



## Mary Jean Sullivan

July 21, 1932 - January 5, 2019

Mary Jean Sullivan, nee Slack, age 86, of Tallahassee, died in her home January 5, 2019, on the Vigil of the Epiphany.

The funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Tallahassee. Interment will be at a later date at Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Mary Jean was the beloved wife and “Honeychild” of Gerald Patrick Sullivan for 60 years. Loving mother of Susan (John) Andrews, Lynn (Michael) Mangan, Ellen (Kevin) Weiss, and Mary Ann Sullivan (Thomas) Mooney, grandmother of 21, and great-grandmother of 4. She is also survived by her brother, James Chandler Slack and his family. She was predeceased by her parents, Middleton & Loretta Slack, and her siblings, Middleton Slack, Lucille Blackburn & Helen Slack.

Mary Jean was born on July 21, 1932 in Joliet, IL. As a teenager, she learned to fly a plane, even before getting her driver’s license. She moved to Chicago where she worked as a legal secretary and met her future husband. She and Gerald Patrick Sullivan “Sweetheart” married on November 29, 1958 at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. They soon moved to Morton Grove, IL, where they raised their four daughters and then, in retirement, moved to Phoenix, and later, Sun Lakes, AZ, before moving to Tallahassee.

Mary Jean was a devout Catholic, and even in her last year, when her memory was gone, she continued to repeat the last words of the Hail Mary. Although Mary Jean was very sick these last months, she continued to smile

to the end. She was ever devoted to her "Sweetheart" and took delight in her many grandchildren, who called her Honey.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Open Door Women's Clinic, P.O. Box 7146, Tallahassee, FL 32314, Martyrs of La Florida, P.O. Box 12062, Tallahassee, FL 32317 or Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Sullivan family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
4665 Thomasville Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32309