

Craig Richard Sutton (Spider)

November 28, 1934 ~ July 5, 2024

Craig Richard Sutton (Spider) passed away on July 5, 2024 at the age of 89.

He was born to Paul Henry Sutton and Ruth Anderson Sutton on Nov. 28, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the best brother to his two sisters, Renee and Janet Claudia, both of whom preceded him in death.

Craig married his eternal companion, Sylvia B. Sutton, on Nov. 22, 1963. Together they had four children: Scott, Brian (deceased), Marni (Brandon P.), and Calli (Brandon H.). Craig and Sylvia have been blessed with eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

After graduating from West High School in 1953, he attended the University of Utah before serving a 30 month mission to Brazil for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-daySaints. Craig loved his mission, his companions, the people of Brazil, and the Portuguese language, which he remained fluent in until his death.

Upon completing his mission, Craig transferred to BYU where he excelled in fine arts and completed his bachelor's degree. Education and learning were an important part of his life. "Learn to read, then read to learn" was something he often said to his children, grandchildren, and the students he helped as he volunteered at Highland Park Elementary School in his later life.

Craig had a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and shared it often. Together he and Sylvia served a 14-year mission in the Salt Lake City Inner City Mission, where he also served as the Bishop of the Harvard Ward. Serving this mission with his wife was a highlight of his life.

Craig lived a good and faithful life. He kept his sense of humor and teased and joked until the end. Even though he wasn't tall, he was a giant of a man with a huge heart, and was loved by all who had the privilege of meeting him.

Dad will be remembered most for his ice blue eyes; "sneaking" popcorn to his kids, and later his grandkids, after they were supposed to be in bed; joining in family water fights, jokes, and other games; having his appendix removed without any anesthesia while serving in Brazil (and telling the story to anyone who would listen); loving anything BYU and teasing anyone who favored the U with a "Goooo Cougs!" We love you, Bops!

A viewing will be held Monday, July 15, 2024 at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary (2350 E. 1300 S., Salt Lake City, UT) from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 11:00 am at the same location with a viewing one hour before.

To watch the recorded service, please click on the Watch Service button above.