

Anthony Sutin

Bellport High School Class of 1977



L. Anthony (Tony) Sutin was the Bellport High School Valedictorian for the Class of 1977.

As a Dean of Students, Mr. Sutin was one of three people killed during a shooting rampage by a disgruntled student on the campus of Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia on January 16, 2002.

In a shortened life, Tony attained a prestigious, top-level career in law and politics, was a beacon of compassion for all who knew him, and was a dedicated husband and father. A clear and possibly the best demonstration of his contributions to society and the world is a speech by Rep. John Conyers of Michigan given on the floor of the US House of Representatives, a joint resolution of the Virginia State Senate and a memorial to Mr. Sutin by the Election Law Journal where he was an editor.

As further testimony of his success, the Harvard Law School created a student fellowship in his name, the "L. Anthony Sutin Public Service Fellowship to be given to a Harvard Law student who pursues a summer job dedicated to public service.

In high school, Tony was active in SEQ (Student for Environmental Equality) helping to implement the New York State bottle bill. In his graduation speech he implored all to make the world a better place.