

Memorial

1935

In Memoriam  
Senators  
George H. Sullivan  
and  
C. J. Putzier

**State of Minnesota**

**Senate Chamber**

**Tuesday, March 26, 1935**

**Two O'Clock P.M.**

MEMORIAL SERVICES  
For  
SENATORS  
GEORGE H. SULLIVAN AND C. J. PUTZIER  
MARCH 14TH, 1935

Mr. Orr offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Whereas*, The Honorable George H. Sullivan has been removed from this body by death during the present session, and C. J. Putzier since the last session, and

*Whereas*, The high character and public service of these men merit an expression of respect and veneration for their memory,

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the President of the Senate be and he is hereby directed to appoint a committee of three members of the Senate who shall arrange for and report such resolutions and memorial exercises as in the judgment of the committee will fittingly express the respect and sentiment which the members of the Senate feel for the memory of their late fellow members.

Which motion prevailed.

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. Orr moved that the foregoing resolution be made a Special Order of Business for Tuesday, March 26th, at two o'clock P. M.

Which motion prevailed.

MARCH 15TH, 1935

APPOINTMENTS.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolution, the President appointed the following members as a committee on resolutions and memorial exercises: Messrs. Richardson, Neumeier, Ruotsinoja.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 26th, 1935, at two o'clock, the President called the Senate to order, and recognized the Senator from Olmsted, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson announced the order of business to be the memorial exercises set pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 13 passed and adopted on March 14th, 1935, in honor and memory of the late Senators George H. Sullivan and C. J. Putzier.

Mr. Richardson moved a call of the Senate.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Almen	Galvin	MacKenzie	Pederson	Solstad
Anderson	Gardner	McLeod	Ribenack	Sprung
Berglund	Hausler	Marshall	Rice	Starks
Bonniwell	Imm	Mellon	Richardson	Stiening
Bridgeman	Johnson, T. H.	Miller, A. H.	Rockne	Sullivan
Cashman	Kingsley	Miller, F. J.	Roepke	Tungseth
Crowley	Larson	Mullin	Romberg	Wolfe
Dietz	Lawson	Murphy	Ruotsinoja	Woolsey
Farnand	Lightner	Neumeier	Schmechel	Wright
Finstad	Lodin	Oliver	Siegel	
Foslien	Lommen	Orr	Sletvold	

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from Meeker, Mr. Ruotsinoja, who presented and read the following Memorial Resolution on behalf of the committee:

*To the Honorable State Senate of Minnesota:*

Your special committee, appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial resolution commemorative of the life and service of the late C. J. Putzier, of Meeker County, who was a member of this body at the time of his death, respectfully submits the following:

Senator C. J. Putzier was a pioneer resident of Meeker County, having been born in Greenleaf Township October 10, 1865, and resided therein all his life until his death February 15, 1934. His wife preceded him in death. Four sons and two daughters survive, all residents of Meeker County.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1926 and re-elected in 1930. As Senator he was conscientious. He studied every bill carefully and voted for what he believed was right without fear or favor.

He began farming on his own account at the age of 21. He was a hard worker and a good manager, as was evidenced by his productive farm and well kept buildings.

An outstanding characteristic of Senator Putzier was his honesty, fairness and consideration of others. Willing to suffer himself to save his neighbor. This was shown in the following incident. During the boom period he acquired a substantial interest in the Citizens State Bank of Litchfield. This bank failed in later years through no fault of Senator Putzier. In order that the bank might be reopened and the depositors paid he raised all the money he could by giving his farm as security. In spite of all his efforts the bank once more failed and he suffered a tremendous financial loss. When asked by his friends as to the amount of his loss he merely answered with a smile, "you will never find out", and they never did.

Such was Senator Putzier, honest, fair and unassuming. Loved and respected by his friends and neighbors. Quietly but strenuously taking a hold of the tasks that came his way and taking the blows and set-backs of life without a whimper or a grumble.

WM. B. RICHARDSON,  
ARVID RUOTSINOJA,  
KARL G. NEUMEIER.

Mr. Ruotsinoja moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Which resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

Mr. Ruotsinoja paid the following tribute to the memory of the late Senator C. J. Putzier:

"I would like to make one or two brief remarks in addition

to this Resolution. Senator Putzier was quiet and unassuming in the public eye. But one should have known him at home really to appreciate his worth. He was a hard worker, but was never so busy that he did not have time for neighborliness and kindness. He had time to stretch out the helping hand to his neighbor and to take part in his community activities. He was a good manager. He managed his own affairs well, and as a result, his county elevated him to a position of public trust, and he served well and faithfully therein, and I feel that Meeker County especially, and the State of Minnesota, in the death of Senator Putzier, has suffered a loss."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Norman, Mr. Sprung, who paid the following tribute to the late Senator C. J. Putzier:

"Of all the men I have known, Senator Putzier was an outstanding man, of quiet and fair judgment, honest of purpose, progressive in thought and action, and as my seat mate, though now gone, will never be forgotten by me, as a true friend."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Washington, Mr. Neumeier, who presented and read the following Memorial Resolution on behalf of the committee:

*To the Honorable State Senate of Minnesota:*

Your special committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial resolution commemorative of the life and service of the late George H. Sullivan of Washington County, who was a member of this body at the time of his death, respectfully submits the following:

On Friday morning, February 15, 1935, this body was shocked and stunned to learn that George H. Sullivan had died during the early hours of that morning. His death came without any warning whatsoever.

He was born in Stillwater, Minnesota, on December 20, 1867, attended the local schools and during the summers worked for the Boom Company rafting logs on the St. Croix river. To this hard outdoor work during his youth he attributed his rugged physique. He completed his schooling at the University of Wisconsin and there obtained his Degree of Law in 1888 at the age of twenty years and immediately commenced practicing law in the city of Stillwater and continuously thereafter and until his death followed his profession in that city.

As a young man he at once became interested in public service and within three years from his graduation from law school he became elected county attorney of Washington County. Later he was appointed city attorney of the city of Stillwater holding that office from 1901 to 1907. In the fall of 1906 he was elected State Senator from Washington County and from that time on he served continuously in this body and at the time of his death was the dean of the Senate of the State of Minnesota.

As a lawyer George H. Sullivan soon gained recognition for his outstanding ability. Perhaps the greatest practical tribute that can be paid him in that respect is that many other out-

standing lawyers frequently called upon him to assist them in the preparation and trial of their more difficult cases. At recent memorial services held at Stillwater in the District Court, the Honorable Alfred P. Stolberg, before whom Senator Sullivan tried many cases, publicly paid high tribute to George H. Sullivan as a lawyer saying that while possibly some other lawyers may have excelled him in certain specialized branches of the law, that Sullivan nevertheless was without doubt the best all-around trial lawyer to ever try a case before his court. The Judge said that as a lawyer George H. Sullivan was successful because he always diligently prepared his law and knew what the facts were in each case; that he thoroughly knew the law of evidence and was resourceful and practical and was able always to immediately diagnose any situation as it arose. He never tried to mislead any Court either as to law or facts and the courts always respected his opinions and no one ever questioned his integrity.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association and his local bar association.

It was perhaps as a statesman that George H. Sullivan was best known. To laud before this body his ability and his history as a public servant is to carry the traditional coal to Newcastle. His record, his deeds and his accomplishments are so fresh in our memory that they now speak much more eloquently than any words we might add here.

As we all know our departed friend was for a number of years president of the association of States on bank taxation and was looked upon as the acknowledged leader of the nation-wide campaign to secure the passage of equitable laws on bank taxation. He was nationally known as a statesman of ability because he always fought fearlessly for the things he believed to be right and vigorously opposed measures which he believed detrimental to the common good. No one ever had any doubt as to where he stood on any measure. He was a great patriot and his love of his country was an outstanding attribute.

From all over the nation came expressions of esteem. He was appreciated not only by us but by men in high position all over the United States. We refer to but a few of these:

Oscar Leser, state tax commissioner of Maryland, in a letter wrote as follows:

"I am greatly shocked, as you may well imagine, to hear of the sudden death of Senator Sullivan. I am wondering which way to turn in this emergency."

Dixwell Pierce, secretary of the state board of equalization of California, wrote:

"Word of Senator Sullivan's death is a great shock to me and fills me with a sense of deep personal loss. During my contact with Senator Sullivan in our bank tax work I had come to have a high regard for him both as an outstanding public servant and a man. The members of our board who had the good fortune to know him have shared with me this feeling of respect.

