



## Stanley Sutton

March 18, 1943 - September 26, 2021

Stanley Paul Sutton, 78, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Stan was born March 18, 1943, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Phil and Betty Stewart Sutton. He graduated in 1960 from University High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. Stan married Joan Grossardt on May 15, 1999, in Lincoln. He earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in biochemistry from the University of Nebraska. He did some doctoral work at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Stan's career was in the 68 Medical Service Corps in the United States Army. Stan was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, Farmhouse Fraternity, Knights Templar, St. Marys United Methodist Church, national and local chapters of the Reserve Officer's Association, CIOR, CIOMR, MOAA, MOWW and the Fort Riley Retiree Council.

Stan is survived by his wife, Joan; Siblings, Doug Sutton (Vana), Richard Sutton (Lisa) and Mary Rodman (Danny); nephews, Bjorn Sutton (Brook), Walker J. Rodman (Alena), Reid Sutton (Addy) and Mark Grossardt (Amy); and niece, Jill Werst (Bill). He was preceded in death by his parents, nephews, Colin and Micah Sutton, and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service

will be 10 a.m. Monday, October 4, 2021, at St. Marys United Methodist Church, 205 N 7th St, St Marys KS 66536. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at May Cemetery near Minden, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Marys UMC or MOWW and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## May Cemetery

Minden, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Marys United Methodist Church  
205 N 7th Street  
St. Marys, KS 66536

## Graveside Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM.

May Cemetery  
Minden, NE



# Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley Sutton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Joan, We are sending you our love and prayers. We always enjoyed seeing you and Stan at CIOR and ROA events. We will miss seeing him and chatting. Hugs, Anne and Paul Groskreutz*

**Anne Groskeutz** - October 01, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *The Warren and Hink Sahs family remember Stan and his entire family during this time. Peace be with you.*

**Heidi Schulz** - September 29, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *My condolences to Stanley's family. I knew he and his wife through our international reserve organization programs - CIOMR. It was an honor to have know him - a man and soldier dedicated to being a role model and teacher always.*

*With prayers,  
LTC Beverley Houghton USA Retired*

**Beverley Houghton** - September 29, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Joan, my condolences to you in this sorrowful time. May you feel the light of the Lord bless you and bring you peace. Cindy Sweany, Christine and Michelle*

**Cindy Sweany** - September 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ To the beloved family and dear friends of Stan Sutton:

*Your sad news hits hard. Death is a universal experience all right, but that doesn't make Stan's passing much easier at a time like this. Maybe the following few recollections from a fellow '43 infant and long-ago friend will be of slight comfort.*

*In high school Stan wasn't the small-town athletic hero whose name showed up regularly in the papers. No. He was the subtle, soft-spoken intellectual who methodically polished the floor with his pals in such "easy A's" as advanced algebra, physics, calculus and trigonometry don't you know. When a handful of his fellow seniors were dubbed national merit scholars Stan predictably outscored all the rest of us for top honors from Uni High. It doesn't surprise me a bit to know that he went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees following our '61 graduation, after we went our different directions more or less, or that he blessed this great nation with his steadfast and courageous military service later on. To me, that is the essence of heroism, and it beats all hollow shooting hoops from mid-court or casting long bombs on the gridiron.*

*Still, and quite possibly, Stan was something of a wannabe athlete, too. He and I rode the pines together as what Head Coach Dale Snook liked to call "stupid (i.e., student) managers" for the basketball team in 1960-61. We traveled on the team bus to and from all road games, playing cards for toothpicks and swapping so-called witticisms en route, predicting the number of points each player would score on a particular night, waxing the balls, admiring and holding for safekeeping temptingly fat wallets, rings and watches belonging to the players, and commenting endlessly and helpfully on the quality of their on-court performances, for what that may have been worth. We served on the student council too, where we obligingly held forth at length for the continuing education and collective amusement of the "in crowd," as if that particular crowd was paying much attention.*

*Thinking about Stan again now after the many years gone by, I see how lucky I was that our youthful and blossoming lives crossed, albeit too briefly, at the peak of our common potential, innocence and optimism. "We shall never pass this way again," sadly and truly; but to this day I feel enriched to have known him, and somehow significantly less than I was before he crossed the river.*

*You are lucky, too, and I pray that your memories of Stan Sutton are every bit as vivid, appreciative and uplifting as mine. May God bless SPS and those who knew and love him.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Michael Keedy  
Alamogordo, NM by way of Lincoln, NE*

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**michael h. keedy** - September 28, 2021 at 03:51 PM

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“*My deepest sympathy to the Sutton family. I have served with Stan on the Fort Riley Retiree Council since 2008 and was also a MOAA member. I considered Stan a friend and big supporter of our military. He will be missed by many, myself included.*

*Wayne Converse, LTC, USA (Ret)*

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**LTC (Ret) Wayne Converse** - September 28, 2021 at 03:40 PM

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*My condolences to Stan's wife and family. A friend and brother in Old Abe Camp #16 sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Stan a good man and will be missed.*

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**Conrad Fisher** - September 29, 2021 at 01:34 PM



*It was an HONOR and PRIVILEGE to serve in our ARMY with LTC Stan Sutton. He was a superb Soldier and Officer. I appreciated his sage counsel, friendship and experience sharing. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family! I know and relish that I will see and meet him someday again on the High Ground, whwre ALL good soldiers meet!...Rest in Peace, old Soldier and Comrade!....HOOAH!...*

*Gerald D. Griffin, MD  
Brigadier General, MC, USA[Ret]*

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**Gerald Griffin** - October 02, 2021 at 03:46 PM