



Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton

January 8, 1942 - March 29, 2026

Douglas MacArthur Sutton, 84, of Sumner went home to be with his Lord on March 29, 2026, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 2, 2026 in the First Baptist Church of Sylvester. Reverend Donnie Duncan will officiate and the eulogy will be given by Garrett Rippey, Mr. Sutton's grandson. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until the Service Hour at First Baptist Church. A private family burial will follow after the service.

Pallbearers will be Mark Daniel, Butch Jenkins, Ross Powell, Tim Sumner, Tommy Sumner, and Kerry Underwood.

Mr. Sutton was born on January 8, 1942, to the late Arnold and Edna B. Sutton. A lifelong resident of Worth County, Mr. Sutton farmed for over twenty years and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after twenty years of service. During his time with the Postal Service, he developed lifelong friendships with the people on his route getting to know families, assisting elderly residents, and exchanging daily greetings. He was affectionately known as "Mail Mack" by those on his route.

Mr. Sutton taught RAs for many years and coached numerous ball teams, including the RA State Championship Softball team in 1980. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sylvester and had previously served as a Deacon. Mr. Sutton was a member of the Lions Club, Cattleman's Association, and served as a County Commissioner.

He loved to spend time with his family and especially adored his grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. He was affectionately called Papa by them, and he always had time for special adventures with all of them. While he was able, he attended every dance recital and ballgame. He could be heard from the stands and sidelines cheering wildly, offering unsolicited advice, and keeping the referees on their toes.

Mr. Sutton loved spending time outdoors, and he enjoyed sharing the bounty of his carefully maintained garden with his friends and neighbors. He was known for his outgoing personality and generous spirit, and he always had time to help others in his community.

He graduated from Sumner High School in 1960 where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Judy Powell Sutton. Together they celebrated 64 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his three children, Douglas MacArthur Sutton, Jr. of Toccoa; Natalie Sutton Rippy (Bob) of Tifton; and Megan Sutton Lightfoot (Tony) of Valdosta; grandchildren, Garrett Rippy of Greenville, NC; Ali Rippy Turner (Matthew) of Valdosta; Tyler and Ryan Lightfoot of Valdosta; and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Marianne Turner of Valdosta; siblings, Glenda Danile and Vonnie Newell (Tommy).

In addition to his parents, Mr. Sutton was preceded in death by a brother, Lenwood Sutton; and a sister Joan Underwood.

The family expresses deep appreciation to Phoebe Hospice, and especially to his friends, Jerri Pate, Doug Roy, and Rick and Lynn Bridges, who assisted in his recent care.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

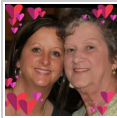
Tribute Wall



“ *Banks Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*

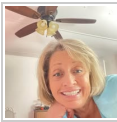


Banks Funeral Home - April 01 at 11:30 AM



I remember Mack on the mail route, you could always hear him whistling coming down the road. He was a kind man.

Angela Kite - April 01 at 08:57 PM



RIP Mac.

Dana Rae Pitts - April 03 at 08:59 PM

CS

Godspeed Mack, thank you for always being a kind soul. You were well respected by all that knew you. God bless you and family.

Chuck Spurlin - April 04 at 12:08 PM

JS

I have lost the love of my life! Judy

judy sutton - April 11 at 08:01 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Carolyn Littleton - April 02 at 05:51 PM

TL

“ So very sorry for your loss Mrs Judy. Mack was a good man and will be missed by many!! Prayers for you and your family. Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn & Pat Hodge



Tammy Lawhorn - April 02 at 10:21 AM

AH

“ Ann Haire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Ann Haire - April 02 at 07:16 AM

FV

“ Faye Vance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



faye vance - April 02 at 01:21 AM

JB

“ *Judy Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Judy Braswell - April 02 at 01:03 AM

CY

“ *He always delivered the mail with a smile, he always smiled!
We are sending prayers to the family.
Angel, Clay, Gavin, & Ansley Young*

Clay and Angel Young - April 01 at 10:42 PM

SP

“ *Steve & Lori Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Steve & Lori Potts - April 01 at 05:00 PM

DT

“ *Darrin Malone & Southern Amvac Team sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Darrin Malone & Southern Amvac Team - April 01 at 10:41 AM

JP

“ *Greatest Post man in years.*

Julie Patterson - March 31 at 06:56 PM

BF

“ *Beth Hill Favreau lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Beth Hill Favreau - March 31 at 02:53 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Debra Jones - March 31 at 02:31 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Mary Jane Fraley - March 31 at 02:25 PM

DM

“ Oh, Mrs Judy & Family, he will be so missed by so many. Hold fast now to all those precious moments and memories! And may knowing that he is healed now and was loved here by so many give you comfort in the days ahead. He had the best smile, and his hugs were wonderful. God let us know and love the mighty fine man he was for a while, and grants us the calm reassurance that we'll see him again in a much better place. Praying for you all to feel God's arms around you now.

