



Happy 90th Birthday!

Veronica (Ronnie) Sullivan

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When Veronica Marguerite was born
It was 19-16
The Red Sox with their star Babe Ruth
were the top team in their league



That's why we're not surprised
that she has been an avid fan
And also a top-notch player,
from what we understand

Growing up in Dorchester,
she was the 2nd oldest of eight
A little firecracker,
born on Independence Day

She always was a tom boy,
loved to play ball with the guys
You'd never mess with Ronnie,
till this day, that's no surprise!

She lived through the depression,
And then through World War II
Then found a way to marry
Johnny Sullivan, it's true!

John was in the army,
at the start of '44
On the 21st of January,
they got married in New York



John returned and in '46,
their first child was a son;
They named him Jack;
and 2 years later had another one

In '48 July was born
And 2 more years passed by,
Michael came, then 2 more years
their 4th child Paul arrived

Then John & Ronnie took a break
and let a few years pass
And in 19-57,
Mark was born, the fifth and last.

Early on they moved to Milton,
And raised their family
She still adored the Red Sox,
and remained a fine athlete

Even in the '60's,
she was in a woman's league
A newspaper showed a photo
of her pitching for her team

In fact, after the first year,
she was not allowed to throw
Because Ronnie was 100-good,
in a league unto her own!

The children grew up, married,
next the grandkids came along
Even though she now was older,
Ronnie still kept going strong

She loved to go to Florida,
Like the sitcom "Golden Girls"
The four blonde Murray sisters,
Helen, Edna, she and Li



Each chose the Golden Girl with whom
they could identify.
Ronnie was the feisty one—
no one ever doubted why!

Every summer she'd play ball
with all the grandkids at the house
'Even when she broke her ankle,
it didn't keep her down.

One day his mother said to Jack
while the Sox were on TV
She had a few regrets in life,
he asked what they might be



In all the years she never
learned to play game of golf
He said to her it's not too late,
and easy to master

On Christmas she received a set of clubs,
and got the knock
And played with brothers Bob & Doug,
for several years after that

Even when she worked at Gilchrist's
'She loved the latest fashions'
And to this very day,
she matches outfits with a passion

Gilchrist's is no longer here
and Jordan Marsh is gone
Ronnie outlived all of them,
and continues to shop on!

At 80, Ronnie, still quite stylish
stubbornly refused
To trade her sexy high heels in
for a sen-ci-ble pair of shoes

The signs of getting older
are an inevitability,
Like every now and then
Forgetting where she left her teeth

But when it comes to the Red Sox,
she knows the new guys & the traders
She sometimes yells & calls them names
and would tell them to their face!



Her grandkids, 6 boys and 6 girls,
ages 8 to 23
Are very lucky, that their grandma's
lived as long as she

Dear Veronica - Marguerite -
Murray - Sullivan
Happy 90th Birthday
From all your loving clan!