



## Raymond Sutton Jr

August 13, 2023

RAYMOND DALE SUTTON, JR. 66, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, August 13, 2023 after

a very unexpected and blessedly fast bout of stage IV lung cancer. Ray was born and raised in

Houston, Texas in 1957 to father Raymond Dale Sr and mother Mary Jo (nee Felton), as the

second child of three, to a modest and hardworking household.

While Ray was never active in formal military service, he did attend Gulf Coast Military

Academy of Gulfport, Mississippi from middle school through high school, and finally Pearland

High School. He achieved the rank of Corporal while enrolled there. He was a popular student

while there and excelled in all mechanical applications, marksmanship and archery and

horseback riding as a member of the mounted patrol.

A fourth generation Texan, Ray was extremely proud of his Texas heritage. He was interested in

not only local Texas politics but also followed closely on a National level as well. Election years

proved to be some of Rays most looked forward to times. He loved a challenge!

He was a devoted husband, a caring son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, friend, father, and grandfather, a.k.a. "PAPA". His favorite people of all time referred to him as Grandpa and Papa". Ray was blessed with an extremely generous heart and he knew NO strangers. There was no one Ray felt as unapproachable. He loved to talk and could socialize with anyone he had the pleasure of speaking with.

Ray inherited from his dad, Dale Sr., a very creative mind and love for woodworking and proved to have mechanical aptitude. He could often be found working on a "new" project (derived from his own imagination), developing it without fail from initial ideation through final completion. He was meticulous in his creations, not only surprising himself with the final outcome but also astounding those friends, family or strangers with which he shared them.

Whether it be his third generation "floating river radio", complete with sub woofers, remote control, marine battery and solar power backup), or his two car garage with apartment overhead, or while utilizing his at-home time during the covid pandemic, installing the 33'ft above ground pool and building a self-designed pool deck, (complete with covered bar, barbecue station, waterslide for his grandchildren, along with deck top restroom and change area).

Ray was a pressman (printer) by trade. A trade which he followed in the

footsteps of his father  
accepting his first position at the age of 17 out of high school at the now  
closed downtown  
Houston printing firm of Hearn Litho where his father had also been employed.  
For 46 years  
Ray remained one of the leading 6-Color offset printing pressman in Houston  
Texas until his  
removing himself from the active workforce at the onset of the Covid  
pandemic in 2020. During  
the pandemic, both Ray and Laurie (then working remotely from home) were  
blessed to be able  
to spend the until the time of Rays passing all of their time together at their  
residence in  
Magnolia Texas, where they built their home in 1994.  
He loved his home in Magnolia and enjoyed maintaining his home, his  
beloved yard and most  
enjoyed their outdoor cooking outs and gatherings with the family. Many yearly  
family  
vacations were found being shared at the Guadalupe River. For weekend  
getaways floating  
down the river, listening to his “river radio” where good tunes were always  
being played,  
sharing a refreshing beverage and being with family. “Rays hamburgers” could  
not be outdone  
and were enjoyed by (and fought for) by all! He believed that humor and  
tenacity went hand in  
hand not only in how he lived his life but also in tackling life’s challenges as  
well.  
Ray is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Laurie Gail (nee Ross), and his  
children;

- Christopher Lee ‘Chris’ Sutton, (Jessica) and children: Austin and Ashton

- Raymond “Ray” Dale Paul, (Lacy) and children; Lilly, Madison “Monkey”, Raymond “RJ” Dale

Paul Jr,

- Zacherith “Zac” John, (Samantha Jane) and children; Zacherith John Jr. and Mackinzie “Kinzie”

- Alexandra Jo Sutton-Morrow, (Tyler) and children; Ava Gail and Oliver Hudson

Along with extended family, including sisters; Cheryl Sutton and Debbie Pitman, brothers; Jeff

Sutton and Jeff Roberson and generations of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family

members, decades of friends, co-workers and industry colleagues across Texas.

He has been preceded in death by his father, his mother and both maternal and paternal grandparents.

The family thanks the staff and doctors of Memorial Hermann Cypress Medical Center and the

staff of Hospice Plus for their patience, compassion and excellent care.

Visitation service and small memorial (as Ray was not big on any type of fanfare) will be held at

(Visitation 2:30 - 3:30pm and Funeral Service at 3:30 pm) on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Magnolia Funeral Home in Magnolia, Texas after which he is to be cremated per his wish.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.magnoliafunerals.com](http://www.magnoliafunerals.com).