"Although Senator Sullivan will be greatly missed in our bank tax work the splendid example which he set for the rest of us will be an incentive to make us carry on as vigorously and effectively as possible in order that his good work may not go for naught."

Dancey Fort, commissioner of the department of finance and taxation of the State of Tennessee, wrote:

"I was greatly grieved and shocked at the news of Senator Sullivan's death. I shall certainly try to help carry on where he left off."

J. M. Lee, comptroller of the State of Florida, paid the following tribute:

"Mr. Sullivan had devoted untiring efforts to the objectives of the commission, and it will be difficult to replace him."

Frontis H. Moore, assistant attorney general of the State of Alabama, wrote:

"I was fond of Senator Sullivan and greatly admired the stand which he took on the bank tax legislation and the pertinacity which he displayed throughout the long years when most of us developed a rather hopeless feeling of ever accomplishing anything."

Henry F. Long, commissioner of corporations and taxation of State of Massachusetts, paid the following tribute:

"There is nothing that one can say in circumstances of this kind but I suppose that it is rather true that if the senator had his choice he would have selected just this way of passing. He surely died in harness and in a way which was perhaps in some respects the best."

"I know that when things like this happen no one is prepared for them and I suspect his people are very much upset. I feel the richer for having known him and shall cherish his memory always. His fighting, driving force and keen insight in the problem was of immeasurable benefit and the effect of his keenness on the national tax program will not be lost in this generation. I sincerely hope that things will go forward under the force created by him, and that the result even though he cannot be here with us to participate in it will be along the lines that he so ably struggled for."

Philip Zoercher, chairman of the tax commission of the State of Indiana, wrote as follows:

"Senator Sullivan was a fearless leader and a man that was always ready to do his duty, at least I found him so in the controversy about having proper legislation on the part of congress for the assessment of National banks."

"I am sorry that we are without his services, because that will mean that the rest of us will have to work the harder and do our very best to accomplish the results that he labored so many years to attain"

"Express to the family my sincerest sympathy and assure them that if services mean anything that he is well taken care of in the spiritual world."

Doubtless we all feel as that last writer: that we are sorry to be without his services; that we know that we will all have to work the harder and do our very best to carry on the work in which our late Senator took such a deep interest. It is in such a practical manner that we can best show our appreciation of the services and life of Senator Sullivan.

He loved the out-of-doors and enjoyed to the utmost his home on the shores of White Bear lake where he lived with his loving wife, Kittie E. Sullivan, whom he adored. He enjoyed nothing more than going home in the evening and after dinner taking a walk and then coming back and reading in his library works on history, economics and political science and then discussing these with his wife. He had no time for frills or pretentiousness but preferred the quiet of his home. Besides his widow to whom he was married on Sept. 4, 1889, he is survived by three children, Katherine E. Sullivan, Daniel C. Sullivan and Goodrich M. Sullivan.

By his death we have lost a plain-living man, an unusually far-sighted public servant, a man who was practical and at the same time high-visioned. He has left us a rich heritage and may we profit by it to the fullest extent.

*Be It Therefore Resolved* by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that while we regret keenly the death and loss of Senator George H. Sullivan that we nevertheless here and now publicly express our deep appreciation of his faithful and efficient service and resolve to commemorate his life by trying to follow his splendid example, always inspired by his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. RICHARDSON,  
ARVID RUOTSINOJA,  
KARL G. NEUMEIER.

Committee.

Dated March 26, 1935.

Mr. Neumeier moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Which Resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

Mr. Neumeier paid the following tribute to the memory of the late Senator George H. Sullivan:

*"Mr. President:*

With the permission of this Senate, I would like to add a few personal words of appreciation of Senator Sullivan, because of my very, very close relationship and friendship with him during the past 17 years. He was himself such a spontaneous man that I feel that I can scarcely do justice to him in reading the more or less formal resolution of the committee.

