullivan was predeceased by a son, Paul Sullivan; a sister, Louise Garrett; a grandson, Joshua Rogers; a son-in-law, David Rogers and two great-grandchildren, Cecilia and Charlie Sullivan.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, January 27, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Greer, conducted by Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters.

Visitation will be from 12:30 until 1:45 Saturday in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Joshua's Way (Project Ethiopia Medical Assistance to the Poor) P.O Box 1605 Greer SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sonja Boswell Rochester lit a candle in memory of Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan*



Sonja Boswell Rochester - January 28, 2018 at 02:12 PM

RV

“ *Mason, Matthew and the rest of the family, I want express my heartfelt condolences in the passing of your mother. My mom passed this past Aug. at 95. Your mom lived a long, wonderful life for which I know you are grateful.*

Randy Vaughn - January 27, 2018 at 09:10 PM

SC

So sorry for your loss Mason. Your parents were great people.

Sue Collins - January 28, 2018 at 12:43 PM

MK

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your precious mother. She was a wonderful lady that I truly admired. Our prayers and sympathy to all the family.*

Mac & Cynthia Knight - January 27, 2018 at 08:57 PM

CK

“ *A truly beautiful lady who was an inspiration to all! Loving prayers to family and friends*
Cynthia and Mac Knight

Cynthia Knight - January 27, 2018 at 08:51 PM

SM

“ To all of the Sullivans, I am so very sorry to hear that Jo has passed. She was such a beloved friend of our family! I have many, many wonderful memories of sitting with the Sullivans at First Presbyterian Church over the years. Nobody could have been smarter, sweeter, or more precious to the Wakefields and McIntyres!!! You will all be in my prayers for comfort and peace in the coming days! Much love to you and many hugs! May God grant you wonderful memories of your mom to hold onto!



Sarah McIntyre - January 27, 2018 at 08:42 PM

Paola Patricia

“ Paola Patricia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan



Paola Patricia - January 26, 2018 at 01:56 PM

DS

“ Babu you are missed. We love you so much.



Dy Sullivan - January 26, 2018 at 10:52 AM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan



Mertie Taylor - January 26, 2018 at 09:51 AM

MT

“ Dr. Jo was my anesthesiologist for one of my surgeries and she was the sweetest lady. I will never forget her and her kindness. She called me at home after I left the hospital to check on me. My prayers are with ya'll in your time of sorrow. There will never be another Dr.Jo. She was one of a kind. So thankful I had the honor of knowing this sweet lady. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel. Mertie Taylor

Mertie Taylor - January 26, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan.



January 25, 2018 at 06:18 PM

AK

“ Angie Ashmore Kruse lit a candle in memory of Dr. Josephine Y. Sullivan



Angie Ashmore Kruse - January 25, 2018 at 12:41 PM

LW

“ *My life was also enriched by knowing Dr. Jo. I worked at Allen Bennett for a while and got to know her there. She was truly a blessing to my life and I am so blessed by her life.*

May God bless your family is my prayer.

*Sincerely,
Linda Waldrop*

Linda Waldrop - January 24, 2018 at 07:12 PM

EF

“ *Dr Jo was administering anesthesia to the patient during the first surgery I was. Dr Lewis Davis was the surgeon who preformed a gall bladder removal in 23 minutes time. I found a friend that day in Dr Jo. Each time we met, she would ask me about my work in anesthesiology. Both she and Dr Frank were remarkable people. My life was enriched by knowing them and witnessing their faith in action as they lived their faith. As my Papa would have said, "they were fine, fine people.*

My tears of joy are shed only for a period when I too, will join them someday.

Lovingly , Elaine Freeman

Elaine Freeman - January 24, 2018 at 04:33 PM



Truly a great lady, always enjoyed talking to Mrs. Sullivan, her inspiration to us will be missed, may God's grace be with the family, Chris and Donna Harvey

Chris Harvey - January 26, 2018 at 10:08 AM



Such a nice lady. She always had time to talk with you and make you feel special.

Carole Cole Cox

Carole Cole Cox - January 27, 2018 at 10:53 AM