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Sutton family during this difficult time.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home  
811 South Magnolia Blvd.  
Magnolia, TX 77355  
(281) 356-3363  
magnoliafh@yahoo.com  
<https://magnoliafunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I was never lucky enough to meet Ray only his wonderful spouse. These tributes tell me what a good person he was. I am sorry for your loss, clearly a well loved man.

Thomas Stazer - August 19, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Magnolia Funeral Home - August 18, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MF

“ McMike and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.



McMike and Family - August 18, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.



August 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Sutton Jr.

August 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.



August 17, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Laurie Sutton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Sutton Jr



**laurie sutton** - August 16, 2023 at 07:26 PM



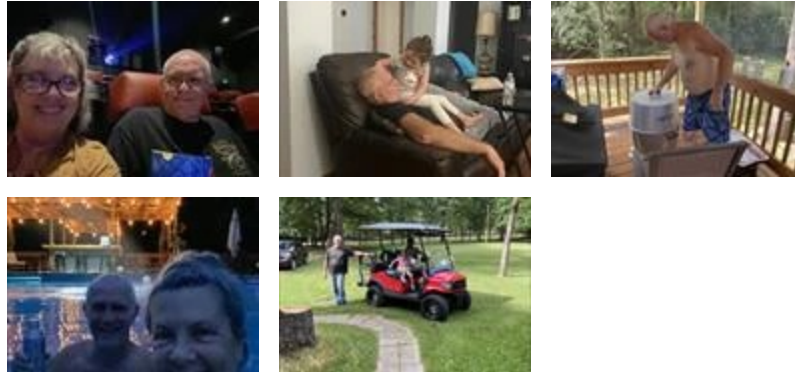
“ Rose and I hanging out with Ray when we were young. We always had a great time.  
We love you Ray



**Jeff Roberson** - August 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LS

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Laurie Sutton - August 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM

SW

“ Stacy White purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.



Stacy White - August 15, 2023 at 03:31 PM

SW

“ Laurie and family,

*Truly sorry for your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. It has been my pleasure to have gotten to know you both and work with both of you at different times and places. It is a small world at times!*

*Stacy White*

Stacy White - August 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM

SK

“ Sincerely, Theresa Keefe purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.



Sincerely, Theresa Keefe - August 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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“ Sincerely, Theresa Keefe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Sutton Jr.

Sincerely, Theresa Keefe - August 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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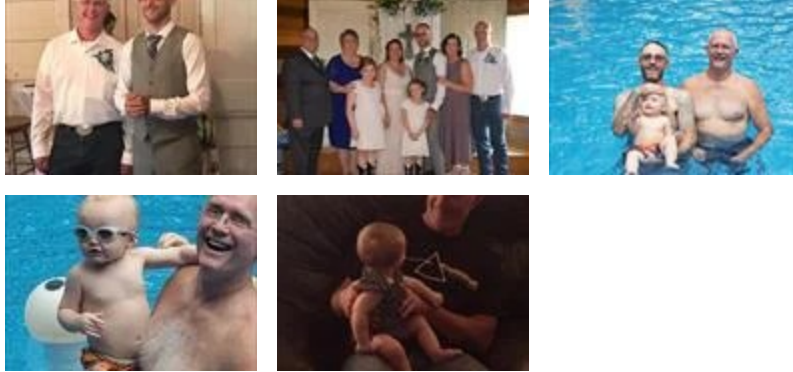
“ As kids me, Ray and neighborhood kids would always ride our bikes on the trails in the woods across the street. Ray always made it a challenge and try to scare his baby sister lol. We always had fun even when he sent me in the back yard knowing a baby bird had fallen from it's nest. He just got a kick out of watching that momma bird come after me. I will miss you Ray. You are missed.



Cheryl Sutton - August 15, 2023 at 09:35 AM

RS

“ I will miss your random phone calls telling me about your new project you were working on. Most of all I will miss the way you loved and spoiled your grand babies! Just know that your legacy will live on in them! We love you mostest!



Ray and Lacy Sutton - August 14, 2023 at 10:41 PM

LS

“ My best friend , my husband.  
His favorite thing was to be with family  
And make us laugh.



Laurie Sutton - August 14, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Sutton Jr.*



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August 14, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *He was a great man, father and the very best Papa. He will be missed by so many. We love you, dad.*



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**Alex** - August 14, 2023 at 05:54 PM