

Barbara Sullivan (nee Knowlton) and John Sullivan were married January 26, 1952. They lived in Dearborn, Ann Arbor and Detroit until 1958, when they emigrated to Windsor, Ontario with me (1952) Chris (1953) and Clare (1955) in tow, and 3 weeks after emigrating gave birth to Dan. Dad got a job as a professor at the University of Windsor, and eventually became head of the English Department. We lived in a simple 800 square foot side-split 3 bedroom house. Soon (1960), John's mother Julia suffered a stroke and came to live with us until 1967. Bill was born in 1962, and Jenny in 1966. Dad took the family on two sabbaticals, 1967-68 to Oxford, and 1974-75 to a village near Oxford. He also took younger members of family with him on summertime teaching expeditions to Oxford from 1976-1979 ish. Dad died in October, 1993, and Mom in November, 2004.

I ran away to University in 1970 to Toronto. I got a BSc and got married in 1974. I worked for CBC Radio until 1984 when I began a 27 year career as a Union Rep with NABET which later merged with CEP. I had 3 kids, Sean (1975), Katie (1978) and David (1985). I separated in 1988, married Andrée who had 3 kids of her own, David (1972), Hollie (1975) and Amy (1979). Together we had Joey (1989). Hollie had Phoenix (1998), David the elder had Madeleine (2003) and Elise (2006), and Katie had Ella (2010). David the elder is a computer game designer living in Edmonton. Sean works for the city of Ottawa. Hollie lives in Kitchener, Ontario, though Phoenix lives with his dad in Mississauga (a suburb of Toronto). Katie is a French Immersion teacher living in Mississauga. Amy is a software engineer working for the Government of Ontario in Toronto. David the younger is a software engineer in Ottawa, and Joey is living at home in Toronto.

I ran unsuccessfully for Parliament in 2008, but in 2011 was elected and am in the midst of a four and a half year term. My party is the New Democratic Party, which is a left of centre party which had for many years been the smallest of 3 or 4 parties in Parliament. In 2011 we had a breakthrough, and elected 103 members in a 308 seat chamber, becoming her majesty's loyal opposition. I was set to retire from my job when I got this new one. I spend about 130 days of the year in Ottawa.

Of my siblings, Chris (the family photo and record guru) lives in Kanata (an Ottawa burb) and is on long term disability with MS. Clare is a corporate estate lawyer with Aird Berlis in Toronto. Dan is on long term disability with Leukemia, and lives about 1 1/2 hours west of Ottawa. Bill you heard from, and Jenny works for the University of Western Ontario in London, On, and is their University Lab School director. I'll let them tell you their life history and about their kids.

Chris is in regular contact with Uncle Henry I believe. I last saw him at Aunt Ann's funeral in 2005. There are lots of cousins on that side too. Ann and Hugh Glime had 5 kids, Greg (1951), Kitty (who passed away a few years ago), Jane Ann, Henry and Peter. I think Greg, Peter and Henry live in Florida. Jane Ann is in suburban Detroit. I can connect you with her if you like. I don't have email for the others.

As for the town of Knowlton, it was named for its builder, and his history can be read here http://biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?id_nbr=4528. Quite likely a relative, as it was a Knowlton who came from Vermont. Pierre Jacob is one of my colleagues in the NDP, and is Knowlton's MP.

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