



## LCpl Steven Sutton Obituary

November 15, 1987 - May 26, 2012

LCpl Steven Sutton, U.S.M.C., 24 of Jacksonville, NC, formerly of Leesburg, died Saturday May 26, 2012 in the line of duty in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

His funeral service will be Wednesday, June 6, 2012 2 PM at First Baptist Church of Leesburg with interment in Crown Hill Cemetery with full Military Honors. The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 5, 2012 5 to 8 PM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors.

Born in Tifton, LCpl Sutton grew up in Lee County and graduated from Lee County in 2007 where he played varsity football. He was a HERO to his wife, daughter and family and was known as a "Gentle Giant" and a great friend. He loved life, hunting and fishing.

LCpl Sutton join the U. S. Marine Corps in 2009 and was attached to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment of the 2nd Marine Division.

Survivors include his wife Toni Senn Sutton, Leesburg; daughter Aubrey Smith, Leesburg; father, Gene Sutton and wife Bonnie, Leesburg; mother Sue Etheridge, Sylvester; brother, Jack Sutton, Carson City, NV, Ches Balentine, Sylvester; sister, Nicki Tyre, Tallahassee, FL; grandparents, Bobbi Ford, Leesburg, Nell Rugg, Isabella, father and mother in law, Donny and Celia

Senn, Leesburg; brother in law, Wadon Senn, Leesburg.

Those desiring please make donations to the Steven Sutton Memorial Account, c/o Heritage Bank of the South, P O Box 50728, Albany, GA 31703.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JUN **6**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Leesburg  
135 Main Street  
Leesburg, GA 31763

# Tribute Wall



“ *LCpl Steven Sutton Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *LCpl Steven Sutton Obituary*

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“ *LCpl Steven Sutton Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *My condolences to the Sutton Family. I'm sadden at the news of the passing of your son. Especially being the fact that he is the same age as my son who serves in the Army and it could have easily been my son. Steven and my son are around the same age. I am originally from Smithville, GA and graduated from LCHS in the Class of '86.*

*My prayer for you is that the Lord continue to Bless you and Bring you comfort in this most difficult time. Thank you to Lance Corporal Sutton for his service and ultimate sacrifice. And the sacrifice you have made as a family. This young man's passing should serve as a testament to all - that freedom is NOT free. It is born through the sweat, tears and sacrifice of the few but benefits the many.*

*Thank you again and my the Lord Keep and Bless You*

**G Whitaker - Stafford, VA - Military Mom** - June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am originally from Albany and i am in the Military myself. i want to express my deepest sympathy to your family. My heart goes out to all of you Sutton family and friends. My brother is in the Marines as well. so God Bless all of you and Semper Fi. He will never be forgotten!!

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**Jessica Pittman - MT** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ May God bless you and your family. You all are in our prayers. Thank you LCpl. Sutton...

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**Kathy Barfield and family - Leesburg, GA** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ To LCpl Sutton's family,

*I didn't know Steven but I wanted to send my condolences. It saddens my heart whenever I hear of such a great loss. I was born in Albany, Ga., enlisted in the Air Force and have been employed with the Navy for the last 28 years in Jacksonville, Fl. Unfortunately we see too many Fallen Heros arrive at our Naval Air Station. One is too many. Thank you for giving us your Son/Brother. Thank you to Steven for giving his all for his country. God bless him. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*

*Victor Pitts*

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**Victor Pitts - Green Cove Springs, FL** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I didn't know Steve but I would just like to express my deesspest sympathy for your lose. I would also like that say Thank you for the sacrifie he made for this country.

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**Jessie Downs - Leesburg, GA - none** - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My heart is so saddened by the news of Steve. My thoughts, prayers and love go out to the entire family. I know words are not much comfort during a time such as this but I hope the community has shown you so much love that you know Steve will forever live in our hearts as a great young man and a true hometown hero.

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**Karen Gleason - Albany, GA - ex co-worker of Gene and Bonnie - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

KA

“ Thanks for your unselfish service to our country. God bless your family.

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**Kat Salazar - Leesburg, GA - American - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JN

“ A lot of people gave some but Steven Sutton gave it ALL. God bless you and your family. A true American Hero!

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**jerry meadows - leesburg, GA - none - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LA

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Steven Sutton but I have a warm place in my heart for all patriots. God bless his brave soul I regret his passing at such a young age, and .my heart is heavy for his wife, daughter and parents. Such a tragedy.

Laura Hunt,  
Formerly of Albany

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**Laura Martin Hunt - Miami, FL - Admirer - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ My prayers for all the Sutton family. Steven certainly was a hero for our country.

*My heart breaks for his wife Toni, I went to Albany Tech with you. I will always keep you in my prayers. I moved from Leesburg last year to Florida but after watching what that community did today to honor Steven I'm very proud of all of them. Thank you Steven for serving our country, and I know God is proud to have you now. Prayers always for you wife and family.*

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**Linda Cooper Chernosky - Middleburg, FL - Friend - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

TN

“ A grateful nation mourns your untimate sacrifice. Thank you, Marine, and Semper Fi.

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**Tanna Blankenship - Grovetown, GA - none - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

WF

“ Our prayers and feeling go to yall from the bottom of our heart. Yall a dear friends and will always be. Gene I love you like a brother and my god bless you.

*Wint Pollock & Family.*

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**Wint & Debbie Pollock - Leesburg Ga, GA - Friends - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MC

“ As a Navy Corpsmans wife i want to express my deepest sympathy to his family especially his wife and daughter. May God bless and help you through this hard time. And much respect and honor to LCpl Sutton. He is now where Marines live in Peace.

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**marie cornell - san diego ( alban native), CA - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LR

“ My friend and I stood on Slappey today to pay our respects to an American hero and his family. I pray God wraps his arms around you and holds you close as you go forward without your son, husband and father.

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**Linda Clemens - Poulan, , GA - No relation** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I want to extend my heartfelt sympathies to your family. My Grandfather, Dad, Uncles and two Brothers have served in the Marines. I am thankful for your sons sacrifice and duties he served for our country. My son was born two days before Steve and it hit my heart hard at his passing. I pray God comfort you during this time as only he can.

