



Bill & Bonnie Daniels Firefighters Hall & Museum – Minnesota Fire Museum

Line of Duty Death Honorarium

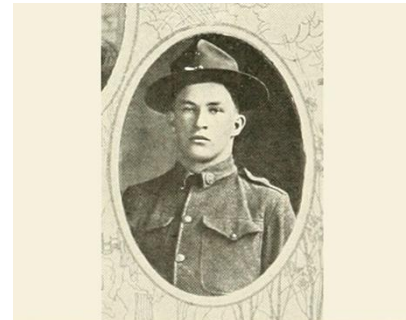
Firefighter Patrick Sullivan – Duluth Fire Department

Line of Duty Death #69

November 17, 1929

Patrick Henry Sullivan was born “on the old homestead” on February 2, 1897 to John L. Sullivan and Margaret McGillicuddy in Berlin Township (New Richland), Waseca County, Minnesota. His sister Margaret was born May 2, 1900. Brothers John and Frankie were born in 1903.

He grew to young manhood there and upon declaration of war by the United States in 1917, was the first man from Waseca County to offer his services, enlisting on April 9 assigned to the 49th Infantry, Company H. After a period of training camps, Corporal Sullivan was sent overseas, where he saw active service for about six months. Following the war, he returned home in June 1919, and shortly after moved to Duluth.



Corporal Patrick H. Sullivan
Son of John L. Sullivan New Richland, Minn.
Enlisted April 10, 1917, 4 days after war was declared.
Served in France with Company H, 135th Infantry, arriving overseas October 10, 1918. Although he was among the first men to enlist from Waseca County, Corporal Sullivan was unfortunate in seeing no active service.

He met his wife to be, Miss Rose Marie Jannetta Sullivan (1898-2003) whom he married on June 20, 1922. They had a daughter, Marjorie Marie who was born on May 11, 1923, and a son; Patrick who was born in 1925. They made their home at 2114 Piedmont Avenue, Duluth.

He joined the Duluth Fire Department in 1922 and served as a firefighter, but prior to his death, had recently sat for the Captaincy civil service examination.

Fatal Incident: November 16, 1929

While responding to an alarm, Sullivan was mortally wounded when the ladders on the truck came unfastened from the side of his fire rig and fell off, taking him with them. Sullivan hit his head as he fell, fracturing his skull - suffering a cerebral hemorrhage that caused his death the next day. Because he was the only person on his side of the truck, we wasn't missed until the rig arrived on the scene of a grass fire. A passing motorist, John Modrich of Duluth; picked him up and rushed him to the Duluth, Hospital.



Funeral:



The funeral for Patrick Sullivan was held on Wednesday November 20, 1929 at 9:00 AM at St. Peter's Italian Church, on Eighth Avenue West and Third Street.

Internment:

Firefighter (Corporal) Sullivan is interned at the Calvary Cemetery in Duluth, Minnesota.



Timeline/Documents/Records/Articles:

- 1898 – May 2, Birth
- 1917 – April 19, Enlistment in U.S. Army
- 1922 – June 22, Marriage
- 1922 – Joins Duluth Fire Department
- 1923 – May 11, - daughter Marjorie born
- 1925 – Son Patrick born
- 1898 – November 11 – Chiefs Driver Duluth Fire
- 1929 – November 16, Accident
- 1929 – November 17, succumbs to injuries and dies
- 1929 – November 19, Funeral

Chief of Department:



Chief Joseph Randall