About 17 years ago when I first commenced practicing law, I happened to have a case in which Senator Sullivan was the opposing counsel. At the conclusion of that litigation, he came

to me and asked me whether I would like to join his office. Of course, I welcomed the opportunity as any young man would have done because of the very outstanding reputation of Senator Sullivan as a lawyer. So from that time on I have been very intimately and closely associated with Senator Sullivan. During that time he was always most generous with me. I have had some people say to me in the past, 'Don't you have trouble getting along with Senator Sullivan?' I am very happy to say that during the past seventeen years of our association, we have never had one unfriendly argument. If I made mistakes, as of course I did, he forgave them and said he expected perfection in no man. He was a most generous man, and he, at all times, without my asking, more than met my anticipation in every respect. Several years ago he voluntarily came to me and said, 'Karl, from now on our partnership will be upon an equal basis'. I protested, and said that because of his greater ability, he was entitled to a greater reward. He said 'No, you are going to do most of the work, and I want to have it that way', and so that was the way it was. Now, how many lawyers of his standing and ability would have been so generous to a younger man. For that reason I want to take this opportunity of dispelling, if there is any feeling, that Senator Sullivan was a hard, stony-hearted man. True, he had an abrupt, brusque manner, but I feel that he adopted that cloak in order to shield too generous a heart. He was a man who never turned down a friend, and if a man were true to him he backed him to the limit. But God have mercy on the man who ever betrayed his confidence. He never forgave him. He was a true friend of the poor man. And I have seen him spend days on litigation for a client who could not afford it, without any hope of expectation of reward. He was their friend, and this was brought most forcefully to my attention when, at the time of his death, I saw several poor men, clad in overalls, men so poor that even on such an occasion they could not afford to dress up. And I saw these men come and kneel before his body with tears streaming down their cheeks. Friends, nothing moved me more deeply than that. He had one other homely virtue that I would like to refer to. He was almost a fanatic about meeting his obligations and paying bills. The minute a bill came to his desk he had a check made out and sent it out. In earlier life he told me he had to borrow money to pay his debts, but he always paid them. 'Never', said he, 'would a man have to come and dun me'. He took great pride in that, and I think it is a splendid example not only for us, but for the state and nation. He possessed to a great degree that humble virtue—common honesty. Friends, as you all appreciate, I have lost my dearest friend. I feel that I have lost my rudder in this turbulent sea of life, but I must sail along in the same course which he has charted. I remember his saying to me upon several occasions, 'Karl, after I am dead and gone you will always look back with pleasure upon that which I have always counseled—the straight and narrow path, and never once suggested anything of which neither you nor I need be ashamed'. And I recall those truths with

great pleasure. My early instructor and my advisor, the man to whom I always turned with confidence in times of trouble and doubt, George H. Sullivan, is gone. To me, Senator George H. Sullivan is immortalized, and I shall always remember him".

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Ramsey, Mr. Orr, who offered the following tribute to the deceased members:

*"Mr. President and Members of the Senate:*

It seems particularly fitting that we pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to those of our members who since our last session have broken the seal of eternity and solved the mystery of immortality. I can add nothing to the splendid memorials which have already been presented. Such lives require no further praise from anyone; they speak for themselves. It is a privilege to have known them and to have experienced the impulse of admiration and emulation they inspired. It is stimulating to be moved by their influence along ways of sterling manhood and statesmanship, and to have been permitted to travel part of our journey west in their company.

It was not my privilege to know Senator Putzier as well as some others, but I served with him for many years and grew to admire him as a public servant. He was one of those quiet men who rarely took the floor. His presence always insured an atmosphere of tolerance and kindness. That he served his district ably and well is amply testified to by the fact of his frequent re-election.

For more than two decades it has been my privilege to serve with Senator Sullivan. For many years Senator Sullivan exercised a wise leadership in this Senate. The record of his labors is indelibly interwoven in the statutes of our state, and the journals of this Senate. In the light of such a record it may well be said of him:

"They do not die who leave their thoughts  
Imprinted on some deathless page;  
They pass, but the work they wrought  
Lives on from age to age".

