OBITUARY FOR SALLY MULLAN
November 19, 2026



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Sally Mullan on November 10, 2026, at the age of 78. After going through a series of chemotherapy treatments for a couple of years to battle cancer of the liver and bile duct, she is now at peace.

Sally is survived by her son, Dennis Mullan; her brother Alan (Patricia) Field in Auburndale, FL; her sister Susan (Michael) Jones in Wyoming, MI; and her brother-in-law John (Marcy) Mullan in Carpinteria, CA. She is also survived by five nephews and one niece. She is preceded by her beloved husband of 54 years, David Mullan.

Sally was born on October 31, 1948 (Halloween) in Grand Rapids, MI. She graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1966 in Grand Rapids, MI. She then attended Michigan State University and Grand Valley University in Michigan. She graduated from Northeastern Illinois University in 1983. After that she taught Computer Programming, part-time, at Oakton Community College.

Sally was a professor at College of DuPage (COD) from 2000 to 2015. She created the courses, six certificates and the Game Development A.A.S. degree for Computer Information Systems. She was a major force in making the COD Vocational Skills Program a success by contacting schools and organizations and recruiting students and instructors. She was dedicated to teaching and helping students.

She was a great supporter of the COD Culinary Arts Program for almost 20 years and attended many of their lunches and dinners while raving about all of them.

She served as College of DuPage Annuitants Association (CDAA) President for four years and CDAA Social Committee Coordinator for several years. Her assistance with CDAA was remarkable and she will be sorely missed. When it came to volunteering for CDAA and other associations, she rarely said “No”.

Sally and her husband also volunteered at the Morton Arboretum for almost 20 years. They both thrived in a natural environment surrounded by trees, bushes, plants and beautiful flowers.

For approximately eight years, Sally fostered kittens for a pet rescue. Her specialty was feeding bottle babies who had lost their mothers. The kittens thrived with her nurturing. Sadly, she leaves behind her beloved cats Lewis, Clarke, Lyle and special needs cat, Mary. Fortunately, they are all in foster homes and some already have applications for adoption.

Sally was a precious friend to all. She changed many lives and was an inspiration to many.

In lieu of a memorial service, memorial contributions in Sally's honor may be made to the College of DuPage Foundation to support the Culinary Program, which she loved. Gifts may be made online at foundation.cod.edu/donate or by check made payable to the College of DuPage Foundation, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Please indicate "In Memory of Sally Mullan" with your gift.