



## LeRoy F. Sullivan

July 10, 1925 - February 24, 2026

LeRoy F. Sullivan, “Junior”, age 100 years and 7 months of Hillman, MN passed away peacefully with his family by his side after a short stay at the Pierz Villa on February 24, 2026 due to complications after having hip surgery. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Bulldog Lake, MN with Father Elias Gieske officiating. Burial will take place in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 to 11:30 A.M. on Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Bulldog Lake. Military Honors will be conducted by the Hillman American Legion Post #602. Caring for LeRoy and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

LeRoy was born in Brainerd, MN on July 10, 1925, to the late William Sullivan and Florence (Benjamin) Sullivan. He grew up and attended country school in Richardson Township in Morrison County and one year of high school in Onamia, MN. LeRoy lived his entire life in the Sullivan Lake area with the exception of serving two years in the U.S. Army during the WWII era. He was united in marriage to Irene (Virnig) at Holy Family Church, Bulldog Lake, MN on April 16, 1949. They were married for almost 77 years and together they raised 10 children (8 boys, 2 girls). LeRoy was a dairy farmer in Pulaski Township in Morrison County for many years. He also worked as a carpenter off and on during his farming career. Farming and raising his children left little time for hobbies. He and Irene moved back to his childhood farm in

Richardson Township after he retired from farming in the fall of 1983. On his century farm, is where he resided until his death. At age 50, with the support of his family, he was baptized and became a member of Holy Family Church. He faithfully attended mass and volunteered at church functions. For many years, well into his 80's, he maintained the church grounds during the summer months. He enjoyed going to auctions with his buddies, and every year he looked forward to going to threshing shows with his sons. He had a soft spot for his 1953 Ford Golden Jubilee tractor. LeRoy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and an example of Christian values, including honesty, integrity, and responsibility. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. There was no one who could talk more or remember details to a story better than he could.

LeRoy is survived by his loving wife, Irene; sons, Brian (Carol) Sullivan of Ramsey, MN, David (Karen) Sullivan of Andover, MN, Dan (Connie) Sullivan of Pierz, MN, Dennis (Laura) Sullivan of St. Joseph, MN, Doug (Vickie) Sullivan of Hillman, MN, Randy (Heidi) Sullivan of Little Falls, MN, Gerard Sullivan of Hillman, MN, and Dean (Shari) Sullivan of Harding, MN; daughters, Maureen (Jerry) Van Keuren of Pierz, MN, and Marge (Bill) Gingery of Onamia, MN.; 24 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, William and Florence Sullivan; brothers, Westley Sullivan, and Bill Sullivan; sisters, Bernice McBride, Willodee Warrington, and Reva Herring; daughter-in-law, Michalene Sullivan; grandsons, Cody Sullivan and Robert Van Keuren; great-grandson, Everett Hustad.

His family would like to thank the Mille Lacs Health Home Care System for all the years of caring for him, which enabled him to stay in his home until his passing.



# Cemetery Details

## Holy Family Parish Cemetery in Bulldog Lake, MN

Bulldog Lake, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Bull Dog Lake  
1182 County Road 8  
Hillman, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of LeRoy F. Sullivan*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 03 at 11:03 AM

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“ *Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of LeRoy F. Sullivan*



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**Correna Becker** - March 13 at 05:38 PM

RB

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Junior's family. He is my dad's (Bud Benjamin) first cousin. I knew him mostly as Junior from some occasional family gatherings such as funerals and the auction at Roy and Florence's farm in about 1971 with my grandma Alta upon my return from Vietnam. It was wonderful to know such a great person was my relative. I am happy to know that he had a long life.*

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**Rob Benjamin** - March 08 at 10:37 AM

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“ The Rieke Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy F. Sullivan.