Dan Pat Miller - March 31 at 11:08 AM

BM

“ JUDY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND ALL I HAVE TO OVER YOU ARE MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR COMFORT. I CAN NOT ATTEND THE SERVICE DUE TO A DOCTORS APPOINTMENT IN ALBANY. I REALLY T HOUGHT THE WORLD OF MAC. TAKE CARE!

BYRON MEDDERS - March 30 at 11:05 PM

VW

“ We are so sorry Mrs. Judy and family. We can't believe he's gone. We will see him again one day. Y'all are the sweetest couple around. We certainly are glad our paths crossed at church. Thank you Lord for letting us have wonderful fellowship together.



Van and Jessica Whittle - March 30 at 09:39 PM

JL

“ *Jr Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Jr Lewis - March 30 at 09:22 PM

FD

“ *Frank Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Frank Davis - March 30 at 07:45 PM

DB

“ *Mack was simply a sweetheart.. he was my mailman and always came up our driveway to talk. He will be missed so much.. so very for your family's loss Judy..*

Donna Broadway - March 30 at 07:02 PM

SH

“ *Our condolences to the family on the loss of Mr. Mac. I don't know of a single man that would rate higher than him in almost any category. This was a great man that was beloved by all that knew him. He was a treasure to the community and will always be remembered with the highest of respect.*



Scott houston - March 30 at 05:49 PM

CH

“ *Conway Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Conway Harris - March 30 at 05:48 PM

LC

“ *Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Larry Crowe - March 30 at 05:43 PM

MH

“ *He was a good man who made you proud to be his first cousin. You didn't wonder if he loved you. He told you. He checked on me and my family regularly. I will miss him and my memories from childhood forward through our lives . Butch Hurst*



Millard Butch Hurst - March 30 at 05:01 PM

JA

Judy, I was so sorry to hear about Mack's death. He was one of the nicest people I have ever known. Prayers for you and your family.

Jo Ann - March 30 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ Pray for all the family! Kim & Jill Willingham



Jill Willingham - March 30 at 04:42 PM

JA

“ John Eric Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



John Eric Adams - March 30 at 04:10 PM

AE

“ Ann McKellar Edmondson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Ann McKellar Edmondson - March 30 at 03:28 PM

JC

“ Truly a fine Christian gentleman who will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏

Janice Carter - March 30 at 03:25 PM

CB

“ Chris Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Chris Burrell - March 30 at 03:24 PM

CJ

“ My condolences to the family. He was such a kind man! Sending love and prayers.



Cindy Jones - March 30 at 02:55 PM

BP

“ Love this family! Prayers for Judy and the rest of the family! Mac was a good man of God! Also the best mailman ever!!



Barbara Pattee - March 30 at 01:38 PM

DD

“ Darrell Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Darrell Donald - March 30 at 01:34 PM



“ *Such a sweet soul called home. Growing up at Poulan Baptist Church, he was always so kind along with his wife Judy. He will be missed dearly! The Sutton family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

CaseyandTearston Adams - March 30 at 01:25 PM

SJ

“ *Susie James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



susie james - March 30 at 12:57 PM

PD

“ *Paul And Susan Davidson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Paul and Susan Davidson - March 30 at 12:51 PM

JC

“ *Joe Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Joe Carter - March 30 at 12:06 PM

JC

Mack was a great person , a true southern gentleman.

Joe Carter - March 30 at 12:09 PM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Marsha Hickox - March 30 at 11:40 AM

GP

“ *We were fortunate to meet & became friends with Mack and Judy at Northside Baptist Church. They are such a caring couple who truly live their Christian faith. Mack's sense of humor made him so much fun to be with. Asking the Lord to wrap Judy, Natalie & Art in his mighty arms of Love. Deepest Sympathy,
Gary & Dianne Pitts*

Gary & Dianne Pitts - March 30 at 11:16 AM

MW

“ *Mike Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Mike willis - March 30 at 11:09 AM

SG

“ Shannon Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Shannon Goodwin - March 30 at 10:38 AM

CB

“ Charles Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Charles Booth - March 30 at 10:23 AM

PL

“ Penny Robert Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Penny Robert Lowe - March 30 at 10:20 AM

TC

“ TERESA COKER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



TERESA COKER - March 30 at 10:08 AM

BM

“ HE WAS A SWEET MAN ONE OF MY DAD FRIENDS HE WILL MISSED BY MANY



Barbara (Conley) Mccook - March 30 at 10:07 AM

BB

“ A good friend for many years, he will be missed.



Bobby Barber - March 30 at 09:51 AM

JO

“ JR OSBORNE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



JR OSBORNE - March 30 at 08:48 AM

JO

We surely will miss him at the feed store,,,sharing stories and talking about JESUS with us..RIP Mr. Mack

JR OSBORNE - March 30 at 08:55 AM

JS

JR Mack loved to go to the Feed Store!

judy sutton - April 11 at 08:06 AM

KW

“ *Kebo Whitten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Kebo Whitten - March 30 at 08:25 AM

BA

“ *Beth Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Beth Adams - March 30 at 05:07 AM

RJ

“ *So sad to hear of Mr Mack's passing. My prayers go out to Mrs. Judy, Art, Natalie and all of the family. I will miss him because I considered him to be a friend as well as a mentor and was like family. My condolences.*



Ralph Willis Jr - March 29 at 10:50 PM

DR

“ *David And Dianne Register lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



David and Dianne Register - March 29 at 09:22 PM

EC

“ Ms. Judy, Natalie and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Mack. I have always called him my whistling mailman. My children use to love to hear him coming down the road. If he caught you outside be expected to talk and hear wonderful stories. I also had a chance to work with Natalie for a short time at school. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! God bless you!



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - March 29 at 09:06 PM

HD

“ Mrs. Judy, Natalie and family, Karla, Nathan, Michael and I send our love and sympathy in your loss of Mr. Mack. We always enjoyed seeing he and Mrs. Judy. Our love and prayers are with each of you as you go through these days. With love, Karla, Nathan, Michael and Howard

Howatd H. DuVall - March 29 at 08:03 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Karen Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Bobby and Karen Watson - March 29 at 07:05 PM

LW

Judy & family...prayers for you with your loss.
Bayne & Linda

Linda V. Weil - March 30 at 12:22 PM

RD

“ Randy & Nancy Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Randy & Nancy Dawson - March 29 at 07:01 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Mack. Prayers for all his family.



Tosha McDonald - March 29 at 06:59 PM

BL

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Mack. Praying for each one of you.



Bambi T Lawson - March 29 at 06:44 PM

JP

“ Judy Lynn Buckley Pierson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Judy Lynn Buckley Pierson - March 29 at 06:32 PM

PN

“ *Pat Narred lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Pat Narred - March 29 at 06:15 PM

VC

“ *Vickie Buckley Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Vickie Buckley Castleberry - March 29 at 03:42 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Sandra A Jones - March 29 at 02:47 PM

KG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Mack was a good man. Prayers for the family.*



Kathy Griffin - March 29 at 02:45 PM

CB

“ Charles & Gale Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Charles & Gale Booth - March 29 at 01:14 PM

SW

“ Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Sandra Watson - March 29 at 01:09 PM

JJ

Oh Judy, Art, Natalie and Meghan I'm so sad to see this. Mack was one of the sweetest men I know. I always looked forward to seeing him when we would go out to eat. I will truly miss seeing him. He's always been a great man. Love you all.

Janie Johnson - March 29 at 08:17 PM

DF

“ We are so sad to hear of the loss of Mack!
Love and prayers to his family!



Dorothy Collins Suggs & family - March 29 at 12:37 PM

DR

“ Mr Mack was my Sunday school teacher for a bit at Poulan Babtist Church, what a difference he made. Always a joy to see him out in the community. My thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful family

Deirdre K Reynolds - March 29 at 12:36 PM

FM

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Mack delivering our mail when I was a kid, I always loved to hear him whistling as he drove down the road. Mr. Mack was such a kind soul and will be missed.

Fiona Murray - March 29 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Karen McDonald - March 29 at 11:57 AM

MT

“ Melissa Buckley Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Melissa Buckley Thornton - March 29 at 11:35 AM

MB

Melissa Buckley Thornton

Melissa Buckley-Thornton - March 29 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ So sad to hear about Mack.



debbie sutton - March 29 at 11:23 AM

LC

“ A long time friend, he will be missed



Larry Crowe - March 29 at 11:15 AM

BP

“ Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Bonnie Potts - March 29 at 11:14 AM

PD

“ Philip Duke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Philip Duke - March 29 at 10:12 AM

CT

“ *Culmer Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Culmer Tanner - March 29 at 09:48 AM

PW

“ *I lost my last remaining uncle. He was always a loving and kind man who loved his family. He will be truly missed but God has healed his broken body. Please pray for Aunt Judy and family.*

Paula Wishum - March 29 at 09:47 AM

TS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers too your family.*



Tammy Smith - March 29 at 09:40 AM

LM

“ *My Love and Prayers to Judy and family. I will always remember Mack, he truly Loved the Lord. Loved seeing him at Poulan Baptist Church through the years. Such a gentle and kind soul who truly loved the Lord and his family immensely. May God continue to hold you extra close in the days and weeks to come. I Pray for Comfort, Grace and Mercy in your hour of need. Yours, In Christ, Laura*

Laura Marshall - March 29 at 09:28 AM

LM

“ *Laura Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Laura Marshall - March 29 at 09:16 AM

KT

“ *I am so sorry to see this about Mr. Mack !!! I always will remember him from my days in Sumner. My heart and prayers go out to all of you*



Kathy Thompson - March 29 at 08:59 AM

CY

“ *Love and prayers to Judy and family. I will always remember Mack as a gentle and kind soul who loved the Lord and his family. May God hold you extra close in the days and weeks to come.*



Carol Roberts York - March 29 at 08:46 AM

GS

“ *Gail Snipes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Sutton*



Gail Snipes - March 29 at 08:24 AM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Douglas MacArthur Sutton



June Coker - March 29 at 08:19 AM

TS

“ Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Douglas MacArthur Sutton



Tony Senkbeil - March 29 at 08:04 AM

JY

Judy, I was so sorry to hear about Mack's death. He was such a nice person and a godly Christian!

Jo Ann Youngblood - March 30 at 07:46 PM