



## Brenden James Sullivan

May 29, 1991 - December 25, 2019

Frankfort – Brenden James Sullivan, age 28, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. service time on Thursday.

Brenden had a loving spirit and one-of-a-kind heart. His unwavering forgiveness, humbleness, and selflessness came naturally consistent with his Sigma Alpha Epsilon creed of being a true gentleman. He was known for his warmth, compassion and genuine ability to always be ready to lend a helping hand.

Brenden was a graduate of Frankfort High School and Centre College. As a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, he was a determined and diligent worker, leading him to his position as a Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Brenden's sweet and thoughtful disposition was displayed through his kindness and capacity to make everyone feel special. He truly treasured time spent with family and friends. He spent his spare time writing, studying history, playing the drums, attending live music events, playing video games and volunteering for the Kentucky Talking Book Library.

Brenden was a selfless provider, never hesitating to step in and help. A man with a great sense of humor, he enjoyed bringing a smile to someone's face and providing a laugh to his family and friends. A loyal and thoughtful friend

and devoted family member, Brenden had an incredibly genuine kindness and sincerity to him that will be the legacy of the life he lived.

He is survived by his loving parents, Dr. James R. "Jim" Sullivan, Jr., and Lori Barker Sullivan; beloved fiancé, Grace Bowers; siblings, Dylan Sullivan and Katie Sullivan; grandmothers, Eunice Meadows and Elizabeth Barker; and best-friend, John Miller. He was blessed with many other family members who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Brenda Boyd Sullivan; grandparents, Dr. Charles Boyd, Rod and Louise Sullivan, and Ralph Barker; and numerous other family members.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dylan Sullivan, John Miller, Ian Williams, Bryson Williams, David Spaulding, Chris Bowers, Mark Stamper and Darryl Barker.

Honorary pallbearers are Justice Bill Cunningham, Dr. Steve Boyd, Margaret and William Cirone, Brittany Barker, and Genna Barnes.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Brenden James Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Celebration of Life Services

**JAN 2.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ It's been years but I have just found out about Brendan's passing through a friend at work. He was my absolute best friend as a young child going to Frankfort Montessori. We would run into each other sporadically throughout life, after we both left that school, and it was always great to catch up and it was like we were best friends all over again. My heart hurts for the Sullivan family. your son was an amazing kid and grew up to be an amazing young man. Rest in Peace my friend, I'll see you on the other side!

-Dylan Schmitt

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Dylan Schmitt - May 21, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Brenden James Sullivan

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

AG

“ Brenden was one of the most kind hearted and genuine people I have ever been blessed with knowing. I am so grateful to have met him at Centre and to have called him my friend for so many years. Your kindness and compassion will continue to live on through your memory.



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Anika Gooch - January 02, 2020 at 09:56 PM

AB

“ I am devastated to learn of Brenden’s passing. He was a intelligent, caring and kind young man, and as my cousin’s fiancé he was like family to us. So many wonderful memories of him, and so grateful he was able to be a part of Grace’s life. Deepest condolences to his family.

*Adam Bowers*

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**Adam Bowers** - January 02, 2020 at 09:44 PM

AB

“ Our every thought about times with Brenden is happy and positive. He was such a good guy and friend. The many descriptive comments about him on this page are very true. We are grateful for his presence in Grace's life, where he will be forever. Our deepest sympathy and support to all who knew and loved Brenden.

*Andy & Marlene Bowers (Grace's uncle and aunt)*

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**Andrew Bowers** - January 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AB

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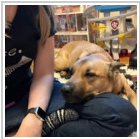
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**Andrew Bowers** - January 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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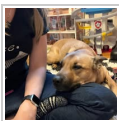
“ Brenden was one of the kindest young men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I knew him during his adolescent years which are rarely kind to anyone. But even then, he was such a gentleman and an absolute joy to be around. He was hard working, dedicated, and so responsible. He was a friend to all and I always enjoyed both his quiet demeanor and his sense of humor. I am not surprised with all that he accomplished as it was easy to see during adolescence that he would grow into an accomplished and impressive man. I am so saddened by his passing. Condolences to the Sullivan family as I know he will be greatly missed.