Angelia

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**Angelia Simmons-Neal** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To Toni and Aubrey  
i am so sorry for your lost . From Mandy and Eric i am told what a good person Steve was. I know he will be missed by all. I pray that the good Lord will bring smiles into your hearts with the memories of the time you had together. Hope to see you smile again as you did at ADA's birthday party a few years ago

love and prayers  
jackie ethridge  
Mandy Lawson's mother

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**Jackie Ethridge - GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I was merely passing through Albany today on my way to Americus and saw the many thankful people lining the streets and I became so full of pride and sorrow when I glimpsed a sign sign bearing Lcpl Sutton's face. I knew in that moment he had made the ultimate sacrifice. I ask that God bless his soul and comfort the family and let them know how grateful we all are to have a hero.

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**JacquelineWilliams - Americus, GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ God bless you all. Thank you for your service to our country.

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**Betsy Parrish** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I am very sorry for your loss, but I am so very grateful for this young man's willingness to serve this country. God bless you ALL!

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**Lorie Clements Everson - Leesburg, GA - none** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It's people like Steve that make me so proud to be an AMERICAN, a person that I didn't know personally yet he gave his life so that I and millions of other AMERICAN'S can live FREE.

*May God Bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand through this time.*

*Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth - Valdosta , GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Steven and my grandson, Sean Scott, played football together at LCHS. Sean would say when he was running the ball, and knew "The Giant" was behind him, he had nothing to worry about. As fierce as he was on the field, he was one of the kindest people I've ever met.

*My dad was a Marine 33 years and it takes a special kind of person to make the grade. The phrase "The Few, The Proud" is much more than words.*

*There are no words to give Stevens family any comfort but this entire community shares your sorrow. Sean was killed in August and I understand the depth of your grief.*

*LCpl Steven Sutton, thank you for your service. Semper Fidelis*

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**Thelma McIntosh - Leesburg, GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Thank you for serving our Country, you will never be forgotten. Thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends during this time of sorrow.

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**Rhonda Love - leesburg, GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Jeff & Kristy Wood (Kari Wood, Josh Fralish, Austin Wood, Tyler** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We wanted to offer our condolences to both Toni and the family. Words cannot begin to express our heartache for you. We hope you find peace in knowing that your fallen hero has left an overwhelming impression and lasting legacy with anyone and everyone who has known him. We pray that you find solace and comfort with the Lord. Steve will live on in memories and in our hearts. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can help with anything! We will honor Steve always!

*Wishing you all comfort through this difficult time,  
Summer & Blake Stokes*

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**Summer & Blake Stokes - Leesburg, GA - friends** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Thank you Steve Sutton for serving our country proudly and helping to fight for our freedom. Also for keeping our country safe! Your family are in my prayers! You are our hometown hero we can not put a price on the scarifice you have given for us! May God warp his arms around your family in the coming days ahead! Psalm 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

*Lisa Burt  
Leesburg, Ga.*

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**Lisa Burt - Leesburg, GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family friends of LCpl Steven Sutton. I did not personally know him, but I am friends with some of the guys that were with him in Afghanistan, and he made an impact on their lives. He is hero who fought and sacrificed for the freedom that we as Americans enjoy today.

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**Melissa Greer - Covington, GA** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ With deepest and sincere sympathy to all the Sutton Family for the loss of your son Steven. He was a TRUE MARINE and will be greatly missed. We all know he gave the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for us and for HIS/OUR Country. Just remember, GOD has Bigger plans for Steven than we did and he will be waiting for us in HEAVEN. Always treasure your memories with Steven and all the family and remember he will be waiting for you to all get back together one day. My love and prayers are with everyone and may God continue to bless each of you now and always.

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**Dianne Danforth - Leesburg, GA - Friend of Debbie and Gene - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LA

“ I send my condolences to the family of Steven Sutton. May God wrap his arms around you all and comfort you during this time. I am proud that he served our country well. God bless you all.

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**Lisa Brown - Donalsonville, GA - Fellow American - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ I remember Steven growing up. My mom kept him at her daycare. His family and my family was closes, till they moved. I knew then that Steven was meant for great things. Think You so much for all that you have done. Your family are in ours thought and prayers.

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**Amy Key - Omega, GA - friend - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DG

“ Keeping the Family in my Prayers.

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**Debbie Hornsby - Sylvester,Ga, GA - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JG

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. There are no words to express how grateful we are to all of our military men and women.

Thank you

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**Jerry & Cindy Holden - Dawson, GA - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BA

“ *Semper Fi!*, LCpl Sutton, your service is and was greatly appreciated. You paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and we are forever in your debt!  
God bless your family in this difficult time. *RIP.*  
*Semper Fi!*

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**Bonnie & Mike Clark - Albany, GA - grateful American - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CV

“ Dear Sutton Family: Words cannot express the pain and sorrow you all are experiencing, yet, I know that the LORD hears our prayers and my prayer for you all is that you find peace and comfort through HIM in the days to come. I have enormous respect for all of our military personnel, especially the MARINES. It was a young 19-year old Marine who helped me out during a tough situation in Iraq and I will never forget the poise, strength and commitment that he exuded. When the marines, soldiers, airmen, and seamen came through our area, my thoughts were with them and the mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, brother, sisters and children that were waiting back home. Rest assured that there were people every step of the way with your precious son, husband and father who were taking care of him as if he were their very own, every step of the way during his journey home to you.

Steve - thank you for your service to this country - freedom isn't free.

Chris (Ret vet)

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Christine Lowery - Leesburg, GA - Ret vet - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. I know first hand no words can make you feel any less grief, but in time, hopefully the pain will ease, but the memory never forgotten.

We do want to thank LCPL Sutton for giving his life to protect ours, a debt that can never be re-paid.

R.I.P. LCPL Sutton, as your memory lives on.

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Stephanie Hambrick - Dalton, GA - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Thank you LCpl Sutton for your ultimate sacrifice. It's is my prayer that god blesses your family. You are a hero to our nation.