Senator Sullivan was a leader by nature; he was one of the finest orators that ever held membership in this body. When he finished the discussion of a matter there was little left to be said. He contributed as much to the education of the opposition as he did to the side he was speaking for, because he dealt with the subject so clearly that if they were opposed to him, they were not only still opposed, but knew better the reasons why that opposition existed. He had that rare ability of going directly to the point at issue. He never lost sight of the substance in the shadow of its drapery. Senator Sullivan was a great student of history. He read it not only for enjoyment, but to better apply its lessons to present day conditions. The pathway of life is strewn with the wrecks of governments and institutions that have gone down in the ravages of time. He always tried to learn the reasons for the downfall of governments that he might better

protect the one he loved so well. His work in maintaining the traditions of the Senate on a high and lofty plain have made it a desirable place in which to work. He always insisted upon a strict enforcement of the rules, knowing that rules largely exist for the protection of a minority. He also insisted upon order and decorum in the highest degree. I have no purpose to picture Senator Sullivan as one without faults. Like all of us, he had his own. However, it sometimes seemed to me that he suffered more from some of his own faults than did others. At times he was inclined to be a bit rough for the moment with those whom he disagreed with. I remember once calling his attention to this habit and he looked at me for a full minute and finally said 'it's my way and I just can't help it'. As we journey through life let us consider how little we have been injured by those who were rough with us when we were wrong or when they thought we were wrong. The issue is then immediately made and one may deal with it as he can or will or may. It is the oily men in life that one needs to guard against. We shall always remember Senator Sullivan as a man of strong convictions and invincible courage; as one who carried on the highest traditions of an elective official in our state.

In closing my part of this record, there is a vein of sadness in our thoughts as we recall the genial presence, the loyal service, the strong efficiency of these, our dead, whose names we here record. They have left us, but will not be forgotten, for the perfume of their lives like oriental spices will bear its fragrance far down the unseen years. They built themselves into the lives of those with whom they had to do; they have made their contributions to the wealth of human life; they have spoken their message and at the summons of the Almighty have gone beyond, but the result of their energies and their lives remain with us, a living force, a priceless heritage. To their families we can offer nothing more than the poor consolation of a sincere sympathy and commend them to the protecting arms of Him who is Father to the fatherless, and the widow's husband.

These reflections remind us that our own day may be dipping towards the western sun. Let us then do the work of each day so that when the evening shadows lengthen we may go on with courage and with faith, knowing that just beyond are the red shafts of the Eastern dawn.

What is life for the individual but a toilsome march having more or less of length, then a halt, while a broken column closes up the gap caused by the termination of the individual's life span. John Quincy Adams, at an age of more than four score years, was seen one day tottering feebly along the street. A friend accosted him and asked 'How is John Quincy Adams today?' The ex-president replied, 'quite well, I thank you, but the house in which he lives is becoming delapidated; in fact almost uninhabitable; I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out before long; but he himself is well, quite well'. Our associates have moved out and moved on. We trust that they too are 'well, quite well'".

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Beltrami, Mr. Bridgeman, who paid the following tribute to the memory of the late Senators George H. Sullivan and C. J. Putzier:

*"Mr. President, fellow members of the Senate, and visiting guests:*

"It is with a feeling of keen regret that I approach the task of saying a few words in memory of our departed members. I am sure that you will agree with me that it would be futile for me to attempt to add anything to what has already been said in behalf of the late Senator Sullivan.

"It was not my privilege to have known Senator Putzier in his early life, but it was my privilege to have known Senator Putzier while he served with us. His personality and character were such that it drew men to him. While he was rather retiring in his nature, his sense of honesty was inborn, innate and part of his very being. His mental gifts were of a very high order, although because of his plain, quiet and unassuming manner, this might easily escape the notice of the ordinary, casual observer. He was cordial and affable, but not effusive, and he possessed to a surprising degree the capacity of making and retaining most devoted friends. Although handicapped physically by the loss of an arm, it is my understanding that he was very successful in his vocation in life, that of farming. I am satisfied that his death was a serious loss to the community in which he lived, and those of us who were close to him in this body miss his smiling countenance as well as his sound logic and economic philosophy. We who knew and shared the friendship of Senator Putzier will always think of him, not as a distant lighthouse casting brilliant rays across the storm-tossed seas of life, but as a friend with a lamp walking by our side, and by precept and examples disclosing step by step the path of safety and right living."

The Senator from Murray, Mr. Weber, offered the following tribute in memory of the late Senator George H. Sullivan:

To a fearless, yet lovable man.

