



Craig Oakley Sutton

May 5, 1955 - September 2, 2016

Craig Oakley Sutton, LTC, USAF Retired, died at the Adler Center for Caring on Friday, September 2, 2016.

Col Sutton was a B52 Pilot for the Air Force, a former High School Science Teacher and Proposal Manager for Lockheed Martin. He was an active Mason and member of Lodge #464 in Royal Oak, Michigan. He loved gardening, music, golf and his family but God was always first in his life. He was an Elder at Greenwich Presbyterian Church and sang in the church choir.

He was preceded in death by his father Lowell Lewis Sutton.

Survivors include his loving wife Barbara Caberto Sutton; his children Christopher Oakley Sutton and wife Alaina and Carilyn Caberto Mello and husband Samuel; his mother Mary Alice Oakley Sutton; his sister Susan Shook and husband Stephen and his grandchildren Addison Nicole, Chandon Oakley and Bryden Thomas.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Monday, September 12, 2016 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM. Funeral services will be held at Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Graveside services at Culpeper National Cemetery at 2:00

PM Tuesday.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to Greenwich Presbyterian Church and the Church Choir.

Cemetery Details

Culpeper National Cemetery

305 U.S. Ave
Culpeper, VA 22701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Visitation

SEP **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greenwich Presbyterian Church
15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
(703) 754-7933
office@greenwichpres.org
<http://greenwichpres.org/>

Tribute Wall

MR

“ It has been a little over 5 years...Today, I was going thru an old Lockheed Martin box, and across came a note from Craig-"Find me in the production room". Ironic that it happened today... just a few day after his crossing the bridge ceremony... I hope his family has found peace. Please know that he is thought about still in the community. He was a wonderful co-worker and always had the best attitude- even when the going got super tough. I miss his stories and the advice he shared :) May peace be with the Sutton Family as anniversary can be very difficult....

Michaela Rohrbach - September 13, 2021 at 03:26 PM

AR

“ My first crunch at Camp Skyline.
I was 13 years old.
A true Man of God.



Anne Rossier - May 16, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ God bless, Craig!

Gonzalo Vergara - April 21, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JF

“ I was saddened to run across this obituary of Craig, we go way back to K I Sawyer AFB days where we both started our AF careers as co-pilots on the B-52. My prayers go out to Barb and the kids. Craig was a good man and a good "rival" as we competed for various positions during our young careers.

Jerry Farish

Jerry Farish - September 22, 2017 at 08:05 PM

JP

“ To the Family of Craig Sutton my deepest sympathies at the loss of your loved one. The last time I saw Craig was in the fall 2008 at CMU for a fraternity reunion. It was great seeing him then and he was a great "Lil Brother" of mine in the fraternity. I know he will be missed by his loved ones and the friends he touched throughout his life. ZAX Jack Pittwood.

Jack Pittwood - September 13, 2016 at 02:49 PM

CB

“ I met Barbara and Craig Sutton at my first B-52 assignment at K I Sawyer AFB, MI. I have only fond memories of them. I believe I only flew with Craig once or twice there, but shared many, many wonderful times with our feet firmly on Mother Earth. The last time I saw Craig, in person, was sharing lunch at the Pentagon, when we were both still on active duty in the USAF; however, like all military families we kept up with each other's families via long distance. We admired how our children grew up great and ogled over our grandchildren. I will always remember Craig as the lieutenant, at his first operational B-52 assignment and Craig as a the lieutenant colonel, at the Pentagon. Craig, please put a good word in with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the rest of us!

Colonel and Mrs. Albert Burnett - September 12, 2016 at 08:58 PM

HG

“ Hugs and love to all, Steve & Lou Ann, Beth, Gary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



Hugs and love to all, Steve & Lou Ann, Beth, Gary -
September 12, 2016 at 11:31 AM

PA

“ Patricia lit a candle in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton



Patricia - September 12, 2016 at 11:27 AM

PA

I was truly blessed to have known Mr. Sutton as a colleague at Freedom High School. May the memories of him serve as a comfort to all of his family and friends.

