



Mr. Richard R. Sutton

September 28, 1940 - June 11, 2018

*****CORRECTED FUNERAL SERVICE DATE & TIMES*****

NOTE: SEE CORRECTION BELOW--Service DATE & TIMES: FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018---Visitation 10:30 a.m. & Memorial Service 11:00 a.m.***

Richard R. Sutton, also known as “Atiba” to family and friends passed away Monday morning June 11, 2018. Richard was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on September 28, 1940 the son of R.J. and Lorraine Sutton. He was baptized at Second Baptist Church on Walbridge Street.

He attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and later enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1958. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Kalamazoo, and enrolled at Western Michigan University, where he completed his under graduate degree. While attending WMU, he started the Black Action Movement know as B.A.M. Richard became employed at WMU as a black history Professor. Richard moved to Orange, New Jersey and attended Columbia University where he received his MBA. He was employed by IBM and AT&T as Senior Account Executive, and was also employed by the City Of Orange.

He loved his family, enjoyed engaging with all people and his home was always open.

He was preceded in death by his parents R.J. and Lorraine Sutton; sisters, Nellie Terry and Sarita Collins; 2 brothers, James Sutton aka "Allamophi" and Kevin aka "Changa" and a brother-in-law, George Collins.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia aka "Kemba" of Orange, NJ; 5 sons, Alimophii of Boca Raton, Florida; Sadikifu, Kabiatsu, Changa and Oladele all of Orange, NJ; 4 Daughters: Kim Scruggs, Tamara (Terry) Parker, Terrie Patterson all of Jackson MI, Ekua Sutton of Orange, NJ; 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; Special nephew, Adonis Brooks; close friends, Earl Jenkins, Moses Walker And Leroy Bell; 3 sisters, Sharon Powell, Colette (Edward) Woods of Lansing MI and Vanessa Sutton aka "Nataki" of Hillsborough, NJ; Several nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard R. Sutton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Richard R. Sutton*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr Sutton! Thank you for provide a second home for me, playing basketball and eatting Mrs Sutton's pizza. Some of the best memories of my childhood. PEACE! Dre Brown*

Andre Brown - July 30, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *Someone who really cares, Donnie Bell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard R. Sutton.*



Someone who really cares, Donnie Bell - July 13, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard R. Sutton*



Karen Johnson-Foster - July 12, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Sutton.



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