



Essie U. Sutton

February 14, 1924 - September 26, 2021

Essie Utley Sutton, daughter of the late Cora and Nathan Utley was born in Varina, North Carolina on February 14th, 1924, she entered her eternal rest on September 26, 2021. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vashtie Winston and Leatha Johnson as well as four brothers, Otis, Reuben, Marvin and Nathaniel Utley.

She attended public school and graduated from Fuquay Springs High School and was Salutatorian of her class. She attended Shaw University before coming to Baltimore, Maryland to work for the Federal Government. Essie graduated from Cortez Peters Business School at the top of her class. Later, she went to Douglass Evening School to become a dressmaker.

While working at Social Security, she met and married the late Wendell Nathaniel Sutton. They were blessed with two sons, Ronald and Wendell. When her children became school age, Essie became a volunteer worker for several organizations. Essie worked at Crownsville Hospital Center for over 40 years, where she received many awards from the hospital. She also received awards from the County Executive and the Governor. She worked on many political campaigns, local and national. She joined Women Behind the Community as a Charter Member in 1968 and continued to be a member until her death. She became an active member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and she worked on many committees and served as the secretary for many years. Through her dedication and years of service, she became a life member.

She joined Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in 1966, where she was active in the Acolyte Mother's Guild, the Dorcas Guild, and the Altar Guild. She worked on other committees such as Family Day, Anniversary Sundays and the Annual Bull Roast.

Essie was active in the community. She worked in the school library, with the PTA at Grove Park Elementary School and a member of the West Arlington Improvement Association. She also went door to door for many organizations to do charity work. Essie was a life member of the NAACP, she was honored by the Delta Sigma Sorority for community services, the Leah's Book Club and the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Left to cherish and to continue her legacy are her two sons; Ronald(Earnestine) and Wendell(Esperance); six grandchildren, Ronald Jr., Ebonie, Sekou, Jason, Alexandra, Kelly; eleven great grandchildren; one great great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

OCT **20**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To view the webcast of Mrs. Sutton please click the link that says View Webcast.



March Funeral Homes - October 20, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Essie U. Sutton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was lucky enough to meet and work with Miss Sutton when she was staying at Future Care. She was the sweetest woman and I always looked forward to going to see her and hearing her contagious laugh. Last time we spoke she called to wish me a happy anniversary (she remembered the date) and we planned to go get some peach cobbler in the near future. I'm so happy I had the pleasure of knowing her and I'm sending thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Erica Betson - December 08, 2021 at 12:09 PM

SL

“ Wendell and Family, you have my deepest sympathy. Your mother was a very important community leader in the West Arlinton Community.

Stephanie V. Lee
Class of 1972

Stephanie Lee - October 21, 2021 at 01:40 AM

CB

“ Mrs Sutton was good friends with my mother Janie Briscoe. My mom passed in June 2017 and she was heartbroken and comforted me with stories of them talking about making cloths. She called me sometimes just to see how I was doing and to let me know she was proud of me. She frequently complimented my singing on the choir and the Men's Chorus.

I will miss her words of comfort. She was short and to the point and always said the right things. I am a better person today for having had her in my life

Clarence Briscoe - October 20, 2021 at 02:45 PM

AU

“ From: Your Neice, Althea Utley.
I am so sorry that we did not get a chance to see each other again before you left this earthly home. Just know that you will always be in my heart.

Will miss our wonderful conversations and laughter. Rest in Peace my dear Aunt Essie.



Althea Utley - October 19, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JD

“ To the Sutton family I would like to express our sincere condolences. Just know that we are praying with you and for you during this time of your bereavement. I know you will miss her but God will always be there for you all. On behalf of Jerusalem First Missionary Baptist Church know that God loves you and so do I. It’s my prayer that the peace of God be with you and your family always. Pastor John R. & Bernadette Davenport.



John R. Davenport - October 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to your family. Mrs. Sutton has been one of my favorite people since I met her 30 years ago. I never felt like there was an age gap between us. We shared a lot of laughter together and I will miss her dearly.

Angela Phillips (Rountree) - October 19, 2021 at 11:11 AM

AG

“ AE Grooms lit a candle in memory of Essie U. Sutton



AE Grooms - October 18, 2021 at 09:33 PM

AG

*Dear Sutton Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Mrs. Sutton was a sweetie-pie and will be missed by so many! May God keep you in the palm of His Hand..*

~~The Grooms Family

AE Grooms - October 18, 2021 at 09:37 PM

AG

Mrs. Sutton will be missed by so many! She was a Sweetie-pie!

AE Grooms - October 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM

RJ

“ *Such a lovely lady. She was loved by so many people. She will truly be missed. May she ‘Rest In Peace’ in the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Rev. Benita Keene-Johnson

Rev. Benita Keene - Johnson - October 18, 2021 at 08:53 PM

SW

“ *Sincerely, Peggy and Eric Watson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Essie U. Sutton.*



Sincerely, Peggy and Eric Watson - October 16, 2021 at 02:25 PM

ME

“ *Marietta English lit a candle in memory of
Essie U. Sutton*



Marietta English - October 12, 2021 at 11:21 PM

ME

Mrs. Sutton we will miss your smile. Rest in peace..

Marietta English - October 12, 2021 at 11:22 PM

NC

*Mrs. Sutton will be surely missed. A true role model to the
community!*

Neva Camp

Neva Camp - October 19, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AC

“ *Our beloved Aunt Essie will be remembered forever by our family.
The friendship she and our mother shared was unique and special.
Charles, Sylvia, Angela and Gerald Howard*

Angela Howard Cromwell - October 08, 2021 at 06:26 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Sutton will dearly be missed. My family's home was one block over from her residence. I loved visiting Mrs. Sutton because she was always so inviting and gave the greatest conversations. Her pure heart and gentle soul reminded me so much of my Grandma's spirit. Yes, we are church family but we are friends as well. It was truly a pleasure to be in her presence....such a pure gem, Mrs. Sutton was.

*Sending my love and heartfelt warmth,
Carla Hardy and Family 🙏🙏💖💖*

Carla Hardy - October 08, 2021 at 11:22 AM

ML

“ Spending time with Mrs. Sutton was one of our greatest joy. Mrs. Sutton was like a ray of sunshine. She always brightened our day. Anthony and Angela are sadden by the loss of Mrs. Sutton. May God bless you and shower you with his Spirit during your time of loss.

Mr. And Mrs Anthony Lewis - October 07, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Essie U. Sutton.



October 05, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *The ASALH Family is saddened to hear of the passing of Essie. She was a sweet and warm, loving woman who loved Black history. She will be sorely missed. Sylvia Cyrus, Scyrus@asalh.org*

Sylvia Cyrus - October 05, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - October 04, 2021 at 02:18 PM