"As every summer holds within its golden glory the presage of autumn and the falling leaf, so does every human friendship hold within it the token of a winter day when hearts that once spoke a common language are separated by the eternal silence. Each day begins within this shadow that hovers over our hearts. We cannot know when the wind of destiny will blow out some candle, and leave one in darkness where before two walked in light. Mornings that begin with splendour run at last into twilights that fold up the sunset and the bird-song, and at last the stars. But against the oncoming storm, human affection clings to its precious possession of Friendship, and when the storm has passed, it clings to the deathless memories that speak of olden days and olden joys when hands and hearts were plighted in the enterprises of a common destiny. And as we say good-bye to the comrades who wave to us from a disappearing peak in the mists of Eternity, we remember that the way they went

we too shall go—moving ever towards a reunion that brings again the rose and the sunrise to the unending morning. The old Tent-Maker, Omar, dreaming of the friends who had fallen by the wayside, said to his serving-girl in the twilight garden, what we say to our friends each day. This is the last word to speak above the holy memories of our dead Comrade:

‘Yon rising moon that looks for us again,  
How oft hereafter shall it wax and wane?  
How oft hereafter, rising, look for us  
Through this same garden,—and for one in vain!  
And when, like her, O Saki, you shall pass  
Among the guests star-scattered on the grass,  
And in your joyous errand reach the spot  
Where I made one,—turn down an empty glass!’ ”

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Kandiyohi, Mr. Lawson, who paid the following tribute to the memory of the late Senators George H. Sullivan and C. J. Putzier:

*“Mr. President, Senators and Visitors:*

I hesitate somewhat to get up and add a few thoughts to what has already so well been said on this solemn occasion. I, too, however, want to add my tribute to the memory of these men who have passed on and with whom we have served in this hall. Senator Sullivan was an outstanding man. We did not agree always. He was of a different school of political thought than myself, and even after we had differed on the floor at times, he would come around always if there had been anything at all bitter in the discussion and assure me that there were no personal feelings in the matter. His life should be one of inspiration to those who sat here with him.

Charles J. Putzier was a Senator from my neighboring county. He was one of the types of pioneers who have built up that western prairie. His successor in office, Senator Ruotsinoja, has well described to you his characteristics, as well as other Senators who have spoken here. I was one of the delegation who was sent by former Lieutenant-Governor Solberg to attend the funeral of Senator Putzier. It was a cold day, as I remember it. A bitter wind was blowing outside. The other Senators present were Senator Miller of Hennepin County, Judge Morrison of Carver and Senator Jacobs of Stearns. The Episcopalian rector gave a very touching and impressive discourse and in connection with that I wrote for my own paper at Willmar a little tribute, and I am going to ask that I be permitted to add that to my remarks in the printed record of this occasion.

As has been so well said, he was a modest and retiring man, simple but very cordial. His greeting to me was always a pat on the shoulder and ‘How are you, Vicky boy?’ We met often on the bus coming to and from the Senate over the week-end, and I will never forget the conversations we had and the stories he told of his trials and tribulations and experiences, particularly

during the later years, when he contributed practically all the savings of his life in order to make good his word. There runs in my mind an old rhyme which is sometimes quoted to illustrate the effectiveness of short, mono-syllabic words:

'Sweet evening bells, sweet evening bells,  
How many a tale thy memory tells,  
Of youth and home and that sweet time  
When last we heard your soothing chime.

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And so 'twill be when I am gone  
Those tuneful peals will still ring on.  
And other bards will walk these dells  
And sing thy praise, sweet evening bells'."

