



## Matthew Michael "Sully" Sullivan

October 4, 2025

We are heartbroken to share that our son, brother and friend, Matt Sullivan, passed away on October 4, 2025 in Toronto at Michael Garron Hospital at the age of 42. Matt was held in big love with his family at his side.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Cristal Schofield (Doug Burgess), siblings Megan Sullivan (David Irons), and Jeffrey Sullivan (Alanna Khattar-Sullivan), nephews Jude Irons and Alexander Sullivan, and former partner-forever family, Lorna White. Matthew was predeceased by his father, Michael Sullivan.

Matthew was born on February 15, 1983. He was proud to have spent his childhood in Scotsburn, NS, and he later carried his love of small communities and connection with him to the big city. As a kid, school came easily to Matt. Reading, skateboarding and guitar were his interests but music quickly grew to be his main passion.

At 18, Matthew moved to Hamilton, ON to attend a recording arts school and at 20, his dream of touring the world as a monitor engineer brought him to Toronto. He was drawn to sound and captivated by the challenge of helping others hear it in a live environment. Matt worked with dedication to humbly build a reputation of excellence in his craft. Not afraid to work hard and get his hands dirty, Matt brought calm, wisdom and wit to each show. He became admirably known to navigate difficult work challenges, to deliver under

pressure and to always set up his station on his preferred side - stage left. Fondly known as “Sully”, he toured with many prominent artists, working in venues spanning from intimate local clubs to massive international festivals attended by hundreds of thousands. Matt called himself the luckiest guy in the world because he got to do what he loved all over the globe.

Matt treasured his close family bonds. We will forever miss his frequent calls with his trademark “Hey Ma” greeting, jokes with his siblings, comments on his iconic sneaker collection, his newest updates from his work-hobby, and more. From day one, Matt was a proud big brother to Mugs and Jeff. He embraced that role, stayed close and always did his best to look out for them. In his last year, he was beyond thrilled to become an uncle to nephews Jude and Alexander. It was not only family that received Matt’s deep love. He gave generously of his time, respect and support to others. Matt was fiercely loyal and prided himself in being a big brother to many that crossed his path and became part of his circle. Matt would regularly call up friends to check in, crack jokes, discuss football, music, philosophy - to have a good debate and to make sure you knew he was there for you.

Matthew passed away far too young. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his family, his closest circle, and an abundance of friends and colleagues.

Matt’s family wish to thank the doctors and nurses of Michael Garron Hospital, particularly the Long Stay ICU, for their excellence of care, dedicated efforts and compassion. They cared not only for Matt, but also his family with incredible empathy and support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michael Garron Hospital. We encourage anyone to donate blood in remembrance of Matthew.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Toronto in November. We thank “Sully’s

circle” for their tribute to Matt in all of the specialness they are bringing to this celebration.

A Celebration of Life for Matthew will be held in Nova Scotia in the new year.

As Matt would say with his hair down, Scotsburn toque on and music playing,  
“Turn it up!”

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of "Sully" as we have fond memories of the first time we met and fortunately a number of great visits thereafter. We first met "Sully" when he lived in the Beaches area of Toronto and were instantly drawn to his magnetic personality. When we visited his apartment we instantly observed he was a bit of a collector and especially loved collecting "kicks" many, many pairs of them. We enjoyed sharing in some meals together along with great conversation. We loved to hear his music industry stories as he was a master in his field. We had the opportunity to visit "Sully" over the Christmas holidays on two separate occasions and that young man "loved" Christmas and there had to be a "big" tree.

*Our hearts go out to the Family and Friends of "Sully" and we consider ourselves fortunate to have met him.*

*Ann and Erroll Affleck  
Marshfield, PE*

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**Ann and Erroll Affleck** - November 15, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RC

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Matt. We truly feel your pain.

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**Reg & Brenda Conrad** - November 08, 2025 at 06:02 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry and very sad to hear of my good friend Sully! My thoughts are with his family at this time. He will be miss by many.  
RIP Sully,!!

*Jim Martin - Nov.5/25*

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**Jim Martin** - November 05, 2025 at 06:19 PM

SA

“ We are sad to hear of Matt's passing . We remember him as one of the Scotsburn kids and a friend and classmate to our Laura . He followed his dreams and became an amazing , talented person helping spread the gift sound of music to so many . Your family will miss him along with so many of his friends and those he worked with . Blessings and love to all your family. Ray and Sue Arsenault and our family

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**Sue Arsenault** - October 31, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LR

“ I'm very sorry to hear this. Condolences to the family RIP Sully

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**Larry Reid** - October 29, 2025 at 08:21 PM

JA

“ Sincere condolences on the loss of Matt. He was clearly well loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

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**janice** - October 28, 2025 at 07:11 PM

AS

*I am shocked beyond belief that Matthew is no longer with us. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends on his untimely passing.*

*I met young Matt when he was hired to work with Federated Press, after graduating from Sound College. I believe it was his first job in the business and I have nothing but the best to say about this fine young man who was always pleasant and hard working.*

*May he rest in peace!*

*Adrian Sinanan.*

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**Adrian Anthony Sinanan** - November 16, 2025 at 07:12 PM

AB

“ *Sending lots of strength and love as you say goodbye to Matt. He was clearly deeply loved and made many meaningful connections wherever he went. Rest easy Matt.*

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**Amanda Baine** - October 27, 2025 at 06:30 PM

EL

“ *So sorry to hear of Matt's passing and sending condolences. Lots of memories from past family reunions and his grinning smile. He will be missed* 💕💕

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**Elizabeth** - October 24, 2025 at 06:27 PM