



Earl Ray Sutton

June 6, 1939 - October 18, 2023

Earl Ray "Bear" Sutton, 84, of San Saba, passed away peacefully in Brownwood on October 18, 2023. He was born on June 6, 1939, in San Saba to Anderson Theodore "Buster" Sutton and Emaline Martha Blackwood Sutton.

Earl Ray "Bear" Sutton retired from the City of Copperas Cove after serving 24 years and 7 months as Landfill Supervisor. After retirement he moved to Bend with his wife where he continued his passions of hunting and fishing. He became a member of the Mount Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 595 in Copperas Cove, and was Past Master from 1987 to 1988. After moving to San Saba, he joined the San Saba Masonic Lodge No. 784 where he was Past Master for two years. He was a Masonic member for over 60 years. He was a proud member and Deacon of the Parkview Baptist Church, the Church of the Open Door, and the High Valley Baptist Church. He was proud to share the gospel, and share his story of how God saved him.

He lived life to the fullest, never allowing a dull moment to occur. He will be missed by all, but remembered by his loving heart, jokes, and his love for God. He is preceded in death by his parents: Anderson Theodore "Buster" Sutton and Emaline Martha Blackwood Sutton; his wife: Charlene Ridings Sutton; his 3 brothers: David Sutton, GB Sutton, Richard Sutton; his 6 sisters: Leola Collins, Minnie Catherine Litton, Lily Bell Woodward, Ella Pearl Alcorn,

Maire Sutton, Opal Jewel Collins.

He is survived by his son Keith White and wife, Lisa White of Kingsland, daughter Melisa Sutton Martinez and husband Ramiro Martinez of San Saba, grandchildren: Dayton McClendon and wife Jessica, Kim and husband Adrian Valdez, Jerry Williams, Keith Williams, Mia Williams and Joel Moore, Shyann Martinez and Angelo Belmonte, great-grandchildren, Shelby, Valyn, Gracie, Parker, Willow; numerous nieces and nephews; and his two dogs Bobo and Buddy; all whom he loved dearly and wholeheartedly.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday October 27, 2023, at Heritage Funeral Home in San Saba with Brother Michael Taylor of High Valley Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Charles Collins, CB Sutton, Scotty Woodward, Devon Hoyt, Buddy Harlin, Larry Sutton, Justin Collins, and BJ Raines.

Honorary Pallbearers are Jimmy Sutton, Bill Roy Jr., and Otis Sutton.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of San Saba.

Please view Mr. Sutton online memorial at www.heritagefuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

San Saba, TX 76877

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Funeral Home - San Saba
1901 W. Wallace St.
San Saba, TX 76877

Tribute Wall

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“ I am Earl Ray's first cousin. I'm sure there are not many of us left. Before my brother J.B. died I took him for a ride all around San Saba, and the only person he asked to see was Earl Ray. They hugged, shared some memories and shed some tears. Earl really consoled my brother and made him feel better about his life. Just an example of the good effect he had on people, and how he always thought of others before himself. I was lucky to get to see Earl this year, and he was the same as always, just a great southern gentleman. I'm sure he would get a laugh out of me calling him a gentleman. My condolences to his family. Dave Blackwood

Dave Blackwood - October 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Sutton.



October 25, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Sutton.



October 25, 2023 at 09:56 AM

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“ He welcome me into his home and made me feel welcome . Loved his dog (a Bulldog) and his John Wayne drawings/painting , so I knew he was a good man .. He loved his children and grandchildren . Peacan he had the best. RIP. you will be missed ,but not a good bye ,but see you later. He knew GOD .So go and rest on the mountain . GOD bless

Adrian Valdez - October 24, 2023 at 12:16 AM



Grieving the loss of a very special outstanding man, uncle, supporter and the last of the 13 children born to the Union of Buster and Martha Sutton. Uncle Ray "Go Rest High Upon That Mountain because the jewels in your crown are glowing. You leave us with so much love in our hearts, memories of good times and some bad (practical jokes, but we survived) Thank you for teaching us the importance of strong family values, . connection to good morals and love of family. You will be missed but you can now rest in the arms of OUR LORD.

Janice Day - November 02, 2023 at 12:07 AM