



## Kathleen Humberd Sutton

March 30, 1926 - December 5, 2022

Kathleen Humberd Sutton, age 96, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday morning, December 5, 2022, at her home in Parrottsville, Tennessee, after a brief illness. She was born on March 30, 1926, in Bradley County, Tennessee, the fifth child of Chester and Harriet Hughes Humberd.

Kathleen attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens where she met and later married Raymond Sutton in 1947. After finishing at Tennessee Wesleyan, they moved to Knoxville so Raymond could complete a bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee. Then, after a year of teaching in Lenoir City, Kathleen enrolled at the University of Tennessee to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Kathleen came to Cocke County in 1949 upon Raymond's employment with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service as the first full-time 4-H agent in the county. She taught at Edwina Elementary School for a year before giving birth to the first of four children. She spent the next 10 years at home raising her family. When the children grew older, Kathleen went back to teaching at Northport Elementary School and Newport Grammar School, where she retired after 21 years of teaching. She was loved by her students and was often mentioned as one of their favorite teachers.

Kathleen led a full life after her retirement. She enjoyed traveling with

Raymond both domestically and internationally but treasured most the time she spent with her family. She often said being a mother and grandmother was the best job she ever had. She loved to sew, quilt, and make baskets and was known as an excellent cook. Many friends and international guests enjoyed a good meal and fellowship around her table.

A dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church in Newport for 73 years, Kathleen taught a children's Sunday School class and helped with an early kindergarten program conducted by the church. She loved her church and rarely missed a Sunday. She was also a charter member of the Heartsease Garden Club of Newport and served for many years as a 4-H volunteer.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Sutton with whom she shared more than 70 wonderful years of marriage; sisters, Gladys and Gaynelle Humberd; brothers, Russell, Layton and Bill Humberd; niece, Donna Humberd; and nephews, Steve and Stanley Humberd. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her sons Stephen Sutton of Knoxville and Dr. David Sutton (Linda) of Parrottsville; daughters Jana Sutton Chambers of Parrottsville and Lilly Sutton of Knoxville; grandchildren Dr. Joseph Sutton (Anna) of Greeneville, Thomas Sutton (Tia) of Malta, Montana, Michael Chambers (Staci) of Durham, North Carolina, Katie Chambers Robertson (Chris) of Parrottsville; and nine great grandchildren,

Kathleen's life will be celebrated during a memorial service at the First United Methodist in Newport on Thursday, December 8, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church with the memorial service immediately following. The family will hold a private interment at Union Cemetery in Newport.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 212

Washington Avenue, Newport, TN 37821 or the Tennessee 4-H Foundation,  
2621 Morgan Circle, Room 205, Knoxville, TN 37996-4510.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home , Newport, TN.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
212 Washington Avenue  
Newport, TN

## Memorial service

DEC 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
212 Washington Avenue  
Newport, TN

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I'm sad I just became aware of your sweet mother's passing. She was my favorite Sunday school teacher as a child- always kind and gentle. Her communication was love, and she helped me enjoy learning about the Bible and motivated me to memorize those verses! I'm forever grateful for her.  
~Lauren Foy

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**Lauren Foy** - February 11, 2023 at 04:50 PM

LV

“ From Brazil, we send our condolences to Katleen's family. When we look back on our years (86-91) in the USA, we think of Raymond and Katheen as wonderful, kind and very welcoming people. We are very grateful to them. Ligia Urbina and Wilson Vieira

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**Ligia Urbina / Wilson Vieira** - January 06, 2023 at 07:09 PM

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**Ligia Urbina / Wilson Vieira** - January 06, 2023 at 06:31 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for family and friends at this time.

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**Paula Bearden** - December 08, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
*Beatrice Brooks & Jan Brooks*

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**Jan Brooks** - December 08, 2022 at 01:49 PM

PB

“ *Kathleen has been a part of my life for so long. She was my patient 4-H leader when I was in elementary school- my walking partner at 5:00 am when I married Larry and lived in Parrottsville (we stuck together because we were both afraid of the dogs!)- then we were classmates in Bible studies and Sunday School at First United Methodist Church.*

*She was simply one of the finest people I've ever known. My condolences to her family.*

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**Phyllis Blazer** - December 08, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Humberd Sutton.*



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December 08, 2022 at 12:04 PM

BS

“ *Mrs. Sutton was a great lady. I remember visiting in her home with my mother, Willie Spradlin Self and our aunt, Mamie Sue Sutton Frank. We visited Uncle Raymond to talk about genealogy. Mrs. Sutton fixed a wonderful lunch for us that day. We had a really nice visit. This was many years ago, but I have never forgotten their hospitality. Sympathy to the family.*

