



## Resident Joe Sullivan

Joe originally lived in Nauvoo, Illinois. His father, Clarence worked for the State of Illinois. His mother, Louise, stayed home taking care of their growing family. Joe was the oldest of eleven children. He had three brothers and seven sisters. When Joe was six, they moved to Macomb and farmed the land on Tower Road, where the WIU Golf Course is now located. He used to have to walk a mile and a half to school every day. When he was in 6th grade the district finally had a bus that came to pick them up for school.

Joe graduated from Macomb High in 1955. He worked for the Department of Agriculture serving McDonough County for nine years. Then he got a job at the WIU Physical Plant where he worked for 28 years until he retired.

Throughout the years he helped his father farm and he still helps his son farm. He also started a topsoil and gravel business that he has been operating for 15 years. For entertainment Joe has always enjoyed golfing.

Joe has three children. His daughter Julie lives with her husband, Robert, in Texas. They have two children and 3 grandchildren. His son, Tom, also has two children. He still lives and farms Macomb. His wife's name is Amy. Joe's daughter Jennifer lives with her husband, Tom, in Arizona. They also have two children.

Joe lived on a farm his whole life until he moved to the Everly House several years ago. He later moved back into a farmhouse for awhile. After that he moved to Wesley Village for three years. We are happy that Joe decided to move back to the Everly House in February. It is a blessing to have him living here again.



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*May peace and plenty bless your world with a joy that long endures, and may all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.*