



Joseph J. Sullivan Sr.

May 27, 1938 - April 9, 2019

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JOSEPH J. SR., "Slats", passed away on April 9, 2019. He was the former President of Local 470. He was a lifelong resident of South Philadelphia and was educated at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Grade School and Southeast Catholic High School. He also earned a certificate of achievement from Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a teacher of the new laws that govern Commercial Driver's Licensing, which effected his Union Membership. He also was a monitor for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation who administered the test.

Mr. Sullivan joined the Teamsters Union in 1954 while working part time during summer vacation from school and was a member of the Operating Engineers, Local 542 as an apprentice Oiler on crane equipment.

In 1958 he went to work for Driscoll Construction Company as a heavy equipment operator hauling construction equipment to various job sites both locally and out of state and was a Union Shop Steward with Local 470 during the entire time.

In 1965 during a slack time in construction he left Driscoll and two days later he was hired by The Scott Bros. a division of the old Pennsylvania Railroad as a heavy machine operator and city and road driver. He was trained on a heavy lift machine known as a "Piggypacker" used to load and unload flatcars at the Conrail Terminal in Morrisville, PA.

In 1980 Joseph was elected Recording Secretary of Teamsters Local 470 and in 1984 he became a full time Union Business Agent. He was reelected for four more terms and in 1992 became President and Business Manager. A position he held until his retirement in late 1997. He also served as a Vice President with the Philadelphia Building Trades Council, A Trustee of the Teamsters Health, Welfare and Pension Funds and Vicinity, A Trustee of Teamsters Joint Council 53 Pension Fund. Also, as Co-Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Contractors Association of Eastern Penna., Union Co-Chair of the Freight Grievance Committee of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and a national negotiator for the International Teamsters Union in Washington, DC.

Beloved husband of Catherine (nee Brown); loving father of Joseph Jr., Michael, Joyce, Denise White and Deborah Hoffer; dearest Pop of 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, brother of Michael (Helen), Christina "Tina" Turner and the late Maryann

Hector. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. Relatives, friends, Union Brothers and Sisters of Local 470 and 107 are invited to his Viewing Saturday 9-10:50 AM at St. Richard Church, 19th & Pollock Sts. Funeral Mass 11 AM. Burial Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to the Katie Kirilin Fund, 229 Wolf St., Phila., PA 19148.

Comments



“ Dee I'm so sorry for your family's loss this is a great one he was loved and respected very much and will be missed by many I have fond memories of your father may he rest in peace and may your family have peace knowing that he's watching over you all love your friend Tina Ezzio



Tina Ezzio - April 11 at 01:10 AM



“ Rest In Peace Pop, enjoy your eternal paradise



melissa - April 10 at 11:41 PM



“ I love you pop I truly hope you're at peace now and you know how much I love you



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