



Bernice Lorene Sutton

October 23, 1928 - July 1, 2017

Bernice Lorene Sutton of Swedeborg, MO passed away at her home on July 1, 2017 at the age of 88 years, 8 months, and 8 days. She was born October 23, 1928 in Lesterville, MO to the late Chester and Fairy Faye Russell Hickman. Bernice graduated from Lesterville High School in 1946, attended Southeast Missouri University, and then went on to teach for some time before becoming a candy maker for the Sunmark Candy Company (where she got to meet the real Mr. Wonka, Gene Wilder); she retired from the company in 1989.

In March of 1951, Bernice was united in marriage to Wilbern "Cotton" Sutton who preceded her in death on January 8, 2006. To this union two children were born: Joyce Ann Bockenholt and husband Bill of Bella Villa, MO, and James Edward Sutton and wife Claydene of Lemay, MO.

Bernice is survived by her children, four grandchildren; Chris, Leandra, Cindy, and Cheryl, 18 great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, sister-in-law Joan Hickman and her family, special friends Susan and Ike Bonebrake, Cheri and Joe Durmand, David Manier, and many other family and friends.

Bernice is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cotton, two brothers, Willard and Marvin Hickman, and a sister, Goldia Sutton.

Bernice enjoyed making quilts for friends and family, she loved all animals, and was known to call turtles and fish when it was time to eat, talk with the deer, and aide the squirrels with cracking and opening their nuts. She was an avid gardener and was known to grow record breaking vegetables, and made

some of the best homemade blackberry jelly. She also would can her vegetables for all of her friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Cole Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday morning beginning at 11:00 am. Interment will be in the Hyatts Creek Cemetery in Lesterville, MO. Pastor Aaron Boeving will be officiating the services.

Online condolences may be made at www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Hyatts Creek Cemetery

Lesterville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Life Celebration

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Lorene Sutton*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorene Sutton*



Cheryl harris - July 07, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorene Sutton*



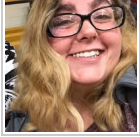
Angela Brown - July 06, 2017 at 11:36 PM



“ *We'll sing in the Sunshine Grandma! I love you.*



Cindy Garner - July 06, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ *Paige Hall lit a candle in memory of Bernice Lorene Sutton*



Paige Hall - July 06, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Cindy Garner sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Lorene Sutton*



Cindy Garner - July 06, 2017 at 05:05 AM

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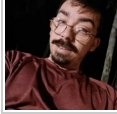
“ *Grandma i have so many memories of spending time with you but the one memory that just pops into my head was the funniest scrabble game we played that one word i played at about 8 or so that i had no idea what it meant had you laughing so hard you cried i love you and will miss you fly high grandma*

Cheryl harris - July 05, 2017 at 10:22 PM

SB

Mrs.Sutton you know if we could we would be there to say goodbye but we can't so I said goodbye already and now you are with cotton and don't have to worry about breathing. You will be greatly missed and we will have our memories. We love you and we will see you again Susan Bonebrake.

Susan Bonebrake - July 06, 2017 at 04:04 PM



Rip grandma sutton I I love you take care of you and Grandpa and fly high

James Hall - July 06, 2017 at 07:07 PM



miss you mom, bummylo

james sutton - July 13, 2021 at 02:32 AM