Daniel Allen - Baconton , GA - United states citizen - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Thank you for your honor and service.

Brenda Steele - Elberton, GA - none- mourning American - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Sutton family. Thank you for all of the sacrifices you have made on our behalf as citizens of this country.

Nicole Wilson - Leesburg, GA - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

C.

“ I am so sorry to the family and friends of Steve Sutton for your loss. He was brave to serve his country and a hero for our cause.

Wendell Brannon would like to add...

God be the glory. It is nice to know that everyone can be with Steve again after we leave these flesh bodies and go to heaven. Praise God

c.mountcastle - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ My prayers are with you as you go through this time and as you go through all the days ahead. I remember the day in class when he told me he was going into the service. I told him I was proud of him as I know you are. Gods Grace Debbie Cook

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**Debbie Cook - Woodway, TX - Sub teacher at LCHS 04-11** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YA

“ We are so sorry for your loss and you are in our prayers. Steven is a true American hero and will never be forgotten.

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**Yvonda Mann - Sylvester, GA - Grateful American** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I grieve with you.

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**Ed Williams - Chattanooga, TN - Fellow Marine** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ blessed be for a fallen hero. my heart goes out to his family and friends.

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**Kelly Criswell - Leesburg, GA - family friend** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our hearts and prayers go out for the friends and family of this young man who gave all in defense of his country.

*Jerry & Nita Battle  
Americus*

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**Jerry Battle Sr - Americus, GA** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ So very sorry for your loss Sutton Family and friends. I Did not know Steven personally.... watched him play awesome football. A all around good kid that has a made a difference in all our lives. Very proud of him. Thanks, Steven for your service, your a true HERO.

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**Pam Taylor - Leesburg, GA** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I do not know Steve Sutton but I do know that my family and I are very thankful for him. RIP Steve and once again, thank you for your service to this country and all that you did that helped protect us, Americans.

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**Maranda O'Flynn - Leesburg, GA - Fellow American** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I don't know you but my heart goes out to you and your family. i will be praying for all of you for peace and comfort and love and strength through these days to come. Give it to the LORD and he will see you through all your pain. I want to thank you for allowing us to share and give our support and respect to a fallen hero. I will continue to pray for you and your family.

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**tina baker - leesburg, GA** - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ God bless your family and continued prayers...He will not ne forgotten, GOD BLESS AMERICA and THE PATRIOTS

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**Hubert Davis Jr - Shellman, GA - A friend of the MILITARY** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ My heart is very heavy for you in the loss of Steve. May God give you His comfort during this terrible time of grief. My prayers for you & this fine hero! I will not forget!!

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**Roslyn F. Oliver - Georgetown, GA - none** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I just want to say "THANK YOU" for your service to this great nation. Though I did not know Steve Sutton, I am a Vet and he served this country proudly. I want to send my prayers and condolences to the family. You have many people in this town that love you and that respect you. R.I.P. Steve Sutton you are gone but you are not forgotten, "All Gave Some, Some Gave All" HOORAH!! MARINE"

Chris Gurr  
US Army Vet  
Marine Corps Civilian, MCLB

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**Chris Gurr - Albany, GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ LCpl STEVEN SUTTON WAS A HERO. MY GOD BLESS HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER AND HIS FAMILY ON THIS DAY. GOD BLESS YAL

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**PAM & EVERETT COX - LEESBURG , GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heartfelt prayers for all of the family, and from my son Semper Fi Brother Semper Fi.

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**Jackie Tobias - Cordele, GA - Mourner/Marine Mom** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *God Bless Steven and His Family!*

*Thank you for the service to our country!*

*Semper Fi!*

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**Craig - Brunswick, GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *We didn't have the pleasure of knowing the family. Our hearts and Prayers are with you all. We would like to say thank you to Steven for his loyalty to our Country. He will always be a Hero in our eyes.. RIP Steven and May God Bless You All...*

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**Raymond & Gail Hoover - Albany, GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I did not know your family, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve was and always will be remembered as a hero.*

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**Missy Davis - Pelham, GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Sutton family...so sorry for your loss. Steven...thank you for your service. You are truly a hero. You all are in my prayers!*

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**Angie robison - Leesburg, GA - None** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with LCpl Sutton's family during this very difficult time. He will be remembered as a true American hero. God bless the Sutton family. Rest in peace, Marine. Semper fi.*

*Julie Goins Boyette  
(Leesburg native and Marine wife)*

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**Julie Boyette - Parris Island/Beaufort, SC** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

R2

“ *Ronald Reagan once said "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem."*

*I assure you that LCpl Sutton MADE A DIFFERENCE.*

*As a Marine wife, Marine mom (x2) and a native of Leesburg, my heartfelt condolences go out to your family. I didn't know LCpl. Sutton and I have never met your family - but rest assured the entire Marine family is lifting you up in prayer as you honor your son's sacrifice.*

*God bless your family and continued prayers in the days, weeks and months to come.*

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**Robin Martin - Hiddenite, NC - Marine Wife & Mom x 2** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ From Okinawa Japan:

*I would like to express my condolences to LCPL Suttons parents, wife, daughter and family. May God continue to comfort you and carry you all the days of your lives. Thank you for your service LCPL Sutton.*

*Lorena M.Maxwell ( RN) ( home Albany, Ga)  
Daughter of Ret. MGYSGT ( USMC ) 30 years  
Wife of Active Duty MSGT 20 years and counting*

*" Semper Fi Marine"!!!*

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**Lorena M. Maxwell - albany , GA - none - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BC

“ *To the family of Lance Corporal Steve Sutton, my deepest sympathy for your loss. I know you will miss him greatly. Please know that many people in this country share your grief and are very proud of Steve. Keeping You all in our prayers, may God bless you ...*

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**Beverly Sutton - Albany, GA - Sister in Christ - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ *As a military mom and spouse, my heart and prayers are with you in your loss of one of America's finest. May God bless you and keep you always.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ann Jowers*

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**Ann Jowers - Leesburg, GA - Friend - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

GA

“ I did not know Steven or his family, but had to pay my respects to a fallen soldier and those who knew and loved him. May God bless each of you and bring you peace. Steven's service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

*Rest peacefully, Marine. Your work on earth is done.*

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**Gina Heaven - Albany, GA - Grateful American** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Our hearts go out to your family. You will be in our prayers.

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**Amanda Abel and Family - Cincinnati, OH** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Semper Fi Marine. You will be missed.*

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**Joe Johnson - Albany, GA - From a Soldier to a Marine** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Gene and family,  
I remember seeing Steven for the first time in Tifton playing in the "Turkey Bowl" and watched today as he was escorted home. I pray that you all can find some peace in how he became such a fine young man and was working to make other lives better! You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lee Cannon - Smithville, GA - Co-worker of Gene & Bonnie** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our family lived next door to Steven for several years. Steven was a part of our home and our life. I love Steven very much. He was such a gentle, sweet man. I watched him grow over the years and I am proud of him, not only because of his service to our country but because of who he is.

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**Paula Blackburn - camilla, GA - friend** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I did not know Steven , but I would just like to express my deepest sympathies to his family and to also say thank you for you for the GREATEST SACRIFICE while protecting your country. May GOD bless you and keep you. Thank You again.

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**Brendalynne Kehoe - Leesburg, GA - Thankful American** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the family of LCpl Sutton - I did not have the honor of knowing Steven but my son, Sgt. Joshua Wade, graduated with Steven and until recently was attached to the 1/8 as well. My heart breaks for your family and the loss you have sustained, please know that my prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

*Thank you so much LCpl. Sutton and the Sutton family for your selfless service to our country - fallen but never forgotten!*

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**Carrie Wade - Russellville, AR - Mother of a Marine** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ As a Marine to a Marine keep the Gate open for me. I hope not to be soon but, when I died I will be going to be with my Great Master that I am serving now. A Special Condolence to my fellow Marine Brother and a very heartfelt thank you for your sacrifice for your country. May God be with your Family during this time.

Homer - Cairo, GA - Marine - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ As the child of a Navy man from the US New Jersey (Korea), as a former spouse of a Marine that served , and as a neice of family members of retired Navy and Air Force personel, may I offer my thanks to you, LCpl Sutton, for making the supreme sacrifice for my freedom and liberties. May God Bless those you have left behind, may God give them strength in the days ahead and may His Face shine on you. Semper Fi, Marine.

Dawn M. Pinnataro - Albany, GA - A Grateful American - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ No words can express our sorrow for you during this time. Stdven was a nice boy that turned into a fine man. You should be very proud of him.

Jim & Susan Russell - Leesburg, GA - friend - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ While we cannot begin to understand the depth of your loss, we send to you our thoughts and prayers. We honor the ultimate sacrifice made by a brave young man - we will never forget. Semper Fi - and God bless you, Steve.

Camp Sumter Sport Shooting Association - Andersonville, GA - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I didn't know u are your family but i would like to say Thank You for serveing for our country. My father is ex-Marine but Thank u so much and sorry for your loss to your family you r in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Tonya Parker - Leesburg, GA** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I did not know Lance Corporal Sutton. However, I wish to express my gratitude for his service and sacrifice for our country. He is a hero in every sense of the word. Please know that he did not die in vain. His earthly body may be gone, but his spirit lives on in the hearts of us all. God bless his family for sharing him with our country. WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

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**Sonja Strickland - Leesburg, GA - thankful US citizen** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Our hearts go out to the family and friends LCpl Sutton. We pray your heavy hearts will be lightened by all that he did for our wonderful country. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to Verterans of Foreign Wars please know we are here for you and family now and in the future. SALUTE

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**Lewis & Vicki Swanager - Leesburg, GA - Fellow Veteran** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I did not know LCpl Sutton, but as a Marine mom, reading about your loss touches my heart. Please know that I will remember you in my prayers. A humble nation is grateful for his service and sacrifice. You will be reunited one day, but until then, may God keep you and watch over you all. I hope your memories soon replace the pain your are now feeling.

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**Patty Martin - Butler, PA - none** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I offer my deepest condolences to the family and thank Cpl Sutton for his service to the country and his sacrifice is never forgotten.

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**Mike Cameron - macon, GA - none** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Sorry to here of the lost of Steven. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I'm extremely proud to call him a fellow American.

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**Dennis Lindsay - Beckley, WV - unknown friend** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ As a Marine Mom, my son is in 1/8 B Co, I had heard of May 26th being a "bad" day and when I found out about his passing I just started praying for his family. I am praying now for the Lord to hold you close at this time. reading the posts, I can get a picture of Lcpl Sutton and it is truly a loss... But now he is guarding Heaven's Gate...

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**Robin Phillips - ozark, AL - none** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Thank God for men like Steve, a marine that gave all to this great country. I hope that time will ease the hurt of the moment. A fellow MARINE

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**MGySgt. Howard E. Newman Jr. - Elizabethville, PA - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

WF

“ My prayers are out to you in this time of unimaginable grief.

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**Wilbur Harris - Spring City, TN - Unknown friend - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

EF

“ I met you several times at many mortar ranges while we were at camp lejeune. You had the lasting impact on a person that many do not!! I can never forget how much you you imbodyed the spirit of a man who would sacrifice it all for his family and friends!!!  
I will Remember the brief times we met and know that a Great man is Gone but never forgotten!!! Rip Lcpl Sutton

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**Eric Messick - morganton, NC - friend - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LB

“ Sutton, I will miss you so much. You kept me awake laughing when i was on firewatch back in School of infantry with you. We went to the same unit and i saw you at the barracks all the time. Then we were put into combat hunter together and we had so much fun bro. I'll always remember you brother. Love you Shrek. -Wade

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**Lcpl Christopher Wade - brother - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BG

“ To say Thank You is never enough. Your life was so precious to so many. We appreciate your sacrifice.

*Bonnie, sending my love and sympathetic thoughts to you and the rest of the family. Betty Ann*

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**Betty Ann Azbill - Albany, GA - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CS

“ Thank God for men like Steve, a marine that gave all to this great country. Thanks to the lady that let him go in the service of his country , and I hope that time will ease the hurt of the moment. A fellow soldier, USAF Sgt. Craig Yount 1969-1973.

