

Homegoing Celebration

for

Lawrence William (L.W.) Sutton



Entered
March 16, 1929

Transitioned
July 15, 2016

“A Beautiful Soul”

Friday, July 22, 2016

1:00 P.M.

Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.
Prentiss, Mississippi

Rev. Rufus Fields, Pastor/Officiating

Obituary

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. (Psalms 112:1-2)



Lawrence William (L.W.) Sutton, Jr. was born March 16, 1929 in Silver Creek, Mississippi, to the late William Lawrence and Victoria Hardy Sutton. He transitioned from this life on earth the morning of Friday, July 15, 2016. He was the oldest son of eleven (11) children. Four (4) of his siblings preceded him in death (Alice, Alma, Wade and Deloris) as well as six (6) siblings from his father's first marriage (Leon, Novella, Vester, Alexander, Minnie B. and Sammie Lee).

L.W. secured his place in heaven at an early age by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. His growth as a Christian was cultivated under his membership at the Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness USA located in Prentiss, Mississippi. He was a faithful member of the church all of his life until his health prevented him from attending service. He was an active and devoted member in various ministries of the church that included Deacon (for over 60 years), Deacon Board Chairman, District Secretary, Brotherhood Director, Sunday School teacher and Adult Choir member.



L.W. was united in holy matrimony to Inez Bates and to this union, six (6) beautiful blessings were born: Alma Jean Miller, Linda Rose Sutton, Lawrence Eugene Sutton, Cynthia Faye Smith, La'Rue Darnell Sutton, and Larry Nugent Sutton.

L.W. received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Vocational Counseling from Alcorn State University (formerly, Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College) and his Master's degree in Vocational Education from the Tuskegee Institute.

He was a lifetime member of the Alcorn State University Alumni Association, Jefferson Davis Chapter. Continuing the spirit of excellence, L.W.'s students won district and state officer positions in the National Farmer's Association (NFA) serving in the office of president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. L.W. also mentored youth and worked diligently with the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 172), spending time teaching them survival skills on weekend camping trips and instructing them in the duties of scouts and scout law. He received the highest award given a Scout Master, the Silver Beaver Award.



L.W. retired from the Amite County School District in 1988 after 35 years of public service. While there, he taught vocational education and served as a guidance counselor. He enjoyed his retirement years gardening, farming, tending cows, spoiling grandchildren, and traveling in and out of the United States. He was always looking for someone to help and whenever he was asked to do something, he always said, "no problem". He never met a stranger. He loved life and enjoyed good food and fellowship. He especially loved Inez's cooking.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Inez B. Sutton of 65 years of blissful marriage, and six (6) children: Alma Jean Miller (Earnest) of Waldorf, Maryland; Linda Rose Sutton of Jackson, Mississippi; Lawrence Eugene Sutton (Blanche, deceased) of Jackson, Mississippi; Cynthia Faye Smith (Glen) of Terry, Mississippi; La'Rue Darnell Sutton (Mary) of Jackson, Mississippi; Larry Nugent Sutton (Cathy) of Byram, Mississippi; six siblings: Thomas G. Sutton (Marietta); St. Elmore Sutton (Queen E.); James M. Sutton; Bobby Sutton (Lois); Oliver Sutton (Pam), Margaret M. Moore-Howard; one (1) sister-in-law, Carrie Sutton; nineteen (19) grandchildren, four (4) great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was a wonderful, loving, kindhearted, thoughtful, and caring person. His servanthood spirit will be sincerely missed by all who knew him.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Mistress of Ceremony Gladys Warner

Scripture Minister Kendrick Barnes

Old Testament *Proverbs 3:5-6*

New Testament *Matthew 6:33*

Prayer Pastor Jessie Holloway

Outreach Fellowship Revival Center ~ Prentiss, MS

Congregational Hymn “What a Fellowship”

Expressions Rev. Lem Johnson

Deacon Elijah Barnes

Sis. Spencena Hinton

Sis. Margaret Howard

Selection “Oh, I Want to See Him” Choir

Acknowledgements and Resolutions Vera I. Daniels

Words of Encouragement Bishop Dr. Arnold Stanton

New Life Cathedral of Worship ~ Hazelhurst and Byram, MS

Obituary Read Silently

Expressions of Gratitude Delois D. Daniels

Selection “Safe in Beulah Land” Brothers and Nephews

Eulogy Rev. Rufus Fields

Recessional

Interment

Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. Cemetery

Tributes



Tribute to my Loving and Devoted Husband

God saw that you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes I watched you fade away.
Although I loved you dearly, I could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating and hard working hands laid to rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me, He only takes the best.

I Love You,
Inez

Tribute to Our Loving Daddy

Our Daddy was truly dedicated to God, family and others. He exemplified the meaning of servanthood. The dictionary definition of servant is a person who performs duties for others. The Bible definition from Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Our Daddy practiced being a servant. Thank you for serving us with the wisdom God provided to you.

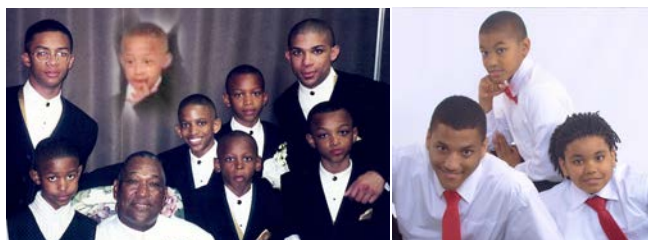


The Bible says to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it". Thank you daddy for obeying the word and training each one of us in the way of the Lord. Thank you for the many hours you dedicated to us whether as a spiritual leader, educator, sports supporter, scout leader, or leader in the community. You instilled in us the meaning of "hard work" from the cotton fields to our professional fields in education, military, construction, and church ministries. Thank you for leaving us your legacy of "servanthood". You taught us that the wisdom of God outweighs the wealth of the world. Because of you, we all have chosen the wisdom of God and we Thank You.

Your transition to heaven will leave a void in our hearts and lives but we know that we will join you in heaven some day where we will rejoice and sing praises all day.

Daddy, We Love You!
Alma Jean, Linda, Lawrence, Cynthia, La'Rue and Larry

Tribute to Our Loving Granddaddy



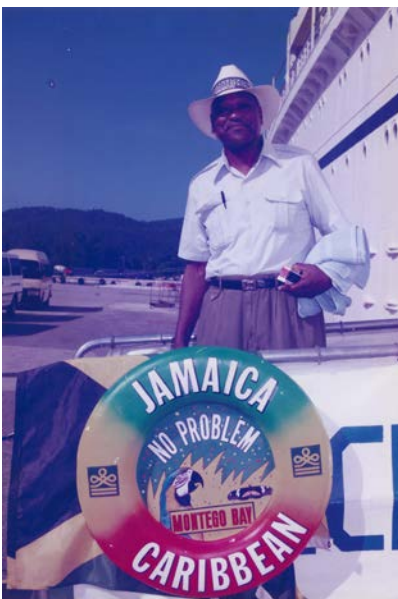
We are so grateful to have had you as our granddaddy. You were Loyal to your church duties, your wife, us and the rest of our family. You were Audacious in life. You loved traveling to new places. Risks were never your enemy. You were Wise and passed on that wisdom to us in the stories you told us, like the man on the hill who was able to talk to God. You were always Relaxed even when grandmamma would be getting on to you saying, "L.W. stop giving

those children soda pops!" You were always Entertaining. You even made rides to the pasture on your tractor and on the back of your truck fun for us. You were a Natural in your efforts in life. You accomplished things with ease. You were a Compassionate man. You were always Eager to help others; you educated young people for years. To us, you are a legend and we will continue to take risks in life, strive to be better so that one day we might leave half the legacy you have left for us.



Your Grandchildren

Memorable Moments



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Pallbearers

Active Pallbearers

La'Rue Sutton, Jr.
La'Mont Sutton
La'Zerek Sutton
Shedrick Sutton
Glen Smith II
Stephen Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

Lawrence Sutton
La'Rue Sutton
Larry Sutton
Jasper Bates
Allen Bullock
Thomas E. Sutton

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Expressions of Gratitude

The family wishes to express profound gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love, support and acts of kindness you have shared with us during the illness and homegoing of our loved one. Every prayer, visit, card, thought, floral arrangement and the many acts of kindness are deeply appreciated. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to our churches, family, relatives and friends.

Our gratitude is also extended to the Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. family and all program participants; Jackson Revival Center Theatre Ministry and Church Family; Alcorn State University, Office of Alumni Affairs; the Baptist Medical Center of Jackson, Mississippi; Sta-Home Health Care; Dr. Robert Smith, Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc.; Jerdell Andrews, RN; Nan (BeBe) Laster; Ronald Taylor; and R.E. Tyler Funeral Home for their efficient service.

We ask God's blessing to be showered upon each of you always.

~ The L.W. Sutton Family ~

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths".

Proverbs 3:6

Repast

Immediately Following Committal Interment
Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.
3784 US-84, Prentiss, Mississippi 39474

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

R.E. Tyler Funeral Home
500 Cohen Street, Brookhaven, Mississippi 39601