Michael Charles Sullivan ended a brief battle with cancer on May 17th, 2015, in Boise. He was 73.

He had spent most of his working life in journalism, employed with the Wood River Journal, Hailey, Idaho; Twin Falls Times-News, Idaho; Gallup Independent, New Mexico; Aspen (Colo.) Daily News; Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Ore.; Ironwood (Mich.) Daily Globe: Marquette (Mich.) Mining Journal and Upper Peninsula (Mich.) Sunday times.

Immediately prior to his transition, at Marquis Skilled Nursing, he had been surrounded by friends and family.

Sullivan was born in Chicago in 1942 and graduated from North Park University there in 1966, with a bachelor of arts degree in English and a minor in psychology.

He was the author of four books: In Search of a Perfect World: Fulfillment - It's All About Power; House of Sun; and The Desert is Green.

He shared his love of literature with others through teaching creative writing at Cochise College, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

In July of 2014, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which metastasized into the skeletal system. He left Arizona to reconnect with his family in Idaho and to receive treatment for the illness.

The family asks that donations be made in his name through GoFundMe.com. No service is planned.

Survivors include his former wives: Lita Sullivan, Hailey, and Judith Trudeau, Janesville, Wis.; sons: Brett, Boise; Todd, Janesville; and Timothy, Greenfield, Mass; daughter Kerry, Bellevue, Idaho; brother Thomas, St. Louis; and four grandchildren.

Sullivan enjoyed exploration, hiking, skiing, research into ancient civilizations, mysteries and re-creating himself.