

Joseph Sullivan, 90 ✓

Dec. 25, 1920 - June 3, 2011

PANAMA— Joseph Lawrence Sullivan was born on the farm, December 25, 1920, to Dennis and Ida (McAlister) Sullivan in Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School, graduating with the Class of 1939.



August 10, 1948, Joe was united in marriage to Marie Schwarte at St. Mary's. Seven children were born to this union: John, Kathleen, Mike, Joseph, Bill, Maria, and JoAnn. Joe spent his entire life farming in the Panama area. He farmed with his son John and in April of this year, Joe was discing the fields so John could plant. He and his family raised and showed

registered Herefords and Salers cattle. Joe was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, was an EME, taught CCD, and was a member of the parish council. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 1741. Joe was a longtime 4-H leader for the Washington Wolverines and served on the Shelby County Extension Council as well as the Iowa Hereford Association Board of Directors. He was a member of the Shelby County Cattleman's Association. Joe loved to participate in local, state, and national cattle shows with his children and grandchildren and to share his knowledge with whoever asked. Joe and his family were honored as the 1994 4-H Family of the Year. Joe was an avid baseball and basketball player in high school and after. His love of sports was passed on to his family. Many a sunny afternoon was spent playing "500" on the lawn; many a winter afternoon playing "Horse" in the barn. Joe died on Friday, June 3, 2011, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety years, five months, and nine days.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Kathleen, son Joseph, brother Barney, and sisters: Catherine Sullivan, Mary Monahan, and Pat Zimmerman. He is survived by his wife of nearly sixty-three years, Marie Sullivan of Panama; children: John Sullivan and wife Deb of Woodbine, Mike Sullivan of Braddyville, Bill Sullivan and wife Valerie of Council Bluffs, Maria Wingert and husband Mark of Earling, and JoAnn Nowatzke and husband Dennis of Ottawa, KS; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 1:30 PM Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Serving as casket bearers were Nathan Nowatzke, Justin Sullivan, Austin Sullivan, Dr. Joel Sullivan, DVM, Dan Sullivan, Jeff Wingert, and Mike Sullivan. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.

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