Cynthia Lawson - January 02, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Brenden was one of the kindest, most genuine people that I know. He was so smart and so humble. I was such a law student colleague but he always took the time to connect. I am so shocked and heartbroken that the world has lost such an outstanding person. I was so blessed to have known him. My heart goes out to his family for this loss.

Kyla Beach - January 02, 2020 at 08:51 AM



I meant to say I was grumpy—I was very grumpy, and he was always so kind. ❤️

Kyla Beach - January 02, 2020 at 08:51 AM

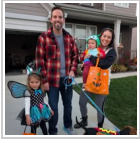
MW

“ So sorry to hear of Brenden's passing. Please accept my condolences and prayers for your family.

MaryLinda Wells (formerly Wilson)



MaryLinda Wells - January 02, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Brenden was one of my favorite people during our time together in law school. He always wore a smile, and had an infectious positive attitude. I'm going to miss those afternoons we spent playing Bomberman and listening to Rush vinyls. My sincerest condolences to his family. He was a wonderful person who will be sorely missed.

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**Chuck Rust** - January 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM

ET

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Ed & Cheryl Thompson



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**Ed Thompson** - January 01, 2020 at 09:36 AM

SO

“ So sad to hear of your loss, may peace and comfort continue to overflow you and yours. Sharri Thompson Owens



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**Sharri Thompson Owens** - January 01, 2020 at 07:43 AM

LB

“ Could not have hoped for a more humble, genuine, respectable man as my only true cousin's husband. An honor to have known him for as long as I did. Forever the best to him and his family. He will be sorely missed.



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**Lucas Bowers** - December 31, 2019 at 11:45 PM

DS

“ *Brenden was one of the best law students I’ve ever taught. He was brilliant with a kind, gentle soul. I will miss him greatly.* ”

David A. Singleton - December 31, 2019 at 03:51 PM

NB

“ *I’m still so shocked about Brenden’s passing. I’m honored to have known him and spent so many wonderful memories together with my cousin Grace and our families. One of the most genuine guys I know.* ”



Natalie Bowers - December 31, 2019 at 01:25 PM

JM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family - God bless.* ”



J. Mullins - December 31, 2019 at 12:56 PM

BC

“ *Bernita Corder lit a candle in memory of Brenden James Sullivan* ”



Bernita Corder - December 31, 2019 at 11:58 AM

SD

“ Stephanie Dunaway lit a candle in memory of Brenden James Sullivan



Stephanie Dunaway - December 31, 2019 at 08:50 AM

JD

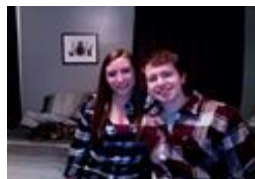
“ JOANN DEAN lit a candle in memory of Brenden James Sullivan



JOANN DEAN - December 31, 2019 at 12:58 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - December 30, 2019 at 02:13 PM

Arthur  
Andrew

“ We are so shocked to hear of your passing, my friend. We just saw you a few weeks ago. You were always full of life, upbeat, and kind to people. Your dad Jim and mom should be proud to have raised such a fine gentleman. You will be greatly missed my friend. We'll see you again when Jesus comes. Praying for your loved ones, Arthur & Rebecca P.

Arthur Andrew - December 30, 2019 at 01:30 PM

JW

“ It is with great sorry and loss to learn about the passing of Brenden. I have had pleasure of knowing Brenden from his childhood to the outstanding adult that he had grown into. He will be missed by many and loved by all that had the pleasure of his company.

John Williams - December 30, 2019 at 01:24 PM

KC

“ I worked at Second Street where Brenden attended. He was one of the students that always made time to stop by the office to say hi and flash his beautiful smile. Rest In Peace Sweet Brenden, I will always have wonderful memories of you. God Bless your Precious Family 🙏

Kela Cammack - December 30, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RP

“ Brenden worked with me at the Court of Appeals. He was a terrific writer and a brilliant young man, with a bright future ahead of him. I am still shocked and saddened by his passing. My thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Ron Phillippi - December 30, 2019 at 10:58 AM

TC

“ *Brenden was kindness personified. He was always smiling and full of fun and had a respect for others seldom seen in a man his age. I was so looking forward to having him in my family. My heart is breaking for his fiance, parents and siblings. His memory will live in my heart forever.*

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**Tamberly Creech-Bowers** - December 30, 2019 at 10:28 AM