*(Editorial by Senator Victor Lawson in the Willmar Tribune.)*

At the farm home of the large estate on the south shore of Lake Minnebelle Monday afternoon, the one who has been the leading spirit for nearly a half century lay serenely at rest in the open casket surrounded by floral tributes from near and dear ones, from fraternal organizations and other friends. Always the first one to finish his farming activities as called for by the shifting seasons, this year the seeding and planting will be left to other hands, while the founder, pioneer and life-long husbandman, has been put away to his long sleep in the beautiful city of the dead maintained by the City of Litchfield near the shores of Lake Ripley. The exercises at the obsequies were simple, but impressive. Rev. W. E. Harmann, the Episcopal Rector, read the service in the front room of the farm home, a song was sung by a trio of ladies, the Rector made an address devoted to the uncertainties and brevity of life, with references to the life of the departed, and words of sympathy to the mourning children. Another song, and the casket was closed, and the cortege wended its way seven miles north to the cemetery. There Rev. Harmann committed the remains to the grave, the choir sang a song, and the Litchfield Lodge of Odd Fellows, who had charge of the burial, concluded with their burial ritual. The Minnesota State Senate, of which the departed had been a member since 1927, was represented by Senators P. W. Morrison of Carver County, John Jacobs of Stearns, Archie H. Miller of Hennepin County, and V. E. Lawson of Kandiyohi County. The House was represented by Hon. W. C. Doerr of Sibley County, and Hon. Melvin B. Jebb of Meeker County. Other officials present included U. S. Marshal Bernard Anderson, county officers and business men of Litchfield, and many others.

Charles J. Putzier was born in Greenleaf Township October 10, 1865, and has lived in the community all his life. At a young age he started farming upon his own account, and in this life work he has been efficient and active to the last. His farm of 535 acres, is beautifully located and the improvements made represent many years of hard work and thrift. Eight years ago he was elected to the State Senate and was re-elected four years ago. His wife died a little over a year ago. During the late extra session of the Senate he spoke at times of not

feeling well, and showed some signs of failing health. Monday a week ago he was taken to the Litchfield Hospital, where he died Thursday. Before leaving home he made disposition of his possessions and stated his last wishes to his children, evidently sensing that he might not come back in this life.

He leaves the following children: Donald, Louis J., Glenn and Ray Putzier, all married, and Mrs. Albert Helwig and Mrs. Walter Haag. There are six grandchildren.

February 21, 1934.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Goodhue, Mr. Rockne, who paid the following tribute to the memory of the late Senator George H. Sullivan:

"Ever since the morning this Senate was apprised of the death of Senator George H. Sullivan, I have continually felt a sort of lonesomeness because of his absence on the floor of this Senate. It was 27 years ago since it became my honor to serve with Senator Sullivan on this floor. We disagreed sometimes, but on the whole we generally had the same thoughts along certain conservative lines. Standing as I do here after he is gone, looking back across the passage and span of 27 years and knowing that there is no one here now except myself who was here in 1911, you will naturally agree with me that while associations of younger men will soon take the place of those who went, yet when I look back over those years I feel, in a way, lonesome because of the associations with Senator Sullivan, and the fact that he was always ready to have an opinion upon every matter that came up here for discussion and consideration. While there were times we disagreed with him, everyone will have to admit, looking back now over the years, that the things that he advocated, and the things that he was successful in having passed, are now the best laws on our statute books, and no one has attempted to repeal many of those laws that he was helpful in having passed.

As I said, when we heard of his untimely death, he was a man of very forceful character, a man who was impetuous and at times very forceful in his expressions against antagonists, but it was his characteristic; just as quick as were his expressions and his actions, he was there with a generous heart to meet the situation, and meet it well. There never was a time, he didn't care who they were, whether they agreed with him politically or otherwise, that they could not go to the Senator and get such assistance and friendly advice as he had to give, and he never gave wrongful advice. He was never deceitful, and his word was just as good as any bond on nearly every measure that came up here during the entire 27 years. And looking back over all the years, I don't think there are very many who can get up in this Senate and say that he advocated any measure for selfish purpose or selfish motive. Every act that he did, every argument that he promulgated here was done in the interest of his state, of his county, and of the city in which he lived. I shall, of course, be lonely during the time when his memory is near to me, but nevertheless the fact that we have

had the benefit of associating with him all these years will always follow me during the remaining years that I may happen to serve here or may be permitted to live."

Mr. Richardson moved that the Secretary of the Senate be, and hereby is, instructed to send enrolled copies of the memorial resolutions and tributes as presented and read, to the wives of the deceased Senators, or to their next of kin.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Richardson then moved that the memorial resolutions and tributes as presented and read, be spread upon the Journal pages of the Senate.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Richardson moved that the Senate do now adjourn out of respect to the memory of the late Senators George H. Sullivan and C. J. Putzier.

Which motion prevailed by a rising vote of the Senate.