

## Gene Sullivan, Lonoke



Albert Eugene “Gene” Sullivan spent a career creating and implementing soil and water management, conservation and reclamation projects that impacted farmers and ranchers. He served as Deputy State Conservationist in California and State Conservationist in Nebraska, Mississippi and Arkansas.

A native of Lonoke, Sullivan earned a degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Arkansas, and immediately went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. During his tenure, he also served as a member of the Missouri Basin Interagency Committee, the Tennessee Tom Bigbee Interagency Committee, the Arkansas Governor's Water Resource Task

Force, and he chaired the Arkansas Red and White River Basin Interagency Commission. He also served on the United States Water Resources Team in Haiti and Hungary.

Sullivan was a graduate of the United States Senior Executive Development Program, a past president of the Arkansas Society of Agricultural Engineers, a member of the University of Arkansas Academy of Biological and Agricultural Engineers, was inducted to the Arkansas Association of Conservation District's Hall of Fame and received numerous state and national conservation, wildlife, and equal opportunity employment awards.

He was a registered licensed professional engineer and land surveyor. Upon retirement from USDA, he began an engineering consulting business, Sullivan & Associates. He actively managed various water resource projects including the White River and Bayou Meto Regional Irrigation Water Districts. He provided consulting services on water issues in Argentina and Bolivia.

Sullivan passed away on Sept. 4, 2017. His son, Mike, now works for USDA as Arkansas State Conservationist.