



Eva R. Sutton

January 14, 1938 - June 17, 2025

Eva Rosetta Southerland Sutton, born January 14, 1938 was the daughter of William Dexter and Rosetta Womack Southerland (both deceased). She grew up in Durham, N.C., the middle of three girls.

Eva graduated from Hillside High School in 1954 and from Virginia State University in 1958 with a

B.S. Degree in Business. She earned a Master of Social Work degree in 1969 from Virginia

Commonwealth University. Her employment in social work spanned approximately 25 years in such agencies as Lorberg Psychiatric Clinic (psychotherapy with emotionally challenged children/adults), Friends Association for Children (foster care and adoption), Department of Corrections (Director of work release for female felons), and Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work (liaison administrative faculty). She retired in 1991. Volunteer endeavors were in Women's Aglow Fellowship, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and Richmond Family Drug Court.

Although growing up in church, she heard the plan of salvation while in college and received Jesus as Lord and Savior in 1956. Since then her church memberships have been in Good Shepherd Baptist Church and West End Assembly of God for 25 years where she received good foundational teaching in the Word of God. In 1997, she felt led to join Faith Landmarks Ministries where she learned to walk in kingdom principles. She actively served there in the Clothing Ministry, Intercessory Prayer, Hospitality Department (servicing guest speakers), substitute front desk Office Staff, Ladies Pastors' Aide Department Head, the Hospitality Desk and Prison Ministry. She completed the 2 year curriculum at Faith Landmarks Bible Institute in the class of 2005. She later move to Summerfield, Florida in 2019 and attended Assembly of God churches there, Eva's passion was to mentor other women in the things of the Lord.

Eva married Edward (Walter) Sutton in 1957 and from that union was born one daughter, Evette Denise Hicks and two grandchildren Elizabeth Nicole Walker (Liz) and Victoria

Jannell Hicks (Tori).

Eva looked forward to being with Jesus and joined him on her graduation day to heaven. Her husband of 54 years preceded her in death 2012. She is survived by one daughter, 2 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, one grandson-in-law, 2 devoted sisters: deceased Doris A. Kiser of Stone Mountain, Georgia and Wilma D. Taylor (deceased Tommy) of Lauderhill, Florida, a sisters-in-law, 2 God-daughters: Rev. Annette Powell and Rev. Jeanette Phelps, God-Son: John F. Mitchell; 2 nephews Derrick "Sonny" Kiser of Atlanta, GA and Brian Dexter Taylor (Dannielle) of Rochester, NY, and a host of nieces, cousins and close friendships some of which date back 40+ years. She felt blessed that the Lord put many wonderful relationships in her life.

Visitation will take place on Monday July 7, 2025 at LIFE CHURCH Assembly of God 4001 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, FL from 8:00 am until time of service at 9:30 am. The funeral service may be viewed on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVqH_SBCWMY

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

LIFE CHURCH Assembly of God
4001 Picciola Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

LIFE CHURCH Assembly of God
4001 Picciola Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Burial Service

JUL 7. 12:30 PM (ET)

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6502 SW 102nd Avenue
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Tribute Wall

GC

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Eva. We were friends from living in Stonecrest and enjoying many activities together especially our pool exercises. I will keep her in my prayers and remember her always dearly 🙏

Gloria Ann cerullo - October 06, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CH

“ ChaplainDrJean lit a candle in memory of Eva R. Sutton



ChaplainDrJean - July 06, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JP

Thank you Pastor Jean. May God bless you and keep you.

Jeanette DeLoatch Phelps - July 07, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album photos and videos



ChaplainDrJean - July 06, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JC

“ I send my heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of Mrs. Eva Sutton.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Sutton through her godson, my brother, John Mitchell. From the moment I met her I liked her. She had a very warm and welcoming spirit. She was such a lovely person with a twinkle in her eye and a beautiful fashion sense.

Mrs. Sutton, you will be missed, but I know you are with our Heavenly Father and the crown that you wear will be heavily adorned.

Janice Carter - June 29, 2025 at 08:36 PM

“ To the Family and Friends of
Mrs. Eva Rosetta Southerland Sutton,



Words cannot truly capture the sorrow I felt upon hearing of
Ms. Eva's passing.

She was truly one-of-a-kind—a woman of unwavering faith, remarkable strength,
quiet courage, and deep conviction. She carried herself with a confidence that
inspired others and a spirit that uplifted everyone she encountered.