Patricia - September 12, 2016 at 11:34 AM

SC

Mr. Sutton has left a legacy of faith and endurance and will be remembered by many. May the Sutton family be comforted and covered with great love as they celebrate this wonderful servant of the Lord.

Sister in Christ - September 12, 2016 at 06:48 PM

AE

“ *All our Love, Tim, Margaret and Kristen Everett purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



All our Love, Tim, Margaret and Kristen Everett - September 11, 2016 at 10:21 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 11, 2016 at 09:10 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 11, 2016 at 04:20 PM

CC

“ *All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Lisa and I have so many wonderful memories. Craig lives on in those memories. God Bless You all. Peace.*

Chris & Lisa Coley

Chris Coley - September 11, 2016 at 03:23 PM

WC

“ *With Sympathy, Barb, Eddie and Makenna Christian purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



With Sympathy, Barb, Eddie and Makenna Christian -
September 11, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 10, 2016 at 06:22 PM

WM

“ *With Love, Stephanie Curry and Ryan Mundis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



With Love, Stephanie Curry and Ryan Mundis - September
10, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 10, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences are with the Sutton family. Craig was an outstanding gentleman and I had the pleasure of working with him for many years at LM. Even on the toughest days, he always brought a smile and cheered us all up. He will be missed dearly by all. May peace be with you all.*

Michaela Rohrbach - September 10, 2016 at 07:07 AM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 10, 2016 at 12:58 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Sutton Family, may God's Grace bring you all peace. Fair Winds and Following Seas Craig, Keep the blue side up...Semper Fidelis*

LtCol S. E. Richmond USMC(Ret)

S. E. Richmond - September 10, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *With Love from Nolan's "Nichols College Family" purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



With Love from Nolan's "Nichols College Family" -
September 09, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ Justin and Lindsay Brown purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



Justin and Lindsay Brown - September 09, 2016 at 04:34 PM

FG

“ From the men and women of the 59th Training Group purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



From the men and women of the 59th Training Group -
September 09, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



September 09, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



September 09, 2016 at 12:51 PM

AM

“ Amy & Bruce, Brent & Leticia, Craig & Meghan purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



Amy & Bruce, Brent & Leticia, Craig & Meghan - September 09, 2016 at 11:19 AM

SC

“ We toast our hearty comrades who have fallen from the skies, and were gently caught by God's own hand to be with him on High.

*To dwell among the soaring clouds they've known so well before.
From victory roll to tail chase, at heaven's very door.*

As we fly among them there, we're sure to head their plea. To take care my friend, watch your six, and do one more roll for me.

Blue Skies and a Strong Tailwind are forever yours

One of your many Wingmen...

Steve Caberto

Steve Caberto - September 09, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



September 09, 2016 at 09:45 AM

BS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. The Sutton family has impacted my life. Barbara was one of my teachers at Baldwin Elementary school. Craig's daughter Cari has been a mentor, colleague, and friend every since I joined the Manassas City Police Department. Anytime my family went to a get together at the Sutton's residence we have always been made to feel like part of their family.

I'll miss Craig's words of wisdom while out by the grill.

Brett, Kami, Nicole, and Philip Stumpf

Brett Stumpf - September 09, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



September 08, 2016 at 03:50 PM

TI

“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton



Tina - September 08, 2016 at 12:19 PM

AE

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. He was a lively, humorous, hard working coworker who cared for his students.*

May you all forever cherish the lovely memories.

-Amira Elsieh

Amira Elsieh - September 08, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 07, 2016 at 04:42 PM

CF

“ *Chip & Amanda Foster purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



Chip & Amanda Foster - September 06, 2016 at 06:30 PM

HB

“ Dearest Sutton Family, I am so deeply saddened by the loss of My Closest Friend, words simply cant describe how I feel... All of you are in mine and Angela's prayers.

