



## Oran "Dale" Sutton

July 24, 1933 - January 19, 2010

Oran "Dale" Sutton went home to be with the Lord January 14, 2010 after a battle with heart disease and lung cancer. He was born to Emmett "Mutt" Sutton and Mildred Wilson Sutton July 24, 1933 in Topeka, Kansas. He lived in North Topeka until 1940 and then moved to Harveyville, KS where his father purchased their first grocery store. Dale graduated from Harveyville High School in 1951 where he was a member of the Harveyville Yellow Jackets' football and basketball teams. Dale attended Kansas University for 2 ½ years before joining the Army in 1953. He served in the Army as a Military Police Officer for 21 months. He attended Wichita State University for a year before returning to Topeka to work for his father at Sutton's Food Stores. Following his father's death in 1959, he became President of Sutton's, Inc. During this time, Dale was an active member of the community serving on the Board of Directors' at the YMCA and North Plaza Bank. He was a member of the Arab Shrines in the Boater's Unit. In 1982, Dale accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The scripture in Matthew 16:24, "take up thy cross and follow Me", was how he lived his Christian life. He witnessed to many, many people in hopes that they would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. He retired from the family business in 1984 and moved to Baton Rouge, La. There he attended Jimmy Swaggart Bible College and received numerous degrees in biblical studies and became an ordained minister. He was involved in Prison Ministries and Missionary Crusades with Family Worship Center for many years. For the past 15 years, he attended Bethany World Prayer Center in

Baton Rouge. Over the course of his life, Dale enjoyed boating, all sports, hunting, traveling, theatre, playing golf, church and small group bible studies. Furthermore, he was very proud of all his grandchildren and their activities. Dale was married to J. Carlene Word on October 14, 1956. They later divorced. Survivors include his brother, E. Dean Sutton; children, Greg Sutton, Brent and his wife Betsy Sutton, Sandra Sutton Schumacher and her husband, Steven Schumacher; five grandchildren, Kristopher Sutton, Lucrecia Jenkins, Brenden Sutton, Sarah and Jacob Schumacher, all of Topeka and his close friend and companion of 20 years, Pat Welford of Baton Rouge, La. Visitation will be held from 7 to 8p.m. Tuesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church of your choice, the American Heart Assoc., or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oran "Dale" Sutton*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Just to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers during your time of lose. May his soul, now rest in peace.*

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**Kelly Wingerson** - January 20, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ *To the family of Dale Sutton:  
We were saddened to hear of Dale's passing. He was a good friend and brother. It is comforting to know Dale had committed his life to Christ and he is now eternally with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We extend our love and sympathy to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Paul and Evelyn Sandgren*

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**Rev. Paul R. Sandgren** - January 19, 2010 at 06:55 PM

BM

“ Dear Greg, Brent and Sandy,  
I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your father and the pain that brings to your lives. I didn't know your father as well as I would have liked, but feel privileged that I had the opportunity to meet him. It was wonderful to read about his life in the past decades since I have seen him and the significance that a spiritual path has played in his life.

I know your Dad was a great source of inspiration for all of you and many others. May that continue to be so. I hope you can come to accept his passing with grace and be comforted in knowing that he is in a better place.

I send you all my sincere prayers for peace and joy in your lives.

With love,

Brad

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**Brad Murphy** - January 19, 2010 at 11:19 AM

JP

“ God of our ancestors in faith, by the covenant made on Mount Sinai You taught Your people to strengthen the bonds of family through faith, honor, and love. Look kindly upon Dale Sutton, a father who sought to bind his children to You. Bring him to Your heavenly home where the saints dwell in blessedness and peace. Amen.

May He bless and comfort the Sutton family in this time of loss and sorrow.

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**John Perrine** - January 18, 2010 at 09:29 PM

BJ

“ I sincerely offer my condolences. Although nobody denies the certainty of death, it can be real comfort in knowing that such a good man as Oran will be in God's memory. He lived a rich and successful life. His footprints that were left will always be seen. The sands of time will not wash them away.

*The sting of death not only pains but numbs survivors. Many may ask why. Yet the strong may weep under the weight of grief. Even Jesus wept. What a blessing it will be when we can rightly ask: “Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”—1 Corinthians 15:55.*

*May the family find the consolation in the “power beyond what is normal” to go from one day to the next. (2 Corinthians 4:7) Please feel free to contact me.*

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**Brenda Johnson** - January 18, 2010 at 07:12 PM