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**Craig Young - Winston Salem, NC - fellow soldier - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

TS

“ To the Sutton Family from the family of a L/Cpl in Alpha Company, our deepest sympathy. I spoke to my son the other day who told me that; "26 May was a bad day." As you know they don't elaborate, but when Steven's Passing was posted I knew what my he meant. Please be assured that Steven, your family, and all of our men and women in Afghanistan will continue to be in our prayers.

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**The Roche Family - Charletson , SC - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

SF

“ I didn't know Steve, but my husband did. He's a member of 1/8 with Steve. Every military family mourns the loss of one of our own, because they are one of our own. Steve's family has been in our thoughts and prayers ever since! They will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Steve's sacrifice will never be forgotten!!

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**SSGT Matthew & April Lents - Camp Lejeune, NC - Fellow 1/8 Family - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

TC

“ To Gene and the entire Sutton family I offer my deepest sympathies. Steven was a classmate of both of my sons and I watched Steven grow into the fine man that he was. Gene, I know how proud you are of Steven and your pride and sorrow is shared by the rest of us. God's hand will watch over you and your family.

*Job well done, Marine...at ease!*

*Terry Hoffman and Family*

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**Terry Hoffman - Leesburg, GA - Co-worker** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ We did not know this young man, but we want you to know we are so sorry for loss and we thank you for the sacrifices that Steven made for us, our family and every American. May GOD bless your lives in the days ahead!

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**Tom and Jan Stine - Colusa, CA - No relation** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Thank you for your sacrifice to this great country! I didn't know you, but this community is very proud of you! You will always be remembered!

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**Tori Whiting - Albany, GA** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We are so sad to hear about Steven's passing, he served his country and now he is serving his Lord. My son- John went to school with Steven all through their school days and they graduated together Class of 2007, I can remember Steven smiling all the time and being so kind to everyone. Steven will be missed by us all. We love you Steven, we will see you again some day. Angela & John Doyle

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**Angela C. Doyle - Leesburg, GA - Friend** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We did not have the opportunity to know Steven but we are blessed to be in the Marine Family as well. Our Son, graduated October 2011 from boot. Our prayers go out to the family & friends of Steven. We ask God to please wrap his arms around you all during this terrible time and for the future. God Bless Everyone!!

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**Brian & Angela Jones, Pocomoke City, Maryland - Pocomoke City, MD - Marine Family** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ As a fellow Marine mom, I wanted to send my prayers and love to your family at this time. I do not know Steve, but it is obvious from the comments he was the epitome of a strong, true Marine. My son graduated from PI in October 2011. I appreciate Steve's dedication, leadership, and sacrifice. God Bless and keep you all during this difficult time.

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**Paula Bonnette Nelson - Shreveport, LA** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Thank you for your husband's service and sacrifice to our country. We will keep you in our prayers.

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**Melissa Layfield - FPO AP** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are a true American Hero. You gave your life for our freedom. Thank you! You will never be forgotten.

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**Charlene Luke - GA** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ From one Marine Corp Family to another; our deepest and sincerest sympathy for your loss. RIP Marine!

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**Tawnya Godwin Missera - Malvern, PA** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Thank you and RIP.

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**Ann Chicoine - Chicopee, MA** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your lose will be praying for god to comfort you and your family in this hour of need my god bless steven and your family

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**Julie newland - West union, OH - Just another military mom** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Didn't know your son, but my son is a Marine and graduated from PI in October 2011. He is 25 years old.*

*I am so deeply sorry for your loss. There are no words right now that will heal your heartache. I would just like to tell you that it was a honor to have your son serve our country, but so sorry that he paid such a huge sacrifice to do so.*

*I will be praying that God brings you and your loved ones comfort until your heartache is replaced by loving and treasured memories of your son.*

*RIP Marine in the heavenly realm in the loving arms of our Lord*

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**Debra A. Landry - LA - none** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to your family at this time. Our marine son in training couldn't write personally but wanted you to know Steve and he served as squad leaders together, and he enjoyed and respected Steve as a person and as a marine.*

*Our whole family grieves your loss and we are forever grateful for Steve's service.*

*The Savitsky's (Meszaros's)*

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**Eileen Savitsky - Gaithersburg, MD - mother to fellow marine** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *So sad for your loss, may God Bless him and keep him.*

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**Katina Sutton-Bolton - Melbourne, FL - fellow American** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Thank you sir!

Thomas Brooks - Sylvester, GA - none - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ To the family of fallen Marine Sutton. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We are so proud of your Marine and are deeply grateful that he served his country so honorably and with the greatest measure of love. He will not be forgotten.

Baltimore Family and LCpl Baltimore USMC - Birchwood, TN - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Semper Fi Marine. Thank you for your service. God bless you and your family and loved ones.

Debbie - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of your loved one, one of our own, a brother to my son, a fellow Marine. Though I did not know Steven, I wanted to express my deepest condolences and send you prayers, that God may give you strength and eventually replace your sorrow with sweet memories of this incredible young Marine. My prayers and heart are with you. Rest in Peace Steven as you guard the gates to bring home your brothers and sisters that join you in HIS kingdom. SEMPER FI MARINE

Susanne, - a Marine Mom - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ May God Bless! Thank you for your sacrifice. Our son Matt Bacon graduated with Steven.

Greg and Gina Bacon - Leesburg, GA - Friend - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with this family during this very sad time.

We thank you Steven for your service to our country. May you rest in peace.

Semper Fi Marine.

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Linda Howald - Jacksonville, NC - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ To LCpl. Sutton's family:

I cannot imagine your heartbreak. Know in your hearts that we are eternally grateful for not only your son's brave sacrifice, but yours. I pray that God heals your broken hearts soon, leaving only good memories, and grants you the strength to endure the loss of your beloved son.

Godspeed, LCpl. Sutton, on your journey to Heaven. We are forever grateful.