Though I didn't know her for long, in the short time we shared, I came to know her
heart. Ms. Eva brought joy, laughter, wisdom, encouragement, and strength into
my life. She lived a life grounded in love, loyalty, integrity, and trust—qualities she
both embraced and exemplified. She walked through life with grace, gratitude,
compassion, resilience, and an adventurous spirit.

Her love for God shone through in everything she did, and I am grateful for the
way she shared that light with me.

We shared a birthday month, and she never missed acknowledging mine. That
kindness, even in our brief time as friends, meant so much. We also shared a
love for the water and the ocean. In honor of that connection, I share this poem:

Lingering Joys

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells in the sand.

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains.

For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.

— Author Unknown

Mrs. Eva Rosetta Southerland Sutton was a remarkable woman.

*She will forever live on in my heart and in the hearts of all who loved her—that I
am certain of.*

May the peace of shared memories bring comfort now and in the days to come.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Pauline R. Jones

AL

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Ms Eva and she was a nice lady I started calling her my Auntie I'm going to really miss her, but I know she in a better place right now. Rest Easy Auntie

Andre Lake



Andre Lake - June 27, 2025 at 04:12 PM

CF

“ ChaplainDrJean - Ftgmedu.org - FamilyFri sent a virtual gift in memory of Eva R. Sutton



ChaplainDrJean - ftgmedu.org - familyFri - June 26, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TR

“ A neighbor and friend we will remember you for your outgoing and loving nature. Your strong belief and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rest in his loving care and peace. Clinton and Tonza Watson

Tonza Rhem-Watson - June 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JJ

“ Abba Father,

What a blessing you bestowed on me to allow my path in life to cross the path of my Godmother Eva's. 😊 As you adopted me as a son into your family of believers of every tribe, nation, and tongue, so did you allow her and me to adopt each other.

Such fond and wonderful memories I have of our abundant times together - - and will continue to have as I retrieve them from my mind and heart.

Thank you for wiping away the tears of her family members (both by blood and our adoption) and of those who loved and cared dearly for her.

She, a multitude of others she knew, and I became one in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through His blood He shed for us. As she would say: Bless God! Amen & Amen. 🙏🙏🙏

John Frederick Mitchell, Jr.

John F. Mitchell, Jr. - June 26, 2025 at 03:50 AM

WT

I truly thank God that he blessed me with having you as big my sister. I will always treasure our wonderful times with family and friends. Our travels to conferences, vacation trips and times we went to the beach 🏖️ which was always a special place for you. Doris Ann, our oldest sister always had funny stories to share with us, Mother and daddy were very proud of their three girls and supported us in our achievements. We would talk for hours on the phone laughing and sharing recent events and also times in prayer when situations would come up in our lives. These fond memories will forever be in my heart when I think of you. You loved to share your faith in God with those that came in contact with you. When someone would have a need you often gave financially, food , clothing and shelter as God led you to do. Many people were blessed by your outpouring of love. Rest easy my dearest sister Eva. I will always love you and miss you. Always, Wilma 🙏👍❤️

Wilma Southerland Taylor - July 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM

GV

“ *I worked with Eva on the Holiday Decorating Committee in Stonecrest. Eva was always smiling and was a hard worker. We had many laughs while Decorating for Christmas. This year she wanted to create Candy Cane Lane, which will be done with 300 solar candy canes. She was so excited to know that was planned. So we plan to name it Eva Sutton's Candy Cane Lane.*

Gayle Voiles - June 23, 2025 at 03:43 PM

PJ

What a beautiful and thoughtful way to remember and honor Ms. Eva, The Eva Sutton's Candy Lane!

Pauline Jones - June 26, 2025 at 03:07 PM

MR

“ I volunteered with Eva Sutton at Faith Landmarks Ministries for many years. I missed her when she moved to Florida. May God's peace saturate her family.

Marilyn Redd - June 23, 2025 at 12:22 PM

RP

“ Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps lit a candle in memory of Eva R. Sutton



Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - June 22, 2025 at 07:04 PM

RP

There are no words to express how saddened I was when I heard about Eva better known as "The Mother", suddenly passed away. But my sad heart began to lift up with praise to God when I knew that she was finally at home with her Savior. I am so grateful that I had 30+ years filled with family fun and agape love. Godmother, you will be missed, but I will see you on the other side of Through.

*Love and Respect,
Goddaughter Jai*

Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - June 22, 2025 at 07:13 PM

GT

“ I am sure that Eva is resting with her Savior. May Jesus continue to give this family Peace during these times. Amen !!

Gayle Taylor

Gayle Taylor - June 22, 2025 at 09:19 AM