I still remember as though it were yesterday, the day Craig and I first met. We were placed together in a golf tournament. Yours truly was picked as the last "hitter." Craig got up third and drove the Green-needless to say, I didn't need to tee off for most of the day; as Craig literally "carried the team" around the course. I guess that speaks volumes about Craig, he was always "carrying" someone, somewhere, all his Life. His and Barb's care for Jeannie is just one of a legion of such selfless acts he gave for his neighbors! Craig truly lived the law that Christ gave to his followers: Love thy God with all your heart, all your soul, mind and strength; and love thy "Neighbor" as thyself. Craig was the most giving Man to his neighbor I've ever met! How he will be missed by all who had the extreme pleasure of knowing this Great Husband, Father, Neighbor and Friend.

The country has also truly lost a great Statesman! Craig was passionate in debate, over what was happening to this country. His well articulated arguments leave a legacy for those of us who are far less passionate to carry forward...

Craig's students have lost a true and trusted mentor. In today's day and age it is indeed rare for youth to look up to its seniors for guidance and direction. It wasn't his stature, although that's not to be ruled out..., it was his heart's concern for the students, which witnessed to their spirits.

Craig, I will always remember how you stood up for me Brother! I miss you Man!!!

Hal Blackiston - September 06, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 06, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Matt lit a candle in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton*



Matt - September 06, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ *Barb, Chris, Carilyn and Family - You are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry to hear of Craig's passing. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, brother and son and he will be dearly missed by so many friends and family. He's earned his ultimate set of wings and is up in heaven waiting for the day he will be re-united with those he loved.*



Hugs to all ~ John, Nancy and Chris Drummond

John, Nancy and Chris Drummond - September 06, 2016 at 06:08 AM

D7

“ *Debbie Distler Drake & Seaholm Class 73 sent a virtual gift in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton*



Debbie Distler Drake & Seaholm Class 73 - September 05, 2016 at 08:14 PM

AB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ann Jonckheere Brennan - September 05, 2016 at 05:32 PM

AB

I always enjoyed Craig at such family events as Elizabeth's wedding and commissioning. Mary Alice's 90th birthday coincided with the wedding. May you rest in peace Craig.

Ann Jonckheere Brennan - September 05, 2016 at 05:33 PM

DC

“ *To Barb and family.....prayers and blessings to you all in this a time of change and loss to you all. The short time I have known Craig and his wonderful family have been abounding in Joy and fellowship with an added touch of friendship and love. Thank you Barb for sharing this gentle man with us and know that Craig will always be with us in spirit and in our hearts.*

Blessins

Diane Carroll and family

Diane Carroll - September 05, 2016 at 12:07 AM

BI

“ *Barb and Family,*
Our sincere condolences to you and your family. I worked with Craig at SIFC at Castle. It was a small group of great instructors, but Craig always stood out, not only for his height, but that he could always find an entertaining story or just talk on any subject. He was a standup guy, great pilot and I'm sure a great father as well. Peace be with you and your family.

Bill and Annette Schlecht

Bill - September 04, 2016 at 06:49 PM

BK

“ *High Flight*

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air... .*

*Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

— *John Gillespie Magee*

Bill McManus from Chicago ..87th FIS, KI - September 04, 2016 at 04:51 PM

 Steve
Butler

“ *The 644th Bomb Squadron was playing for the Flag Football Base Championship at KI Sawyer AFB. We were tied with the Tanker Squadron in overtime. I trot off the field and give Craig a high five as he goes in to kick the Championship winning field goal, which of course he drilled right down the middle. "Sudden Death" certainly had a much happier meaning on that day. We will miss you my friend. Rest in peace!!*

Steve Butler - September 04, 2016 at 01:19 PM

DL

“ *Barb and family,
Though we have never met I want to tell you how much of an impact Craig had on my life in high school. He was ALWAYS a friend to the end and made each person that came into contact with him feel valued and loved.
We sang together through many years of choir at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and had a blast at all the FOCUS youth events. I have hilarious memories of him square dancing with me (all 5 feet of me in high school) and tobogganing on the hill at Skyline. He was a ham in the theater productions at church and starred in high school plays at Seaholm High School. His joy for life was always present.
His love of life, his God, and his family have all been evident through this horrendous battle. May his songs with the heavenly choir ring in your ears and hearts whenever you need them.
Peace, hugs, and smiles to you all.
Doreen "DJ" Logan*

Doreen Logan - September 04, 2016 at 11:31 AM

NE

“ We will always remember your amazing Christmas parties and how Craig enjoyed laughing and sharing with all your guests! I can still see his brilliant smile and the joy he always gave to others! Our prayers are with you for peace at this difficult time.

