

Pallbearers

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Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Samuel "Sammie" Sutton, Sr., wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and compassion shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, thoughtful cards, phone calls, and acts of kindness have brought us strength and peace, and we are deeply thankful.

It is our sincere prayer that God blesses each of you in a special and meaningful way for the love you have shared with us.

A special thank you to Lexington Medical Center Staff of Lexington, SC and Lutheran Hospice Staff of Columbia, SC, for the compassionate care and dedicated services provided during our loved one's illness. Your support will never be forgotten.

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. SAMMIE SUTTON, SR.



**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

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Reflections of the Life of Mr. Sammuel “Sammie” Sutton, Sr.

Mr. Samuel (Sammie) Sutton, Sr., affectionately known as **DJ Sweet Talk** and **Coach**, was born on **October 4, 1945**, in **Swansea, SC**, to the late **Robert Sutton, Sr.** and the late **Annie L. Stevenson Sutton**. He departed his earthly home on **Saturday, June 28, 2025**.

Sammie grew up in Lexington County and was educated in the public school system. He graduated from **Lakeview High School**, Class of 1965, in **West Columbia, SC**, where he was well known as a school bus driver, basketball player, and captain of the football team.

After high school, Sammie began his entrepreneurial journey in drywall and remodeling. He founded **Sutton Drywall**, which later evolved into **Southern Drywall and Remodeling**. Through his business, he partnered on numerous projects with **Habitat for Humanity** and provided employment and mentorship to many individuals. Under his guidance and leadership, he inspired others to launch their own companies, many of which continue to thrive today.

Sammie enjoyed refurbishing classic cars and was a longtime member of the **Midlands Cruisers Car Club** of Columbia, SC. The members were like family to him.

Among the many hats he wore, Sammie also dedicated his free time to coaching and mentoring youth in the community through the **Pop Warner Football Association**. His team, known as the **Steelers**, was named after his favorite NFL team.

While in high school, Sammie met the love of his life, with whom he shared fifty-six years of marriage. From this union, they were blessed with four children.

Sammie was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, **Whitney Fields** and **Robert Sutton, Jr.**; his son, **Antonio Sutton**; and a grandson, **Michael Taylor**.

Mr. Samuel “Sammie” Sutton, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Shirley Sutton, of the home; daughters, LaVerne Sutton, Myra Taylor, both of Columbia, South Carolina, Anita (Kenneth) Grandberry, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Sonja LaTasha Sutton, of Blythewood, South Carolina; one son, Sammie (Angela) Sutton, Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Darius Sutton, Jamarius Lyles, Whitney Cayruth, Quiana Sutton, Tyler Sutton, Aniya Hall, Jeremiah Anderson, Xavier Taylor, and Destinee Fanning, all of Columbia, South Carolina, Taelor Hall and Kaelor (Dexter) Finch, of Elgin, South Carolina, Kaleb Sutton-Kelly, of Blythewood, South Carolina, Erica Clark, of Nashville, Tennessee, David (Keiona) Clark, of Memphis Tennessee, and Ebony Douglas, of Atlanta, Georgia; fifteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Lillie B. Smith, Gladys (Ronnie) Robinson, and Shirley Sutton; brothers, Milo (Florence) Sutton, David L. Sutton, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Reverend James (Peggy) Sutton, of Irmo, South Carolina; aunts, Alberta Brown, of Wake Forest, North Carolina; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Reese, of Columbia, South Carolina, Dibbie (Ronnie) Moore, of West Columbia, South Carolina, and Marie Thomas, of Cayce, South Carolina; brothers-in-law, Charlie (Loretta) Reese, of Swansea, South Carolina, Steve Reese, Jimmy (Patricia) Way, both of West Columbia, South Carolina, Tyrone (Deborah) Reese, of Pensacola, Florida, and Bernard Reese, of Columbia, South Carolina; adopted children, Phillip Moody, Catherine Moody, Claudette Moody, and Moses Ford; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, and friends, who will all miss him dearly.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

By: David Romano

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne

He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But here it starts a new

I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the exact same way
There is no longing for the past

So, when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart

Memories



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