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**Barry Self** - December 07, 2022 at 09:46 PM

DH

“ *Jana, David, Stephen, and Melinda-your mother was a lovely person in every aspect of her life. I always admired her so. Her legacy will certainly live on for the differences she made in all the lives she touched in such a kind and humble way. My love and prayers to all of you and your families in the days to come.*

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**Debbie Hommel** - December 07, 2022 at 09:26 PM

BJ

“ *I remember my first year of teaching and Kathleen taught third grade, too. So many times she would come by and say, "We are doing tis worksheet, today. Do you want one?" I would always say , Yes!" because I didn't know what I was doing. One time, one of us had an error in our register (our attendance book). She said, "Let's just sit down and we'll fid it!" and we did!*

*She was such a true mentor in my first year of teaching. We laughed over so man things. I remember one of her students that said he heard a little voice that said, "Get your little green card out!"*

*I'm not sure if he gave in or not.*

*She was a true lady and a good friend when I needed it!*

*Beth James*

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**Beth James** - December 07, 2022 at 05:22 PM

CW

“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Prayers for you all.  
My deepest condolences,  
Cindy Wise*

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**cindy wise** - December 07, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ My dad was a member of the committee who hired Raymond to be the agricultural extension leader in 1949. When we moved to Monroe county he became friends with Raymond’s dad. Later I taught school with Kathleen’s two sisters in Bradley County. Kathleen taught my Robert in third grade and also in SundY School both Robert and Michael. We have a history and a lovely one. We love Kathleen and we’re blessed by her S so many people were. Sending my prayers to her family. Kathleen was such a very special lady.

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**Penny Ervin** - December 07, 2022 at 02:16 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen Humberd Sutton.



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December 07, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ Steven, David, Jana and Lilly --

*I have so many fond memories of your mother's sweet and gentle smile and the good and kind things she always did for those around her. More than 45 years ago she taught my Sunday School lesson, and I can still remember it today. She was a truly lovely person. I know you will cherish your memories. Earth's loss is surely Heaven's gain.*

*Russell, Jennifer, Thomas and Caroline Lamb*

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**Russell Lamb** - December 06, 2022 at 09:38 PM

RA

“ We were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady. Our prayers and sympathy are with the Family during this sad time.

Randall and Marcia Arrowood - December 06, 2022 at 08:22 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - December 06, 2022 at 05:50 PM

LB

“ Kathleen possessed a loving and gracious attitude in all occasions and thoughtful beyond words. We send our deepest condolences to family and loved ones.

Larry and Vickie Butler - December 06, 2022 at 04:45 PM

BM

“ This gentle, soft spoken lady walked among us with elegance and grace. She was indeed a living, breathing saint. She deeply touched my life and I am beyond grateful to God for having the great fortune to have been able to know her over the last few years. One day Kathleen I'll see you at the house. In the meantime you are greatly missed. ❤️🌻🦋



Bonnie Morris - December 06, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SK

“ Shirley D lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Sutton



Shirley D Kay - December 06, 2022 at 12:17 PM

JR

“ June Russell lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Sutton



June Holt Russell - December 06, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen Humberd Sutton.



December 06, 2022 at 11:36 AM

BM

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a gentle soul. Know you and family are in our prayers.  
Ron andBeth Mooneyhan

Beth Mooneyhan - December 06, 2022 at 10:29 AM

BE

“ Was sorry to hear of your loss. She was an amazing lady. May God hold hold you close through this sad time.

**Betsy** - December 06, 2022 at 10:25 AM

LP

*Kathleen immediately became my dear friend when I moved to Newport as a young bride of my childhood sweetheart, Richard Porter. Her kindness and love for her family and her church inspired me to want to follow her example. From her I learned much about sewing, cooking and child rearing. My six children all feel love for Kathleen, knowing how very special she was for me, and having shared some special moments with her also.*

**Leona. Porter** - December 06, 2022 at 12:35 PM

RH

“ Jana I'm So sorry

**Rhonda Henderson** - December 06, 2022 at 10:24 AM

DO

“ Kathleen Sutton earned her place in Heaven many, many years ago. As a stellar wife and mother, she also shared her love and kindness with thousands of others through her work as a teacher and devoted church member. She aged with grace, providing the rest of us examples of picturing the glass half full. Though she is gone from us physically, her presence remains. We loved her.

**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - December 05, 2022 at 03:23 PM

RF

“ Sorry for your loss. Kathleen was one of my mom's dearest friends. I can't remember going to church without her sitting in her pew. I wish we all had her positive outlook, the world would be a lot better place. A life well lived, and a wonderful teacher. I am blessed to have known her. My condolences...

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**Ray Fancher** - December 05, 2022 at 01:06 PM