Nancy & Bart Emanuel - September 04, 2016 at 09:33 AM

DR

“ Dear Barb,

I was saddened to read about Craig. I'll miss his great stories, smile, and laughter. And, of course, his updates about you and your children.

May you all find peace and comfort today and in the times ahead. I'm so sorry for your loss.

*Fondly ,
Daisy 🌻 Reynolds*

Daisy Reynolds - September 04, 2016 at 09:02 AM

CB

“ Barb, It is so hard to believe it has been over 30 years since we all met at K I Sawyer; yet keeping up through the years and watching the kids grow up ,getting married , your new adventures, grand-babies come- it seems we are still around the corner. I do wish that were the case and I could be right there to help comfort. No amount of preparation makes you ready for this; we will keep you and the family in our prayers and know that Craig will be watching over all of you as he is with the Lord. God Bless.

Cheri and Frank Beauvais

Cheri Beauvais - September 04, 2016 at 08:51 AM

SD

“ Steve and Anna (Rowley) Droulard purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.



Steve and Anna (Rowley) Droulard - September 04, 2016 at 12:17 AM

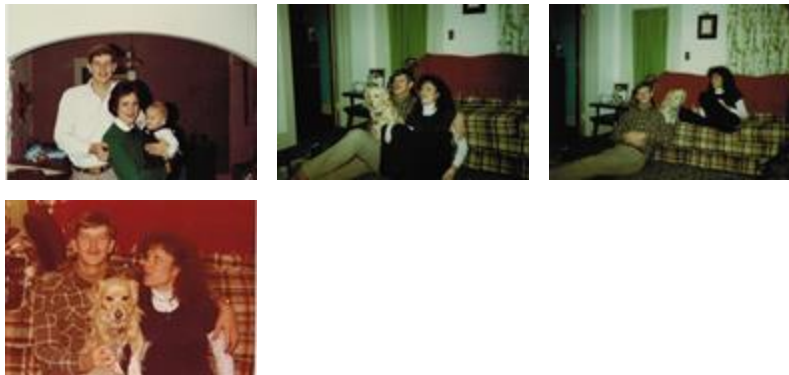
DB

“ Craig showed us how to approach a tough battle and never give up. The rest of the family how to support and love someone in this battle. So many friends and classmates feel for you and pray for you during this time of loss. We shall remember Craig forever and see him live through his children he mentored so well.

Dennis Boyd - September 03, 2016 at 11:54 PM

AN

“ 4 files added to the album Rowley-Droulard



Anna - September 03, 2016 at 10:33 PM

BF

“ *Bill & Kathy Lemke, family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



Bill & Kathy Lemke, family - September 03, 2016 at 08:09 PM

DA

“ *1 file added to the album Manzon's*



Danny - September 03, 2016 at 07:02 PM

LK

“ *Love Lara & Ken purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



Love Lara & Ken - September 03, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Munden's



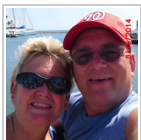
Judy Munden - September 03, 2016 at 06:04 PM



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September 03, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Judy Munden sent a virtual gift in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton*



Judy Munden - September 03, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *Judy Munden lit a candle in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton*



Judy Munden - September 03, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 03, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Craig Oakley Sutton.*



September 03, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Cathy Manzon lit a candle in memory of Craig Oakley Sutton*



Cathy Manzon - September 03, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Cathy Manzon sent a virtual gift in memory of
Craig Oakley Sutton*



Cathy Manzon - September 03, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Manzon's*



Cathy Manzon - September 03, 2016 at 03:33 PM