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Noeleen Cleary - Murfreesboro, TN, TN - A grateful American - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ So sorry for your loss. God called another soldier home to His army. May he now rest in peace. May God bless your family with comfort of heart and peace in your soul.

ArmyMom Kim

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Kim - NC - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Semper fi

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Dennis Place - Detroit, MI - Marine - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Im so sorry to hear about the loss of a great soilder. My heart goes out to all of his family. I wish you all the very best during this hard time. He will never be forgotten!*

Charlette Johnson - WA - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Thank you for your service...may you rest in peace. You are a true Hero!*

Toni Jones - Howell, MI - Thankful American - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To the family of Steven. He is truly an American Hero that gave the ultimate for all freedom loving people in America. May the Lord our God comfort you and ease the hurt in your heart. God Bless you.*

John Allen - MI - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *As a Marine and combat wounded vietnam vet I just want to let Steve's family know that we are praying for them and we know the pain in their hearts is difficult, but Steve died a hero to us all.....If all men could say that their life would be a success.*

Phil Deese - Americus, GA - Fellow Marine Brother - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *To The Family of Lance Corporal Steve Sutton, May God Bless you with Peace and Comfort in The days to come. The Sacrifices made by Lance Corporal Steve Sutton Shows his Love for all mankind by protecting our Freedom. Thank you from the bottom of my Heart for your service.*

Rhonda McDonald Harper - Leesburg, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Thanks for your service never knew him but he would make a parent proud

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**Charlotte Hogan - Leesburg, GA - None** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I'd like to thank Steven and his family for my freedom he risked and gave his own life. Though I never knew him, the debt he payed will never be forgotten. I pray for all the family and friends as I'm sure there hearts are broken. I am so sorry but yet I am so thankful for real men like Steven. A Hero now an Angel. With Deepest Sympathy I am.

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**Michele Nix - Colquitt, GA - Thankful Person** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To Toni, Debbie and the rest of the family of our "Hometown Hero"... I am so sorry for your loss. The sacrifices that he made for us are far more than I could have ever imagined. My prayers are with his family. I pray for strength and peace in the days to come. Thank YOU LCpl Steve Sutton for fighting for me! God bless you and may you Rest in Peace!

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**Robin Berry - Leesburg, GA - Friend** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ To the family of this fallen hero...I didn't know your son personally but my nieces and nephews went to school with him and other family and friends knew him. This is a tragedy for your family and I have been praying for you all since it happened. My heart has been saddened just knowing your pain, I myself have lost a cousin and sister very young ages and it never seems to go away. In time it will get easier but you will never forget that pain and loss. I am so proud of this HOMETOWN HERO FROM LEESBURG, GA...He is the greatest hero of all...May you all walk through the valley of the shadow of death but fear not...he is in the most loving arms in the world!! RIP Steve Sutton!!

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**Sherry Kerfoot - Leesburg, GA - unknown - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BC

“ Would like to say thanks so much for serving our country. My heart goes out to your family. God has called another ANGEL home....RIP

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**Brenda Shiver - Leesburg, GA - Lee Countian - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MM

“ Semper Fi Marine. I will be there to help bring him home and honor this marine and his family. USMC 1969-1989 and still a Marine.

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**Master Sergeant Greg Stocks ret - havana, FL - Marine - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AW

“ You will greatly be missed by many and a true hero may you rest in peace!!!

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**Ashley Watson - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AG

“ I remember @ the skating rink Steve came over @ ask 2 go out w my daughter,I said how old r you because he was so tall,well they were only 12,so I ask where r u taking her he said mam skating and hold her hand.My daughter is now married to a Marine living n Chicago and we were remembering Steve,God bless your family thru this painful loss. thank u for your service and sacrifice,our heart aches for Steve's family.Simper Fi Lance Cpl Sutton Rest in Peace.

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**Anna Stratford-Hyde - Albany, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

GV

“ You duty is done here, soldier. Now rest with God my brother.

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**Gary Brunty - Ty Ty , GA - veteran - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LP

“ You are missed, "Big Steve". We love you and thank you and your family for your service and sacrifice to this great country. God speed brother. May he wrap his all powerful, lovingkindess arms around you and your family.

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**Leon and Edie Brunty - Ty Ty , GA - PGR - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CN

“ God bless you

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**Carol Pressley's - Leesburg, GA - None - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ My condolences to the family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I love and support our troupes and so proud of them. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
I am friends with Toni and all of her family.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Libby

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**Dorothy Libby - Albany , GA - Friend** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Thanks for everything you did for our country! You are truly a hero. I will never forget seeing you do your thing on the football field!! Thoughts and prayers to your wife and family!

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**Erica Hegle - Leesburg, GA - friend** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Willie “Poppa Joe” and Miz Alice Black send our deepest sympathy to USMC L CPL Steven Sutton and his family  
Thank you sir for your service and sacrifice to our Great Nation. You will now be remembered as a HERO as you walk with the Heroes who have gone before you, You Sir will not be forgotten. Your watch is now complete....your battle over, and we will take the watch from here. May God hold you gently in the palm of His hand until we all meet again.

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**Willie "Poppa Joe Black - Valdosta , GA - PGR** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Thank You, Thank You, for your service!  
My condolences to the family. I know you are proud!

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**Janice Brown - Leesburg , GA - Fellow Leesburg citizen.** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Rest in Peace Lance Corporal Steve Sutton!!!

Sharon McDonald - Albany, GA - none - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My prayers go out to the family.

Trisha Drum - Kingsland, GA - i am from Lee Co - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Thanks Lance Corporal Steven Sutton you are a true American hero. Leesburg, Ga is proud to call you our hometown hero. May you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your family...

Mittie S Bryan - LEESBURG, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ RIP...our Lee County hero

Sherina Courson - leesburg, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers to the Sutton family.

Cheryl Catrett - Albany, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Thank you Steven for your service. My heart is broken to know that such a fine young man is no longer with us. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Steven and his mom Sue lived next door to us and was friends with our daughter and they had such a good time together. He was such a sweet boy and grew into a fine young man who paid the price for his country. You will be greatly missed.

Nan Watson - Leesburg, GA - Friend - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *As the mother of 3 sons in the military and the wife of a retired Marine, I am so grateful for your service. Semper Fi Marine.*

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**Debbie Godwin - Leesburg, GA** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *My heart aches for the family of this young Marine but I have a sense of pride. He represented our country well. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Daughter of Vietnam Veteran, Wanda Solomon*

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**Wanda Solomon - Leesburg, GA - church family member to Ms. Ford** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Sorry for your loss...So sad*

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**janice - atlanta, GA - none** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all the friends and family of Lcpl Sutton. He truly has given the ultimate sacrifice for us. He will NEVER be forgotten.*

*He is in a better place now and we will see him again!*

*Sincerely,  
Melisa*

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**Melisa Brown - Leesburg, GA** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Steven has seen, and touched, the face of God. I pray that brings you peace.*

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**Audra McIntosh - Tampa, FL - Friend** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My sincere thanks for the sacrifices you all have made. LCPL Sutton is a hero!*

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**Jan - Leesburg, GA** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Gene, My sincere condolences on the death of your son. I can't imagine what you are going thru right now, but, know that I am thinking of you every second since I heard the news. You should be very proud of Steven as I know that you are and know that we are all so very grateful for his support of our country and our freedom. God bless you Gene and stay strong, call on your friends for support, me included for whatever I can contribute I am ready, willing, and able to do whatever is necessary to help get you thru these trying times. As you know I had a big man and it's no shame for big men to cry. You have to let it out, don't hold it inside. Good luck gene and you have my e-mail address so let me know how I can help.*

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**Dale Dukes - Sylvester, GA - friend** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Toni, Aubrey and the Sutton Family, my heart breaks for your loss. I wish I had perfect words to ease your pain. Please know that I and my family will continue to lift you up in prayers. If there is anything that I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.  
My deepest sympathies,  
Linda Ring

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**Linda Ring - Jacksonville, NC - Marine Mom, 1st Bn, 8th Marines - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LG

“ Thank you for the sacrifice you have made for me & my loved ones. I know you will be missed dearly. To the Sutton Family, my thoughts & prayers are with you. You are not alone.

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**Lisa Page - Sasser, GA - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

KM

“ I am so sorry for your loss... Love Marine Mom of 1/8 wpns co

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**Kathy Lynn - Cleveland, TN - Marine mom - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LJ

“ I just want to say to the family of this "Hometown Hero"... I am so sorry for your loss. This amazing young man is the reason that we are here and able to be with our families today. The sacrifices that he has made for us are far more than I could have ever imagined. My prayers are with his family. May God surround you with His love. I pray for strength and peace in the days to come. Thanks Steven for fighting for me! Rest in Peace!

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**Laura Jones - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

SM

“ As a mother of a former 1/8 US Marine I can not begin to know you enormous loss. Please know that my prayers are with all of LC Sutton's family, friends, and Marine brothers. May your faith, strength and our nations deep gratitude for Steve's service and sacrifice bring you comfort.

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**Sharon Snoke Haupfear - Orlando, FL - Marine mom - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

TN

“ *Semper Fi Marine! May we never forget the sacrifices that you and so many before you have made for us! To your family - God Bless you for your sacrifice as well - may you always know that the Marine Family will always be with you no matter where you are! God's Peace and healing be upon you all.*

*The Pickel Family (USMC-Earl Pickel, 1984-1988)*

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**Toni Pickel - Albany, GA - none - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MC

“ WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR YOUR COUNTRY..

*"FALLEN BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!!*

*TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOURS, AND WE SAY THANK YOU!!!!*

*MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN HIS HANDS AND DELIVER YOU TO THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR TRAGIC LOSS!*

*SEMPER FI!!*

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**Melissa Wheaton - Leesburg, GA - THANKFUL LEE COUNTIAN! - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ A Leesburg, GA TRUE American Hero!!!!  
Words cannot express or comprehend my thoughts at this time. Steve gave it his all and will always be remembered. He gave the ultimate sacrifice. I ask that everyone that knows Steve and the family to say a prayer for them and remember them in the coming months and years as they deal with the loss. Please know that the family is my prayers. I am here to support his family! From one military family to another! "Fallen but never Forgotten" - Love ya!!!

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**Mark Satterfield - Leesburg , GA - Friend - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MS

“ To the family, our hearts and prayers go out to you in this time of loss. We will always remember Steven, he and Joey, Jr. played football together. Not only were they football mates but friends. He was always respectful in saying hello and giving that big smile to us. We enjoyed knowing him and will never forget the light he eliminated whenever you saw him. Joey, Jr. sends his deepest condolences, he will always have him in his heart. They had so much fun together playing football and he was talking about how Steven, Joe, Clark and others held that line---a force that was hard to break. I thank you for allowing your son to fight for our freedom, what a great sacrifice, we say thank you. We know he is smiling down and watching over you still. We will keep you in our prayers and pray for your strength and my prayer will be that God will usher you all into his presence where you will find peace.

*much love, Mr. & Mrs. Joey Harris, Sr. and Joey Harris, Jr.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Joey Harris, Sr. - Leesburg, GA - Friend of my son - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

EF

“ Gene our prayers are with you and your family old friend. I am so sorry , if there is anything I can do for you just let me know.

Ed Stein - Leesburg, GA - friend - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ May our thoughts and prayers comfort Sue & the family in your time of loss. We love you!

Ginger Spieker, David & Peggy King - Poulan, GA - Friend of the family - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thanks for being our hero. I know i did not know you but i new your wife when she was little or teenager. She is gone in to nice woman and to a nice person. You know me by chris jenkins .

david and chris redfearn - thomasville, GA - friend - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ GENE SUE AND CHESS I AM SOO SORRY ABOUT STEVEN! WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL !!

vicki and darrell kennedy - norman park, GA - friend - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I did not know Steve personally, but I am so honored to call him my hero for giving the ultimate sacrifice for my freedoms. I am a teacher at the high school but I did not teach when he was there. I am so sorry for your loss and I pray that God will walk with you all through the valley of the shadow of death. I pray comfort, peace and strength for your family during this time.

