

Melvin "Mike" Sullivan, 78

June 8, 1929 - May 18, 2008

CARROLL — "Mike" Melvin J. Sullivan was born June 8, 1929 to Leo Paul and Elizabeth (Hawn) Sullivan at Dunlap. He graduated from St. Patrick's High School in Dunlap.

Mike married Irma April 11, 1950 at St. Joseph's Church in Earling with Monsignor Bisson officiating. He resided in Carroll for 44 years and was a member of Holy Spirit Parish. He died May 18, 2008 at Regency Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 78.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Irma in 1997; and brothers Joseph, Leo and Jim Sullivan. He is survived by his special friend JoAnn Brincks of Carroll; six children: Ruth Nellesen and her husband Gene of Carroll, Gene Sullivan and his fiancé Dianne Nunnes of Alexandria, MN, Joanne Mangold of Des Moines, Bill Sullivan and his wife Cher, of Honolulu, HI, Betty Johnson and her husband Tim of West Lafayette, IN, and Jeff Sullivan of Des Moines; nine grandchildren: Patrick (Amber) Sawhill, Jay (Jodi) Nellesen, Adam (Stephanie) Sullivan, Matthew Sawhill and fiancé Amy Westcott, Michael (Brienne) Mangold, Kate Johnson, Blake Johnson, Justin Sullivan and Tanner Sullivan; and five siblings: Robert (Theresa) Sullivan of Woodbine; Delores Drahota of Omaha, NE; Sheral Sullivan of Minneapolis, MN; Claire (Albert) Goblirsch of Ralston, NE; and Kenneth Sullivan of Dunlap; brothers-in-law: Nick (Mildred) Heese of Earling; Bernard Heese of Denver, CO; and Vince (Cathy) Heese of Earling; sisters-in-law Mary Reischl of Earling and Sr. Leta Heese of Elgin, NE; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll with the Rev. James McCormick and deacon Bob Sullivan officiating. Gift bearers were his grandsons Justin and Tanner Sullivan and lector was Sister Leta Heese. Casket bearers were his grandchildren Patrick Sawhill, Jay Nellesen, Adam Sullivan, Matthew Sawhill, Michael Mangold, Kate Johnson and Blake Johnson. Burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery in Carroll.

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