

The Life Story of —  
**ROBERT L. SULLIVAN, 64**

Robert Lehan Sullivan, son of Eugene and Mary Ann Lehan Sullivan, was born January 27, 1908 in Panama, Ia., and has lived his entire life in this community. He died very unexpectedly, at his home in Panama June 5, 1972 at the age of 64 years, 4 months and 9 days.

He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church, Panama and he has been a lifetime member of this church. He was also a member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society and of the Earling Council No. 1741 of the Knights of Columbus in Earling, Ia. He attended St. Mary's grade school and high school and was a member of the first graduating class of St. Mary's high school. After two years at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kans., at the age of 19 he began work in the bank at Panama, with his father. It was his lifetime work. He was the oldest banker in the county in the number of years of service, 45, in the banking business.

He served his country during World War II, becoming a member of the U.S. Army in September of 1943 and he served overseas in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. After his discharge he returned to Panama and resumed his duties at the bank, as executive vice-president. Mr Sullivan has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan since its beginning. He has been a member of the Panama Town Council for many years. He also belonged to the Iowa State Bankers association, the Southwest Iowa Bankers Association and the Shelby-Audubon Counties Bankers Association. He was an active member of the Panama Post No. 601, American Legion in Panama and he was a member of the China-Burma-India Veterans organization No. 9126.

Preceding him in death were his parents and an older brother, Edward.

He is survived by his sister, Bessie, with whom he made his home; his brother, Edward E., of Wheaton, Ill.; two nieces - Mrs Virginia Lupescu of Shamburg, Ill. and Mrs Susan Laipple of Santa Anna, California, and by two grand nephews. He is also survived by one aunt, two uncles and several cousins.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by the Rev Fred P. Reischl Friday, June 9, 1972 at St. Mary's church at Panama with Fathers Wingert of Avoca, Chamberlain and Kenkel of Des Moines, Reisz of Dunlap, Palmer of Harlan, Kelly of Portsmouth and Gubbels of Missouri Valley concelebrants. Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. B. Schiltz gave the homily.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama, with Ed Kwapiszeski, Verne Blum, Franklin Oppold, Jerry Lapke, Gerald Waltz and Clem Arkfeld serving as casket bearers. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by members of Panama Post No. 601, American Legion in Panama, Ia.

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