



William "Tom" Sutton

October 25, 1924 - July 29, 2023

William "Tom" Sutton, age 98, of Cosby, passed away at his home Saturday, July 29, 2023.

He was a follower of Christ and member of Webb Baptist Church. He was a veteran having served in the United States Army during WWII, a Cocke County Commissioner for nearly 30 years. Tom was a beloved member of his community and was known as a friend to all. He was always ready to help anyone in need. Tom loved his family, his county, and served both well. He was always quick with a smile and loved singing gospel hymns to anyone he met. He will be missed beyond belief.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ada Sutton; wife Vauda Lee Sutton; sons, Michael Sutton and Tommy Sutton.

He is survived by his son, Jeff Ball; daughter, Panzie (Jerry) Wolf; grandchildren, Jennifer Buckner and husband Troy, Stephanie Sutton, Ryan Sutton, and Jared (Taryn) Sutton; great-grandchildren Cooper Buckner, Kaelin Jackson, Tyson Sutton, Mason Sutton, Beckett Sutton, Owen Sutton, Harrison Sutton, Tiffany Ball, and Brittany Ball; also several nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 pm – 7 pm, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, with funeral service following at 7 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Zane Stuart and Maurice Shults officiating.

Burial will be held 2 pm Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.manesfuneralhome.com

Arrangement with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 AM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

AUG 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Tom" Sutton*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 01, 2023 at 09:58 AM

NO

A beautiful video memories of Tom.

Nancy Matthews Owens - August 01, 2023 at 05:43 PM

CG

So sorry for your loss

cheryl Gibson - August 01, 2023 at 06:15 PM

NS

“ *Tom was a true servant. From veteran to community leader, he knew everybody and everybody knew him and liked him too. Many times he sat on the benches at WalMart talking to everybody, he didn't know any strangers. He would even sing to us cashiers, some beautiful hymns. A wonderful strong voice for a man in his 90s. There will never be another one like him. So sorry for family and friends. Nancy Swanger*

Nancy Swanger - August 10, 2023 at 05:19 PM

KM

“ *Panties and family, you have my condolence in your time of grief. No matter how long we have our parents, we still feel a great loss. I always loved Tom and remember him for all my life He always teased me and called me Baby. He and daddy were always friends.*



Kathy Mccarter - August 07, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JV

“ *I have known Tom all my life. I always found him to be a kind, caring man. He will be missed.*

Jimmy Valentine - August 03, 2023 at 06:58 PM

SS

“ *Tom was a great man. I love you and I will see you on the other side.*

Stella Jenkins Szabo - August 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

DC

“ *I just heard about Tom, my heart goes out to you for your loss. Haven't seen him in years but I remember him always smiling*

Denise Carrell - August 02, 2023 at 05:35 PM

TC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Love this whole family! Many prayers.*

Tommy Costner - August 01, 2023 at 09:00 PM

GS

“ Sending our condolences to the family. Tom was a good man.

Grady and Arletha Sutton

Grady & Arletha Sutton - August 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM

SH

“ Pansy so sorry to this ,your dad was a great man ,Prayers for you and your family!!!
Susan & Eddie Hance ,& Bobble Jo Valentine



Susan Hance - August 01, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RR

“ So very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. May God comfort his precious family during this very difficult time. Panzie my heart breaks for you. Love you guys and lots of love and hugs ❤️🙏

Rhonda Rice - August 01, 2023 at 01:45 PM

BF

“ *Billy Cheryl Fowler lit a candle in memory of William Sutton*



Billy and Cheryl Fowler - August 01, 2023 at 01:43 PM

BF

“ We are deeply saddened by Tom's passing.He was the sweetest person I knew.I only knew him shortly,but my husband knew him and the family for years. I remember sitting on the porch and listening to him talk about his life,about the being in the Army,about his wife,and his past work.He would be sitting on the porch and sing praises.I will surely miss hearing his voice,and seeing his Beautiful smile. This is not goodbye Tom,but a see you later my sweet friend.



Billy and Cheryl Fowler - August 01, 2023 at 01:42 PM

RA

“ We were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family.

Randall and Marcia Arrowood

Randall and Marcia Arrowood - August 01, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 01, 2023 at 09:33 AM

SM

“ Sorry to hear of Toms passing. He was definitely one of a kind! We will be praying for comfort during this time. Love you all!
Scotty & Terri McClure

Scotty & Terri McClure - August 01, 2023 at 09:12 AM

BG

“ Barbara Gilley lit a candle in memory of William Sutton



Barbara Gilley - August 01, 2023 at 12:01 AM

BG

“ Faith, Hope, Love and the Greatest of these is Love -
1Corinthians13:13
Prayers of Peace and Comfort,
Barbara M Gilley

Barbara Gilley - July 31, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Tom" Sutton.



July 31, 2023 at 11:44 PM

GK

“ I knew Tom for many years, went to school with Mike and Tommy. In all the years I have known Tom he always had a smile on his face and kind words. He was a true gentleman and most loved family man. RIP



Gary and Dot Kyker - July 31, 2023 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ Tom was always a delight to visit and talk to. He served his county well! My prayers for the family. Jeanne Wilson Birdwell

Jeanne Birdwell - July 31, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Tom" Sutton.



July 31, 2023 at 02:27 PM

WW

“ Jeff & Panzie sending my love& prayers Tom was a good man,we loved him.The Billy Webb family

Wilma Webb - July 31, 2023 at 01:54 PM

JF

“ Jim, Carole and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Tom" Sutton.



Jim, Carole and family. - July 31, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JF

“ Jim, Carole and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Tom" Sutton.

Jim, Carole and family. - July 31, 2023 at 12:54 PM

LB

“ Panzie and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. To know Tom was to love him.
He will be missed by many. May God offer each of you comfort in the days ahead. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Louise Brown - July 31, 2023 at 11:23 AM

BP

“ Sending prayers for family in this time and moment



Brenda Peters - July 31, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SB

“ So sorry Panzie for your loss. Tom was a great and Godly man that will be missed by many. Wish we could to funeral but Dudes health isn't the best right now, but we love you and you will be in our hearts and prayers in these difficult days ahead of you.

Sandi Allen Bright - July 31, 2023 at 09:50 AM

SO

“ Panzie, Jeff and all the family: I am sooooo sorry to hear about our precious family friend passing away. Lordy mercy how Daddy (Tom O'Dell) loved that Tom Sutton. They were like brothers. Tom ALWAYS had a smile and was telling funny stories. I will sure miss those hugs and the laughter we shared. Tom is definitely singing in the choir and sharing his beautiful voice in heaven. Many many prayers for this wonderful family. I am so sorry. Rest In Peace Tom. Love you



Susie O'Dell - July 31, 2023 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ Tom was a wonderful person and a great example of a Christian man. I have many fond memories of talking with him. He was one of a kind and will be sadly missed. Prayers for each family member during this time. May those warm memories you shared together bring you a smile in the days ahead.



Susan Ball - July 31, 2023 at 08:00 AM

CH

“ You could see from his smile, demeanor and his everyday life he was a Christian! A Good man he will definitely be missed! He, Jack Phillips, and Daddy served on the Cocke County Court together in the 60s and early 70s!

Charles D. Hughes - July 31, 2023 at 02:46 AM

BL

“ Panzie, praying for you and all your family. You know you had a wonderful dad. He will be missed by many. Will miss him coming in at Big Boy's to eat. Love ya Lady. God Bless.

Barbara Large - July 30, 2023 at 11:35 PM

MC

“ To the family of Tom Sutton, we are very sorry for your loss. He was a good man and friend to all! Sending prayers for the family and friends.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - July 30, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Tom" Sutton.



July 30, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Tom" Sutton.*



July 30, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Tom was a sweetheart and will be missed . I'm so thankful we know he's singing on streets of gold now. Love and prayers for you all. Ricky, Amy , & Riley Grooms*

Amy Grooms - July 30, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *Tom was a one of kind man. He loved Cosby and we loved him back. He will be remember for his kindness and work for his community. To his family prayers and love.*



Nancy Matthews Owens - July 30, 2023 at 08:54 PM

KK

“ Tom meant a great deal to our family and to Cosby. He always had a smile and a hug to reach out to us. Duay considered him the mayor of Cosby and enjoyed his stories about the Cosby community and especially enjoyed seeing him at the annual Veterans Day program hosted by the Cosby Junior Beta Club.

Tom was one of a kind. Always loved...never forgotten.

Duay and Kay Keener O'Neil

Amber and Connor O'Neil

Karen Keener - July 30, 2023 at 07:50 PM