



James McAllister Sutton

January 18, 1932 - July 25, 2011

James McAllister Sutton, 79, of Athens, AL, began his extraordinary journey on Jan 18, 1932, on a farm north of Rochelle, Wilcox County, Georgia and ended on Monday July 25, 2011 at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, AL. Services for Mr. Sutton are Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Isoms Chapel United Methodist Church in Athens, AL. Mr. Sutton will lie-in-state from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 27, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, AL. There will be a graveside service held Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Valhalla Memorial Gardens in Belleville, Ill. Visitation and masonic service will be Friday, July 29, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Wolfersberger Funeral Home in OFallon, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Otis Sutton, Sr. and Minnie Louisa, (nee Bagwell), Sutton; his first wife Patricia Ann (nee Russel) Sutton, who died Sep 25, 1983; a son James M. Sutton in infancy; a grandson Justin Brooks; eight brothers, Al Smith, Les Smith, Edwin Sutton (in infancy), George Sutton, Bobby T. Sutton, Floyd Sutton, Charles Otis Sutton, Jr, Johnny F. Sutton and three sisters, Estelle Harvey, Edna Smith, and Robbie Terry. Surviving are his wife, Gloria, (nee Klein), Sutton, who he married Aug 2, 1986; his children, Karen (Mike) Brooks and Margaret Smith of Council Grove, KS, Linda (Steven) Law of Hazel Green, AL, Marcia Sutton of Waterloo, IL, Ashley Sutton of Athens, AL and son, John (Stacy) Bright of Foristell, MO; grandchildren, Curtis LaRue, James LaRue, Cory Cranford, Jonya Wendel,

Bethany Gappa, Kelly (Jimmy) Johnson, Tracy Menz, Bradley Menz, Sandra Law, Katelyn Law, Sean Law, Sarah Sutton, Kayla Bright, Savannah Bright, Madison Bright and John Raymond Bright; great-grandchildren, Dakota Kelley, Jordan Kelley, Danielle Wendel, Jimmy Wendel, Adein Kelley, and Makayla Salada; brother William (Fran) Sutton, Rochelle, GA; sisters, Marion Herring, Centerville, GA, Annette (Ted) Abbot, Dallas, GA, Dorothy Terry, Pitts, GA, and Alice Brooks, Rochelle, GA; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Sutton, Rochelle, GA, Lavern Sutton, Columbus, GA, Mary Frances Sutton, Macon, GA and Deborah (Jay) Miller, O'Fallon, IL and brother-in-law, Robert Klein, Millstadt, IL and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Sutton enlisted in the US Army on June 19, 1950 and later moved to the US Air Force. During his military career, he served in duty stations including Germany, Turkey, Pakistan, Morocco, Libya, Iran, Afghanistan, North Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia. He retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in January 1971 after serving 22 years. Mr. Sutton and his family settled in Macon, Georgia where he worked for the Southern Trust Company. In 1972 he took a job as district service representative with Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka, Kansas. In December 1974, Mr. Sutton and his family moved to O'Fallon, Illinois when he began working for the US Army Aviation Systems Command in S1. Louis, Missouri as a Material Specialist. After 38 years, 9 months and 14 days of serving his country, Mr. Sutton retired on July 30, 1991. In July of 1997 Mr. Sutton and his family relocated to Huntsville, AL. Mr. Sutton was a former member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Shiloh, Illinois and Christ United Methodist Church, Fairview Heights, IL and a current member of Isom's Chapel United Methodist Church, Athens, AL. He was a 50 year member of the O'Fallon Masonic Lodge 576 AF & AM and a member of American Legion Post 58, Rochelle, GA.

Pallbearers are John Bright, Jimmy Johnson, Josh Pippin, Sean Law, Jake Woods, and Adam Hudson.

Memorials may be made to Isoms Chapel United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ It's already been a month. Doesn't seem real. Not a day or second go by that your not on my mind dad! I miss you & love you so much! I know your here with mom & I, Continue to watch over the entire family. We love you!!!!

Ashley Sutton - August 25, 2011 at 04:06 PM

LL

“ I miss you, Dad.

Linda Law - August 11, 2011 at 04:23 PM

RB

“ Marcia, Linda and family. Sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Your father was a great man! He reminded me alot of my Dad. Especially how they liked to tell those stories.....never a dull moment with the good ole southern boys around! I hope you smile when you think of all the great times you had with your Dad and cherish the memories! Love you guys!

Rhonda Green Bouas - July 30, 2011 at 11:15 AM

AB

“ You will be forever in my heart, James. You were a wonderful man - a good husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. I love you and we will meet again. Love to you, Gloria, and all of the family. He loved all of you so much.