The Rieke Family - March 05 at 11:37 AM

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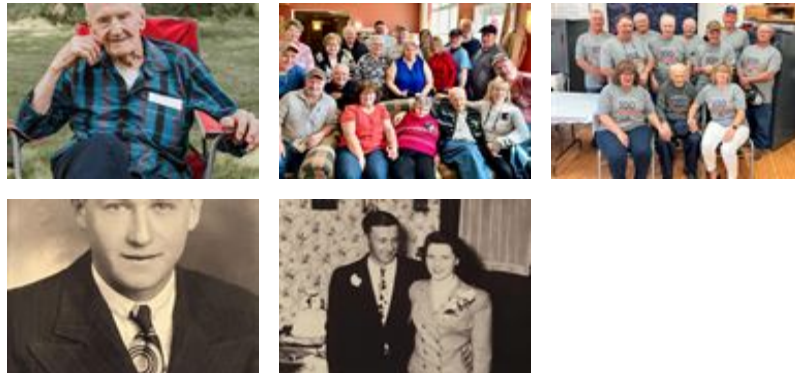
“ The Rieke Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LeRoy F. Sullivan.



The Rieke Family - March 05 at 11:37 AM



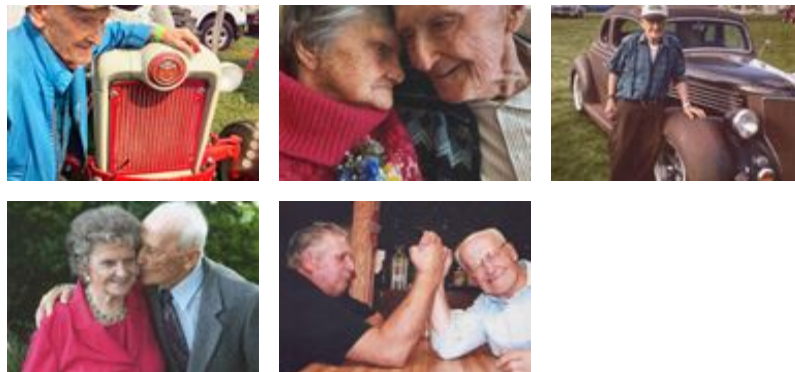
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 04 at 03:15 PM



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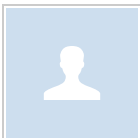
**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 03 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *LeRoy F. Sullivan*.

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March 03 at 10:26 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of *LeRoy F. Sullivan*.



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March 03 at 10:26 AM



“ *Katie Sullivan and Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *LeRoy F. Sullivan*.



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**Katie Sullivan and Family** - February 27 at 12:40 PM



“ *This was the first family reunion I remember going to and I would’ve been 22 years old. I think the next one I went to a couple years later I brought my daughter Tricia with me and we drove up from Kansas to be able to attend. What wonderful memories at Uncle Junior and Aunt Irene’s farm. So thankful I got to see Junior last summer in Bemidji. Thinking of you all!*  
*Love, Teresa & Jeff Smith (Warrington) Butch’s daughter*



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**Jeff Teresa Smith** - February 27 at 10:45 AM



“ *We were so honored to buy Leroy and Irene’s farm in 1983, and in the last few years I was honored to be Leroy’s mail carrier! Such a sweet man and very proud of their century farm! Rest in peace Leroy and prayers to the whole Sullivan family.*

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**Ann Otremba** - February 26 at 10:20 AM



“ *We’re very sorry for the loss of our wonderful neighbor and friend. We lived “next door” for many years, and enjoyed your entire family. It’s amazing how well he did for so long. Quiet, cheerful and kind. Sending condolences to your whole family, and praying God comforts you all as only He can. Special hugs to Irene!*

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**Sheila Moser** - February 26 at 08:50 AM

ES

“ *Our deepest condolences and love to all of Junior's families. He was a very dear friend and will be greatly missed. We will treasure the memories of him from the past half a century. Eleanor Starr & family*



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**Eleanor Starr** - February 25 at 09:11 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss, truly nice and hard working folks. LeRoy always had a smile everytime I spoke to him.*

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**Brad Lindgren** - February 25 at 08:43 PM