



Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST)

July 21, 1942 - October 26, 2025

Sylvester Ernest Sutton, 83, of Arizona, formerly of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025.

Born July 21, 1942, to Royal and Beatrice Sutton, Sylvester was the youngest of five brothers. He attended Central High School alongside Muhammad Ali. Sylvester proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1973, stationed in Guam, Puerto Rico, China, Hawaii, Alameda, and Taiwan, aboard the USS Ponce and USS Markab. He earned the rank of Petty Officer Second Class and received several honors, including the National Defense Service Medal and a commendation for the recovery of an F4 Phantom and its pilots. He later served in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1979.

He married Carolyn Harris in 1974 and lovingly embraced her children, Larry and Carolyn. Sylvester worked as a machinist and shop foreman at Louisville Naval Ordnance until his retirement in 1996.

In retirement, he enjoyed cheering for the St. Louis Rams, Louisville Cardinals, and the Kentucky Derby. He was known for hosting festive Christmas Eve parties and sharing stories from his military service.

After Carolyn's passing in 2017, Sylvester moved to Arizona in 2022 to be near his daughter.

He spent his final years surrounded by family and love.

He is survived by his daughter, Yolanda (Jonathan) Peiffer; stepson, Larry (Sunshine) Harris;

stepdaughter; Carolyn Sherill, six grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews,

and cousins.

Visitation: 2pm-4pm Friday, October 31, 2025, at A.D. Porter & Sons Southeast, 4501 Bardstown Rd., funeral service to follow at 4pm. Burial: 11am Saturday, November 1, 2025, in Cave Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project

Cemetery Details

Cave Hill Cemetery

701 Baxter Ave
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Southeast
4501 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218
(502) 491-7885
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com
<https://adporters.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 5 months dad. This isn't getting any easier for me. Im watching games waiting for you to cuss or you to ask me to make you seafood. I miss you so much. I hope you and Mom are together and at peace. I love you both so much. Kiss Lokie for me.

Yolanda Sutton Peiffer - March 30 at 09:38 PM

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“ Francine & Harold purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST).



Francine & Harold - October 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ Daddy,

49 years wasn't enough with you. You were my rock and my sports buddy. I loved having you over at the house watching Cardinal football and screaming our team on. Even when you went to the nursing home, we made it a point to have a Super Bowl party so you could join. I know things were never the same when Momma died. I think a large part of you left when she died. I will say when I held your hand Sunday when you died I knew it was time. You were ready to be with your love again. I hope you both are resting in the arms of the Lord. I told you Sunday not to fight for me cause I knew your health was declining and I meant that. I wanted you to be with Momma so you could be pain free. I will always love you and I thank you for being the best Dad ever. I will always look upon the stars and send my love. Rest easy Boatswain. I love you forever. Your daughter, Yolanda

Yolanda Peiffer - October 29, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST).



October 29, 2025 at 06:32 PM

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“ Yolanda and Jonathan Peiffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST).

Yolanda and Jonathan Peiffer - October 29, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST)*.



October 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ *Yolanda and Jonathan Peiffer* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Sylvester Ernest Sutton (SOUTHEAST)*.

Yolanda and Jonathan Peiffer - October 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM