

Daniel H. Sullivan was born October 6, 1933, in Providence, Rhode Island. He had many siblings: 3 brothers and 5 sisters. When Sullivan joined the Air Force in 1953, he completed his basic training in Plattsburg, New York. Once he graduated from basic training, he was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, South Dakota, until 1960. While stationed at Ellsworth, he married the love of his life, Betty Sargent on February 4th, 1956. He moved around quite a bit, mostly for schooling and training, as he was training to work on the B-36's. He started out as an auto-pilot mechanic and ended up cross training as an electrician.

Although Daniel was enlisted and active during the Korean Conflict, and the Cuban Missile Crisis, he did not see combat. He was busy working keeping the B-36's active. He left the military with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Daniel's military service and training had a major effect on his life once he got out. He worked as an electrician for the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, South Dakota. For a time he worked for the Electric Boat Co., where he was an electrician on a new submarine that was being built. Then in 1966 he began work as a civil servant for the State of South Dakota. He traveled quite a bit, sometimes around 300-400 miles a day to work on the elevators at the various missile sites. While working as a civil servant, he served as President of the American Federation of Government Employees for many years. Most of his jobs after his military service were attributed to the excellent training he received while serving.

Sullivan enjoyed life and was always very active. In his free time, he was a talented bowler and a little league coach. On July 1st, 2008, Sullivan passed unexpectedly at the age of 74. He is greatly loved by those he left behind: his wife Betty, his sons Jack, Jim and Bob and a daughter, Laurie. As well as 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He is interred at Black Hills National Cemetery.

*Information in this biography comes from family interviews conducted by the author