



Mr. James W. Sutton

October 26, 1939 - March 13, 2010

James Wesley Sutton, also known as Allamophi, completed his last marathon Saturday, March 13, 2010, surrounded by his family. Allamophi was born October 26, 1939 in Battle Creek, Michigan to the late R. J. Sutton and Lorraine (Sherrod) Sutton. He resided in Kalamazoo, Michigan, his entire life. He was baptized at Second Baptist Church on Walbridge Street as a youth; and he sang in the choir. Allamophi loved sports and was an avid University of Michigan fan. He ran in several marathons across the country and was well known in Kalamazoo as a runner. Allamophi could be seen running down S. Drake Road or other streets throughout Kalamazoo. Allamophi attended Kalamazoo Public Schools; he graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1957. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force March 12, 1958. He received an honorable discharge March 9, 1962. Allamophi attended Western Michigan University. He was employed by Upjohn-Pharmacia-Pfizer as a Chemist Assistant for over 30 years; he retired in 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents R.J. and Lorraine Sutton, sisters Sarita Collins and Nellie Terry, brother Kevin Sutton, and brother-in-law George Collins. Allamophi leaves to cherish his memory one brother, Richard (Cynthia) Sutton of Orange, N.J.; three sisters, Sharon Powell, Colette (Edward) Woods, Vanessa Sutton, all of Lansing, MI; two aunts; a special nephew, Robert Terry of Kansas City, KS who was like a son; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

MAR 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
609 N. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James W. Sutton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. James W. Sutton*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Jim was a bit odd. I say that with great affection. And with great respect. He was intellectual, philosophical and spiritual. And though he generally kept to himself, he exuded a gentle demeanor and unspoken confidence that I always admired. His discipline was awe-inspiring (he jogged farther than some people drive)! Unlike many, he was not a "go along to get along" type of person. I wish we had spent more time together, but our once-in-a-while conversations were never short of content, depth or meaning. I will miss seeing you jogging on Drake and I will no longer run into you at Hardings. In my 46 years of life, I have always been drawn to the non-conformist, the unique, and yes, the odd. I will miss you Jim.##imported-begin##Dan Newman##imported-end##*

March 19, 2010 at 12:01 PM



“ *we were so sorry to hear of james death ,may god give you comfort,strength and his blessings through tihs time of sorrow.##imported-begin##andy & dawn wilkerson##imported-end##*

March 19, 2010 at 11:41 AM



“ Our prays and thoughts are with you all at this time. And the good Lord will give you comfort and strength.##imported-begin##Rev & Mrs. Wilbur(Peggy) Mosley & son Damon##imported-end##

March 18, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ I Love the Sutton family, call me if you need help with anything.

Love Jennette##imported-begin##Jennette tarver##imported-end##

March 18, 2010 at 03:24 PM



“ I also worked with James for many years at Upjohn/Pharmacia/Pfizer. He always carried himself with such dignity that I always called him James. But he could also be really funny. There was always a lot of laughter coming from the back of the lab especially when Vet Carver was around. There was never a dull moment with those two.##imported-begin##Carol Mitchell##imported-end##

March 18, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ I also had the pleasure of working with Jim at Upjohn. He was a man of strong principles who always stood up for what he believed. Jim was very interesting to talk to about a variety of subjects and I learned a lot from him.##imported-begin##Kay Weischedel Alexander##imported-end##

March 18, 2010 at 08:39 AM



“ It was a pleasure to have worked with Jim at the old Upjohn Company years ago. My thoughts go out to his family and close friends.##imported-begin##Scott Ashford##imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 03:49 PM



“ Jim Sutton!

His name still resonates with me now as it did when, as a youngster, I can remember my dad talking about him. Both of my parents knew Jim Sutton, and then I, too, had the pleasure of becoming his friend. Jim Sutton was a first-rate intellectual, a man who always searched for (and encouraged others to do so, as well) the deeper meaning, and inter-connections of ideas. Logic, and Reason meant everything to him! What an incredible guy he was. I am both grateful, and my own life has been enriched, for having known him.

God Bless Alamofi Jim Sutton!##imported-begin##Sekou Clifford Kip Walker##imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 02:10 PM



“ My mother (Priscilla Phillips) grew up with the Suttons. Both she and I would like to send our condolences to this wonderful family.##imported-begin##Meka Phillips##imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ Jim was a good friend of mine for many years. He was an unusual man with strong beliefs. I will remember him on the runs we did together. May his soul rest in peace.##imported-begin##Dan Clifton##imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ *God will give you the strength to endure
our "loss"...*##imported-begin##carolyn oliver##imported-end##

March 16, 2010 at 02:36 PM