Teresa Rayburn - Leesburg, GA - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Thank you for serving this country steven, we will all meet in heaven one day, you my be gone, but you are never forgotten, now you can rest at ease soldier

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**james norris - Albany, GA** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ steven we miss you so miss,sue,chess,we know your heart is broken as ours are too,we love you , your uncle rusty was so proud of you being a marine,words cant express the pain everyone is going thru right now,but just know we will see steven one day,i see him in heaven with papa chester, looking down, and saying its ok.

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**teresa rugg - clarksville, TN - aunt** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My families prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. We can not express our graditude enough what this young man gave to us. Our freedom. God bless.

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**Lynn Sawyer - Albany, GA** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." ~John 15:13

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**Kim Robins - Americus, GA - A Grateful American** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *The Family of Lance Cpl Steve Sutton, Words cannot express the sadness to loose another warrior but it hits home when they are one of ours, its beyond comprehending. Your efforts, your sacrafice will never be forgotten. I know you are still watching over your brothers and making sure of their safety. May God guide and direct your family with the memories you left behind during this difficult time. RIP Warrior.*

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**Sheryl Baumlin Brown - FL - A Marine Mom** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I never had the honor or priviledge to meet this brave man, however, I wanted to express my unending gratitude and complete respect LCpl Steve Sutton for paying the ultimate sacrifice for me and my family and our country. All brave men and women in the Armed Forces give some, but you, LCpl Sutton and also the ones that are guarding the gates of heaven before you, you are the ones who gave all. No words could ever be enough to say how thankful I am for what you have done. You make this country proud and it is because of men and women like you that America will never fall. Your death was not in vain. Your memory will forever live on and you are a true American hero. I pray for peace and comfort for your family during this time.*

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**Kelli Durham - Leesburg, GA - a forever grateful American** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Words cannot express the sorrow and respect my family and I have for you. I pray that God helps your family through this tragic time. Thank you for the sacrifice you have given us. RIP*

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**Beth Kawalek - Leesburg, GA** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ To the Sutton Family, Words cannot express to you the deep gratitude that I have in my heart to Steve. My children went to high school with him, but did not know him closely. More than that, being an Army mom, has brought a whole new life to me. More than ever, I appreciate what our military goes through and the sacrifices they make. Unfortunately, Steve has made the ultimate sacrifice. Please know that you are in my prayers. I am here to support his family!  
From one military family to another!

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**Katrina Hadley - Leesburg, GA - Thankful American, Army Mom - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CG

“ I just want to say "Thank You" for defending our country and because of you we have another day of freedom. You are a TRUE HERO and I will always be thankful for what you have done for me and my family and many others without your courage and strengthen and your fight we would not have the freedom we do I am so sorry for your family and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers may god easy their pain I wanna say again Thank you Lance Corporal Sutton your memory will forever live on God Bless Your Soul  
For ever grateful,  
Crystal Fudge and Family

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**Crystal - leesburg, GA - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

SC

“ Thank you, Lance Corporal Sutton, from the bottom of my heart. It's heroes like you that define integrity, honor, service, and dedication. Thank you for defending our freedoms. You will never be forgotten and your legacy will live on each and every time we enjoy our freedoms that you so unselfishly gave up. My heart is heavy for your family and friends, I know this is such a hard time. Please know that we will continue to pray for them each day. We promise to not forget, and we won't forget you and what you have done for all us. I can't say it enough...You are a TRUE HERO..and for that we are grateful. God bless you! Semper Fi!

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**Stacey Farrell - Albany, GA - Grateful Citizen** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our words cannot stop the tears you have, nor take away the pain of this tragic moment. Know that I, and many like me, can only hold this young man's memory in honor, and extend to his family the greatest of sympathy. Thanks to those of his family who shared him with the rest of us. Semper Fi, Marine!

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**John Kelly - Albany, GA** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ May God's Grace & Love comfort you always.

*Thanks for keeping us safe.*

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**Billy Webb - leesburg, GA - Fellow American & Veteran** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My heart goes out to the family of this young man who was so special to me. I met Steven in Middle School. He was a friend to my son Tommy, and also a frequent visitor to the media center at Lee County Middle School where I work.

*I remember his smile and sense of humor always brightened my day. It didn't matter where you saw him, if he knew you, you would get that cute little grin and a friendly hello or some goofy comment. I loved him dearly. When you work with students year after year, theres always some that touch you life in such a way that you never forget them and they become a part of your heart. Steven was the tallest, funniest coolest big guy. After being a military wife for twenty years, you have such a feeling of pride when a young man like this chooses to serve his country and defend our freedom. My heartfelt sympathies go out to you for your loss, but my prayers are that he is with God and that you will find comfort in your precious memories of that wonderful young man.*

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**Liz Skinner - Leesburg, GA - friend** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I taught Steven in second grade at Omega Elementary School. He was such a sweet and mannerly young boy. Always thought a lot of him. I can see him now acting out a little play we did in the room about a bear. So very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Ellen Fritz

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**Ellen Fritz - Tifton - teacher** - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the entire Sutton family - you are in my thoughts and prayers & have my deepest sympathies. ToniRoni - I love you and have thought of nothing but you and Aubrey since I heard the news. My heart breaks for you; I can only imagine your devastation. I pray for God to bring you peace and strength to get you through this ordeal. What an honor to have known Steve Sutton "an American Hero".

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**Melissa Batchelor Williams - Tallahassee, FL - Family friend - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ I work at Lee county elementary school Steven would always speak to me and hug my neck even when he saw me at the high school or football games. what a wonderful sweet student and Man he grew up to be. An American Hero

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**Patty Johnson - Leesburg, GA - friend - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

GA

“ I would like to say thanks to Lance Corporal Steve Sutton's family for the sacrifice He made for me and my family. He will always be a HERO in my eyes. I can't imagine what your going through, but I am very grateful for him and what he stood for. You will be in my prayers.

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**Greg Hancock - Americus, GA - Thankful American - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**