Alice Brooks - July 30, 2011 at 10:21 AM

BA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Sutton's passing. He touched so many lives and was such a good person. I'd always hoped to have a chance to sit down with him again and to listen to some of his wonderful stories. He was such an interesting man and he accomplished so much in his life. His travels and life story always amazed me. The way he chose to live his life was an example of "old school" America, where character traits such as faith, honor, respect, hard work and decency were more common place and made for a much better world in which to live. He carried those traits with him throughout his life and because of them, as well as his great personality, he enriched others with his very presence. His manner had a way of putting one at ease, kinda like a cold drink of water on a hot day. Mr. Sutton's life was truly a job well done and very much appreciated. A true cornerstone in so many people's lives, he'll be greatly missed. His passing has offered him a homecoming with so many of his loved ones and just as surely assures a glorious homecoming, into the Kingdom of Heaven, for those he left behind. Your family will continue to be in my prayers...

Bruce Aud - July 28, 2011 at 12:02 PM

AN

“ My deep condolence goes out to Marcia and all her loved ones. May your grief and sorrow be balanced by the love and the light that was your dad. His memory & stories are in your charge now.

Anonymous - July 28, 2011 at 08:45 AM

WL

“ You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Sutton was a wonderful man and he will truly be missed. If you need anything please let us know.

Winonia & Dwight Lovell & Lauren Little - July 27, 2011 at 09:41 PM

V(

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all-when I was young I always thought Uncle James was a "rascal" because of the stories I heard about him trying to hit the new baby (my mother!) in the head! Only when I became a teenager did I realize how sweet he really was (of course I'm sure he also had the "Sutton Temper"! I can remember sitting back & listening to James, Bobby, Floyd & John & Bill talking about the war & politics! He will missed by so many people, but just think of the family reunion in Heaven! All the stories being told! Be strong & know that you will be with him again some day, All My Love, Vicky & family

Vicky Milner (niece) - July 27, 2011 at 09:27 PM

JS

“ We are sorry this happen to you and your family. Uncle James was a great man and shall be miss. Sorry we can't make to the funeral. You are in our prayers and thoughts during this time. Lori Shawnjr said they will miss him and always remember him

Jessica and Shawn Sutton - July 27, 2011 at 09:02 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to Marcia and her family on this tremendous loss. Mr. Sutton will live forever in your hearts and minds and in the great stories of his life.

Carolyn K. Harrington - July 27, 2011 at 05:59 PM

RB

“ our thoughts and prayers are with the family of mr.sutton. we attend isoms chapel methodist church. may god give you comfort in your time of need.

ricky & rosemary brooks - July 27, 2011 at 05:17 PM

MC

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathies Jim Sutton's family and friends during this time of sadness. I knew Jim when we worked together in the LAO Ft. Campbell, Ky. from 1982 thru 1986. Jim was an honest, humble human being and I was honored to be a friend. We relocated several times since Ft. Campbell and are now retired in Northport, Alabama. We will miss him as will many others. May the Lord hold him up untill he adjusts to his home with Jesus. Good bye old friend, see you some day soon.

Mr & Mrs. Blair W. Combs - July 27, 2011 at 05:05 PM

RK

“ you have my deepest sympathy.

ruby kennemer - July 27, 2011 at 10:29 AM

DS

“ Uncle James has always been such a special part of our family. I will cherish the memories I have of him, especially his wonderful ability to tell stories. We will all love and miss him always.

Dawn Sutton - July 27, 2011 at 12:23 AM

DS

“ My,my, I can only imagine the stories being told up in Heaven! Jim was the best Story Teller ever! I wish now someone had recorded all those stories and placed them in a book, word for word. He will live on with me, as the "Greatest Story Teller" ever! Bless you Jim, and thank you for being part of our family, you took us in, with open arms, and for that we are truly blessed!

Deborah Miller (Gloria's Sister) - July 26, 2011 at 09:46 PM

PS

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF JAMES FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS.

PHILLIP & JOANNE SUTTON - July 26, 2011 at 09:30 PM

LM

“ Jim Sutton was my "other dad" growing up. I spent more time with Linda at their home than I did mine. He was a good man and a strong man, as well as a caring father. He's now helping take care of my children. I love you all and send you my most heartfelt thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Menz - July 26, 2011 at 05:56 PM

KB

“ Love You ALL....

Karen Brooks - July 26, 2011 at 05:54 PM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss

becky browning - July 26, 2011 at 05:53 PM

DA

“ I love you all and will miss Uncle James.

Donna (Sutton) Alexander - July 26, 2011 at 05:53 PM

JS

“ Jim, May you rest in peace. You have gone home to many of your family members. God Bless you & your family.

Joe & Ruth Scigliano - July 26, 2011 at 05:35 PM

MP

“ *My deepest sympathy for your family!*

Melanie Pippin - July 26, 2011 at 05:32 PM

RS

“ *We will keep you in our prayers. We cannot be there for you, but from the many descendants of James listed in his obituary, it appears that you will be surrounded by loved one. God bless*

Roxie Kulczynski, Ruth Ellis, Byrom Sutton - July 26, 2011 at 04:51 PM

GU

“ *Main Album*

Guest - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM