



## Larry Donell Sutton

June 6, 1956 - June 20, 2024

Larry Donell Sutton of Franklin Park, NJ, transitioned, Thursday June 20, 2024, in New Brunswick NJ.

We, the family of Larry D. Sutton, would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love given to us during our time of bereavement. Whether it was a call, a prayer, or any act of kindness, it did not go unnoticed. May the Lord continue to bless, smile and keep you. Again we say, "Thank You!"

### Larry's Life Story

Larry Donell Sutton was born on June 6, 1956, in Greenville North Carolina to the late Frank Sutton and Minnie Crandle Sutton. As a young child, he was relocated to New Jersey with his family. Educated in the Franklin Township Public School System, he graduated from Franklin High School in 1975. His athleticism in track & field earned him a scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where he went on to further his education.

While attending SIU-E, Larry met and fell in love with then Carolyn Hodges,

and they were married on January 20, 1979. The couple relocated shortly thereafter to NJ, moving to New Brunswick, then finally settling in Somerset (Franklin Twp), NJ. From their union 4 children were born: Jarrett, Antigua, Quinten, and Kyle.

Larry grew up in Mount Carmel Church of Christ WIH with his family. He confessed his hope in Jesus at an early age and was baptized under the leadership of Bishop John Paul Jones. He participated in various activities in the youth department and later played lead and bass guitar in the church music ensemble.

Because of his skills on the guitar taught by his father, Larry began playing for the gospel group, The Somerset Travelers, at an early age. The Somerset Travelers recorded two songs that they performed in local area churches. It is Larry you hear playing the guitar in “Don’t Let the Devil Ride” and “Up Above My Head.”

Larry LOVED fashion and was known for his finely tuned sense of style. He was a sharp dresser and often made his grand entrance with ensembles he would brag about purchasing for “only a few dollars.” He loved shopping and was often teased that he never paid full price for anything. He should have owned stock in Englishtown for the number of times he visited. His “negotiation” skills and pride in “saving a few dollars” made him a salesperson’s worst nightmare.

Larry was also an avid sports lover. He was a longtime LA Lakers fan and could be caught during any given sport season rooting for various teams. His love and appreciation for sports also drove him to train and coach several athletes, including his sons, nephews, and a host of family and friends.

During his years of employment, he worked at Somerset County Employment

& Training Program, Hess Corporation, Maier's Bakery, Entenmanns Bakery, Drakes, The New Brunswick Teen Center, I Made You Look Sign Company, and Edison Job Corp Center. Recently retired in 2022, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends and doing odd jobs until his illness.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Minnie Sutton; a sister, Edna (Kenneth) Patterson of Easton, PA.; a nephew, Keenan Sanders and both sets of grandparents.

Those remaining to cherish his life and celebrate his memory are: his wife, Carolyn Hodges Sutton; his children, Jarrett (Angela) Sutton, Antigua (Bradd) Jackson, Quinten (Nicole) Sutton, and Kyle Sutton; 2 brothers, William (Mary) Crandle, and James (Nicolette) Crandell; 4 sisters, Diane Walton, Susan Walton, Carolyn (Glen) Sanders, and Cassandral Sutton; 7 grandchildren, Jordyn, Makayla, Tyler, Parker, Kaleb, Carter, and Isla; 1 sister-in-law, Marilyn Hodges; 1 brother-in-law, Rev. Jerry (Paula) Hodges; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

# Previous Events

## Church Viewing

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eternal Life Christian Center  
322 Franklin Blvd.  
Somerset, NJ 08873

## Church Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eternal Life Christian Center  
322 Franklin Boulevard  
Somerset, NJ 08873

*Viewing Prior to the service between the hours of 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM , with the service to follow.*

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Hi!! Mrs. Carol this Martha Marinez, when I Loss my husband , you and Mr. Sutton we're there for me. I only wish I could be there for you. Sorry for your loss. My heart poured out the most sincere Sympathies for the whole family. I'm in Prayer with my whole family , we are all in Florida

Martha Martinez - July 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

CS

Hello Ms. Martinez, sorry, I'm just seeing this page. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and prayers. So good to hear from you; hope all is well. God bless!

Carolyn Sutton - October 31, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DS

“ Mr. Sutton I know you are in the hands of God. From the time my family moved to New Brunswick you were a helpful and encouraging force in our families life. You were always there to help and support us in some way. We will never forgot all you have done for us. We will miss you! Carolyn may God comfort you and your family at this time. We are praying for you all - The Smiley Family

Dina Smiley - July 05, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ My Sincere Condolences to All the Family & Friends. May God Comfort your hearts - As Only God Can. 🙏 Sincerely, Laverne (Smith) Cody



Laverne Cody - July 05, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Donell Sutton.*



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July 01, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *David & Valerie White and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Donell Sutton.*

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**David & Valerie White and Family** - July 01, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *Carol, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Patricia Barksdale** - July 01, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Praying for your continued strength and comfort during this time.*

*"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."- Philippians 4:9 KJV*

*Blessings,*

*New Life Ministries COCWIH  
Pastor A.V. Sawyer*

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**Pastor Arthur V. Sawyer** - June 29, 2024 at 11:10 PM