

Patrick M. Sullivan

architect, professor, traveler, community supporter

Community servant and celebrated local architect Patrick Michael Sullivan died on January 24, 2011 at age 66.

Born on September 14, 1944 to Patricia and John Sullivan, he grew up in Minneapolis and Golden Valley, Minnesota. He received a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota in 1968, and a master's degree in architecture from Harvard University in 1971.

As an undergraduate, Mr. Sullivan became interested in the social challenges presented by disadvantaged and emotionally troubled youth and the influence of the environment on institutionalized juveniles. This interest in structures that are used to support rehabilitative programs continued throughout his life and culminated with the 2010 publication of his book, **Creating Treatment Environments for Troubled Youth: Evidence-Based Design in Architecture**. He was also co-author of **Ethics and the Practice of Architecture**.

While in college, Mr. Sullivan met Cindy Stordahl, and they married in 1967 in London, England after he finished a semester of study in Rome. They started their marriage with extensive traveling, which continued throughout their 43 years of marriage. Most recently, they enjoyed a voyage of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Mr. Sullivan's first son, Kevin was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1973 while he was working at Hugh Stubbins and Associates. Following his desire to teach and live in a warm climate, the family moved to San Luis Obispo in 1974 where he lectured at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. In 1975, he opened a firm, Sullivan Farbstein Associates, and one of the firm's first projects was the San Luis Obispo Juvenile Services Center. Other notable early projects included the County Government Center and the Airport Fire Station. Mr. Sullivan's work was presented at the original American Institute of Architects (AIA) California Council Monterey Design Conference in 1976. Eventually the office became Patrick Sullivan

Associates and a second office was opened in Palo Alto.

His second son, Ryan, was born in San Luis Obispo in 1976 as Mr. Sullivan completed a 2-stage design competition for the Rotch Travelling Scholarship. Founded in 1883, the scholarship is the oldest of its kind in the U.S. and includes a roster of many of the country's most distinguished architects. As a recipient of this award, Mr. Sullivan and his family traveled throughout Europe for 9 months in 1977. The award further strengthened his passion for architecture and curiosity about the world.

In 1983, Mr. Sullivan moved to Claremont where he served as chairman of the School of Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona for 4 years and as a professor for many years, retiring in 2002. Also at Cal Poly, he was a founding member of the Partner's Circle.

As an educator and later professor emeritus, he presented papers and lectured at AIA chapter and national conferences, EDRA (Environmental Design Research Association) conferences, other college campuses and numerous professional seminars and conferences around the U.S. and world, including Edinburgh, Scotland and Brisbane, Australia.

In 1987, Mr. Sullivan opened Patrick Sullivan Associates in the Claremont Village. Local projects include the Claremont City Hall renovation, a chapel addition at Our Lady of the Assumption, a Claremont Law Office, an addition at Joslyn Senior Center and several projects at Pomona College and Claremont McKenna College. The majority of his work has included public and institutional projects throughout California, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, New York, Texas, Massachusetts and Minnesota. His most recent projects included children's shelters in Orange and Sonoma counties.

Mr. Sullivan's firm has been honored with 26 awards from the AIA/AAJ Justice Facilities Review. In addition, it has re-



ceived Progressive Architecture Awards for applied research; 3 Design Awards from the California Central Coast Chapter AIA; a Commercial Development Award from the Claremont Chamber of Commerce; the Claremont Architectural Commission Excellence in Design Award; a Merit Award from the Inland California Chapter AIA; 6 Honor Awards from the Pasadena and Foothill Chapter AIA; and numerous other honors. In 1997, Mr. Sullivan received a Fellowship in the AIA.

For many years, he served on the Harvard Graduate School of Design Alumni Council and the University of Minnesota CALA National Advisory Board.

Locally, Mr. Sullivan was president of Claremont Heritage for 3 years and served on the boards of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and Mt. San Antonio Gardens.

Ginger Elliott, former Claremont Heritage executive director, praised the impact he made on the organization as well as the good spirit he unfailingly brought to every task at hand.

"He worked hard to be sure we were on good financial footing, all the time wanting to keep it fun because he enjoyed people and good times," Ms. Elliott said. "He was a joy to work with. An all around community advocate, just full of life and energy and good humor."

Mr. Sullivan also donated his talents to the House of Ruth, Habitat for Humanity and the Committee on Aging. Last year, he received the Bradley Award from Claremont Rotary in recognition of his community service.

"Patrick was an amazing person," said Helaine Goldwater of Claremont. "I think

there are just some people who have a tremendous energy level and they find everything interesting in life, and when you find everything interesting, you go that extra mile. He was just that kind of person."

Claremonter Randy Prout served in numerous community capacities with Mr. Sullivan, his good friend whom he considers a brother: "Our commitment to the community became a commitment to each other," he said.

"We're losing somebody who cared deeply about the community, cared about youth, seniors, families and people in need," Mr. Prout continued. "He was a friend who loved unconditionally and would do anything for you, and you felt the same way back."

Another friend recently commented, "His love of life and fun was so infectious and we all felt younger and happier just being around him."

Frequently, such uplifting moments with friends were spent playing golf, one of Mr. Sullivan's favorite leisure activities.

So many of Mr. Sullivan's colleagues and friends appreciated his unflagging energy and good-natured humor and respected his mid-western values of honesty and hard work.

"When you spent time with Patrick, you knew it would be quality time," Ms. Goldwater said.

Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife, Cindy Sullivan; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Addie Sullivan; son, Ryan Sullivan; sister and brother-in-law, Bridget and Harry Ward; brother and sister-in-law, Donovan and Lyndsey Sullivan; sister-in-law, Lorna Kneen; and 6 nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, February 5, 2011 at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to scholarships Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan established to support architectural students: the Sullivan Family Scholarship Endowment, c/o Director of Development, College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Building 7, Pomona, CA 91768; or the Sullivan Family Fellowship in Architecture, c/o University of Minnesota Foundation, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. Southeast, Suite 500, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2010. Or to the House of Ruth, PO Box 459, Claremont, CA 91711; or Claremont Heritage, PO Box 742, Claremont, CA 91711



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