



Mark H. Sutton

July 6, 1943 - April 17, 2011

Sutton, Mark H., age 67, a resident of Huntington Woods, died April 17, 2011. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Loving father of Bret Laura Sutton, Michael Fran Fairman, Andy Sarah Fairman, Todd Ceska Sutton and Eric Karen Fairman. Dear brother of Mack Donna Sutton, Julie Sherm Shultz and Scot Mary Sutton. Proud grandfather of Haley, Elizabeth, Anna, Jack, Emily, Sophie, Tommy, Ella, Hannah and Isabell. Graduated from the University of Michigan and Harvard School of Law. Practiced as an attorney with Dykema Gossett for 40 years. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak and sang in the Chancel Choir. Loved playing with his grandchildren, U of M football and spending time in Lexington, MI. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 p.m. and Thursday 2-9 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Friday 10 a.m. until time of service 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Music Ministries and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Mark came to Dykema shortly after I did and was a wonderful guy to talk to. In later years, Mark went north and I stayed in the downtown office but seeing Mark always brightened my day.

Jim Collier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Saddened by the loss of Mark. Love and prayers to all of you. Your old Pine street neighbor!

Tom and Mary Gay Huffman Weaver - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Marlyn, You have our sympathy and Gods, Blessing On you and your family. Love, Kenneth & Jean Afdahl

Ken & Jean Afdahl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ It was with great sorrow that I read of Mark's death. So many pleasant memories from high school rush through my mind that he was involved in--The Senior Play and the Underwater Prom to name a couple. Praying God will dry all your tears and restore you with many pleasant memories of your Mark. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8
Bethany Miller Cripe '61

Bethany Miller Cripe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I worked with Mark for many years at Dykema and will always remember him for his kindness and humor. He will be missed by all. My condolences to the Sutton family. God bless you.

Janis VanAken - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ To the family of Mark Sutton, I was an underclassman Class of 1964at Clio High School; one who greatly looked up to the fine example Mack and Mark represented to all of us. Always,through the years that have passed, I would continue to reflect on those highly respectful thoughts whenever I would travel down memory lane from time to time.....which seems to happen more often as time goes on. I can see, from all I have just read, that he remained the fine, fine person and example he set way back in high school. What a blessing! My deepest and sincerly heartfelt sympathy I extend to his dear family. May our Lord be with you all,my prayers are with you as well. Vickie Cummins Bryant Lakeland, FL

Vickie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I was privileged to know Mark through our volunteer activities at First Presbyterian in Royal Oak. We worked in the church landscape, pruning, weeding, and planting. Such an erudite man humbly cultivating the soil and pulling weeds! Then the last few years, Mark sang in Chancel Choir, and I got to see another side of him that loved church and music. Over a year ago, we joined forces on a committee to investigate repairing our church pipe organ. The meeting of the minds ensued. We worked well together and I realized just how understated this gentle person portrayed himself. I feel so honored and blessed to have been even a small part of his life. My heart is deeply saddened for his wife and family. It is such an enormous void. They say it's the quiet ones you have to watch out for. And as a quiet man, Mark left indelible footprints in all our lives. May he be waiting for us when we make the same journey to help show us the way. Shalom, my friend.

Beverly Moss - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My sympathy is with your family. I remember you from Clio High School. My prayers are with your spirit. I'm so happy you had such a full life!

Alice Nemeth-Nivault - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DQ

“ Dear Sutton Family, I grew up in Huntington Woods and have known Mark and Mack for 40 years. I lived a block away from Mark, next door to Mack, and, once upon a time, was a regular babysitter for Mark's 2 boys and Mack's 2 girls. It was with great sadness that I heard of Mark's passing. The thing I remember most about him was his sense of humor. It seemed like whenever he'd come over he was always laughing. Put Mark AND Mack together and there was NEVER a dull moment in our house on Borgman! Our families had some great times together. Your family will be remembered in my prayers. May you lift each other up in this time of need.

Deborah Gale Queen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Mark Sutton Family, Please accept our deepest condolences for the lost of your loved one. May your spirits be lifted by your memories and beliefs during this time of transition. Sincerely,
Courtroom 1421

Judge Wendy M. Baxter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Glory to God for the life of Mark Sutton. We are all blessed for having known him. Though his passing has created a void, know that, in God's time, it will be filled with nothing but precious memories of a beautiful life. Sterling Morse

Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Victoria and I are saddened by Mark's untimely passing. He always conveyed a sense of empathy and a perspective of friendly good humor that brightened us whenever we chanced to meet. Our fond best wishes to Marilyn and all of their family.

Vince Carter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. We are praying and thinking of you. Bob and Katy, friends of Scot and Mary*

Bob and Katy Couch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Mark and Mack Sutton, Richard Gray, the Wymer boys - the "Pine Street Gang," grew up together. It was a simpler day/time, which generated life-long memories. My thoughts/prayers are with you - Marilyn, Mack, Julie, Scot and families. May you sense a special measure of His peace in the days that lie ahead. Ps. 30:5b Paul Wymer*

Paul Wymer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Mark and I became partners at Dykema at the same time. Mark was the only one of eight new partners that made it through the eight year track in seven. It was universally acknowledged - especially by our early litigation partners such as Don Shely, Don Young and Larry Connor - that Mark fully deserved this honor because of the excellence of his work and the pleasure that he brought to the firm with his character and humor. That the view of Mark remained so high to so many of us is reflected in his being chosen by Dan Stella prior to Dan's death to deliver the eulogy at his funeral. Mark delivered the eulogy with a mixture of heartfelt grief and humor that few, if any, could have matched. He is one of those wonderful partners who has shaped the personality of this firm. Sharon and my heartfelt condolences go out to Marilyn and the rest of Mark's family.*

Ron Rose - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Although Mark & I have been out of contact for many years, I remember our Clio High School days fondly. May God Bless & Comfort the entire family in the coming, difficult days.

Ken Themm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Todd, Ceska and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot describe how you must be feeling at this time. My prayers for you and the rest of the family. Love you all.

Deanna Sifuentes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mark was an outstanding human being. Loyal, honest, caring, bright, funny and sincere. He cared about the younger attorneys who worked with and for him and was a tremendous mentor and friend to me. I will miss his quick wit and his generosity. My deepest sympathy to the Sutton family. May the reality of the Resurrection temper your grief at this difficult time.

Tom Murray - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Mark was a classmate and band mate of mine at Clio High. We had a lot of good times in school. Mark was a good friend and a very fine person.

Ernie Needham - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear family of Mark Sutton, It is sad to hear of the recent passing of Mark, as I really do remember him from our days at Clio H. S. I do have both his & his brother's senior pictures in my album of memories. Mrs. Sutton, their mother, worked in the office at the time, & I felt privileged to know the family. The boys were always so nice & pleasant & a real credit to their family & our school. He left a great legacy from what I read of him. May God bless each of you at this time. Sadonna - Class of 1962

Sadonna Walter Myers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to get the bad news. My condolences to the entire family.

Jon Schultz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Mark was a wonderful lawyer and a wonderful friend. I met him in 1978 when I joined Dykema, and I was privileged to work with him on many cases. I could not have asked for a better mentor. He was brilliant, funny, appreciative, supportive -- all that a young associate could ask for in a positive working relationship. I still remember vividly the late afternoons in his office when he would make suggestions for my briefs, or work through potential avenues for cross examination of witnesses. He seemed to face his illness with the same determination and fortitude that he faced his legal adversaries, and I wanted to believe that he would achieve the same good results. I feel honored to have been a part of his life, and my heart and prayers are with his beloved family. Nancy Edmunds

Nancy Edmunds - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Veva & I send our sincere condolences to all of the Sutton families.
Denny & Veva Hillier Columbiaville, MI

Denny & Veva Hillier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Deepest sympathy to Marilyn and all of Mark's family. "Less hasty
am I than, the wind, yet I must go... Yea, I shall return with the tide,
and though death may hide me, and the greater silence enfold me,
yet again, I will seek your understanding. And not in vain will I
seek."

Dennis & Debra Haffey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ This is truly a sad day. Mark was a fine man and I was happy and
grateful to share a grandchild with him. My deepest condolences to
both his immediate and extended family.

Ronnie R. VanSickle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mack, Julie, Scot, and families - we were so very sorry to hear of
your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers
as you travel this very difficult road. If there is anything that we can
do, please don't hesitate to ask. Grace and Floyd McGillivray, Steve
and Diane Weaver, and Bill and Chris McGillivray

Diane and Steve Weaver - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to MARKS family He was my first crush& such a tease I feel blessed to have been the girl next door& send thanks for all the wonderful memories to Mack,Julie & Scott you will always be very dear to me Love,Barb

Barbara Reay Sartor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I knew Mark in high school but had not seen him in 30 years. I have many memories of playing sports and school activities at Clio High with him. My deepest condolences to his brother and family. Mark Kudlicka

Mark Kudlicka - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Mark was one of the finest persons I have ever known. My heart goes out to Marilyn & family in this incredible loss. I was privileged to serve with Mark at First Presbyterian in the chancel choir, in a hilarious play he wrote when our former assoc. pastor retired, and on various boards & committees. Most recently we were on the Organ Committee and he was chairman. His courage, drive & vision for our committee's mission during his illness were inspirational. Most of all I admired Mark's humility. He was unassuming, Godly, brilliant and funny. We are all heartbroken over this loss. Blessings to you in heaven, Mark.

Ellen Burns - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Mark Sutton was a wonderful person. Mark was very kind and thoughtful. I filled in for his regular secretary many times and under some stressful situations and Mark always kept his humor. I looked forward to working with him and learned a lot from him. Mark was an excellent attorney. His thoughtfulness to staff members will always be remembered. Mark Sutton will be greatly missed. I also noted his devotion to his church which was exemplary. My condolences to his family. Mark's passing is a great loss for all of us.

Pam Printz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Mark will be missed around the office at Dykema. After retirement he would venture in every now and then and it was good to see him. There was only one word to describe him. NICE!!! He was the nicest Attorney and always noticed the Staff and their contributions. As a new Document Clerk in 2003 I had the good fortune to be assigned to his Admin. He was always a welcoming personality. Greatly respected, and I enjoyed working on his files. Blessings to his memory, and a life well lived.

Virginia Nardecchia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Scot, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joanne, Tom and family.

Joanne and Tom Walroth - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM