



David E. Sutter, Sr.

October 11, 1938 - August 5, 2020

David Elwood Sutter, Sr., age 81, of Lebanon, and formerly of Robertson County, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at The Residence at Alive Hospice in Nashville. A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 at the Nashville National Cemetery in Madison, Tennessee. Marine Corps Honor Guard will provide military honors.

Mr. Sutter was born October 11, 1938 in Gardiner, ME to the late Elwood Vernon and Ruth Carver Sutter. He worked in the steel industry at Unarco.

Mr. Sutter is survived by his son, David Sutter, Jr. of Lebanon; daughters, Donna (Scott) McEwing of Orlinda and Dianna (Wayne) Bull of Cottontown; sisters, Lorraine Black and Mary Ann Sutter of Augusta, ME; grandchildren, April Remick, Collin Bull, Matthew McEwing, Jennie Farris, Danielle Sutter, Shelby Sutter and Amber McDade; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

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Cemetery Details

Nashville National Cemetery

Nashville, TN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nashville National Cemetery
Nashville, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David E. Sutter, Sr..*



August 19, 2020 at 08:51 AM

SB

“ *Bout 3 years ago, Dave... "Ole Sarge" and I decided to go to the range and waste a few rounds. After we got done shooting, we drove back to the boro (Murfreesboro) for a bite to eat. We went into a nice restaurant on the square. It was Memorial Day and the pretty young hostess who seated us noticed our service caps and said "thank you for your service". Then she asked "could you tell me some memorable event from your service?" I thought oh no... as I could see this question rolling around in Dave's head. Finally, he told a short story... at Ka Song, they had 3 fox hole bunkers out in front of their MLR (main line of resistance) and the Captain wanted them occupied one night to listen for enemy movement. Well, Dave knew exactly were they were and he ran out and jumped into one of them. The only problem was... he wasn't alone. There was someone else already there and he didn't speak American... story ended. But the young hostess was really caught up in the story... so she excitedly asked... "What happened next?" Sarge looked at her with a quizzical glance and said... "well duh... I'm here and he ain't". Semper Fi, ole buddy... Dobber*

Stephen Brown - August 08, 2020 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ Well now, Dave was a life long fan of boxing... and I believe Dave was a very good young boxer himself. I don't think he would hesitate a moment if someone wanted to take him downtown to Knuckle City. Anyway, on his second tour of NAM, he was given a brand spanking new second lieutenant to break in. They didn't get along too well. There was a disagreement... then an altercation... and then a lieutenant laid out on the floor. Sarge had to go see the C.O. who reminded Sarge that knocking out an officer could not be tolerated... no matter how much he deserved it. So, the Colonel said he would have to take a stripe from Sarge and transfer him to another base. The Colonel went to the map and said we have this quiet base up near the border were you can finish out your tour... ah, here it is... it's call Ka Song. The sh-t storm started as soon as Sarge got off the plane. Sorry about those holes they shot in your bod. Semper Fi old bud. Dobber

Stephen Brown - August 07, 2020 at 11:36 PM

SB

“ Well, as a young Marine, Dave was a expert marksman and shot on both the Rifle and Pistol Team for the Marine corps. He looked like a poster board Marine... and being stationed at Quanico, Va., he was tapped for guard duty at the White House during the JFK days. Dave was often posted outside the Oval Office, standing at parade rest as important people came and went. Well, Dave could always maintain a proper "eyes front" position as old politicians and world leaders were admitted to the President's office... but that was not the case for other visitors of the female gender. Dave use to tell me... "Dobber, you would not believe the beautiful women who went through those doors." I reminded Dave that " Rank has its privileges". Semper Fi, old buddy.

Stephen Brown - August 07, 2020 at 11:02 PM

SB

“ Dave and I were good friends and we were both USMC veterans. About 10 or 12 years ago, we started a long range shooting event at our cowboy club. We had targets at 100 and 200 yards. That's were "Ole Sarge" and I first met... Sarge wearing his USMC Gunny cap. In those early days on "the Hill", Sarge always won first place in whatever event we happen to be shooting... and Sarge was always tutoring the rest of us with helpful tidbits of advice. He was always passing on to us the shooting knowledge he had acquired over many years in the Corps and at other various shooting endeavors, and we all became better shooters as a result. Sometimes he said that perhaps he taught us a little too well. We shared many good times together and I will miss him a bunch. Semper Fi old buddy.
Dobber

Stephen Brown - August 07, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DJ

Steve you were a true and honest friend of my fathers, he always spoke of you with respect and kindred spiritiveness (misspelt) . He spoke of your helicopter abilities with envy, I know you were a trus and dear friend, thank you so much for these memories and being pops friend: David Sutter Jr.

David Sutter Jr. - August 08, 2020 at 09:51 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless your family with comfort in your grief.

Danny and Kim Gleason - August 06, 2020 at 04:57 PM