

FLOWER BEARERS

Deaconesses and Senior Missionaries of Mount Zion Baptist Church

PALL BEARERS

Deacons and Laymen of Mount Zion Baptist Church

Acknowledgment

Our Sincere Thanks ...

To God Almighty,
whose love sustains us

To Our Church Family,
whose understanding blesses us

To Community Friends,
whose peace comforts us

To One and All,
whose prayers and presence lift us

The Family of Dr. E. Michael Sutton



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Celebration of Christian Victory for

Dr. Edward Michael Sutton



**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
12 NOON**

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
950 FILE STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**

DR. SERENUS T. CHURN, SR., PASTOR/OFFICIATING

Giving Honor to Our Lord and Savior

***“You are Alpha and Omega. We worship You, Our Lord.
You are worthy to be praised. We give You all the glory!”***

Mr. Edward Michael Sutton was born to Reverend Colonel Wesley Sutton and the late Doris Battle Sutton in Kinston, North Carolina on March 3, 1960.

His early Christian education began in a loving home where his parents’ testimony included a strong belief in Christ. And his joy of singing the songs of Zion was heavily influenced by a mother who loved and taught music.

Michael was a 1978 graduate of Kinston High School and a 1982 graduate of Winston-Salem State University. He then earned a Master of Science Degree in education at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1984) and his Doctor of Philosophy in Education at Iowa State University (1991).

Dr. Edward Michael Sutton held varied positions in education administration and instruction at several colleges and universities, including WSSU, Appalachian State University, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, University of South Carolina, Johnson C. Smith University and Livingston College. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Deacon E. Michael Sutton was a faithful and dedicated member of Mount Zion Baptist Church where he was an integral part of the Board of Deacons, Chancel Choir, Male Chorus, Sunday Church School and the Saint Mark Group of the Laymen’s League, until declining health limited his active participation. Michael’s love of music was evident during a brief period of membership with The Twin City Choristers.

Edward Michael Sutton passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Walkertown, North Carolina on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Melvyn J. Davenport.

Unfading memories of love will always and forever remain in the hearts of Robin Davenport Sutton, his devoted wife of 17 years; his father, Colonel Wesley Sutton; his brother, Stephen (Joyce) Sutton; his sister, Terri L. Sutton; five nephews, Jay W. Lane, Jonathan W. Sutton, Richard Gray III, James Davenport IV and Devon Davenport; two nieces, Olivia G. Sutton and Renecia W. Gray; his father-in-law, James K. Davenport, Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Janis Davenport and Ramona D. Gray; a brother-in-law, James (Evette) Davenport III; his aunt, Dr. Edwina (Dr. Larry) Vold; and several extended family members and many friends.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Psa. 146:2

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Sing, O Earth, His won-der-ful love pro-claim!
2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! For our sins He suf-fered, and bled, and died.
3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Heav'n-ly por-tals loud with ho-san-nas ring!

Hail Him! Hail Him! High-est arch-an-gels in glo-ry; Strength and hon-or give to His ho-ly Name!
He our Rock, our hope of e-ter-nal sal-va-tion, Hail Him! Hail Him! Je-sus the Cru-ci-fied.
Je-sus, Sav-ior, reign-eth for-ev-er and ev-er; Crown Him! Crown Him! Pro-phet, and Priest, and King!

Like a shep-herd, Je-sus will guard His chil-dren, In His arms He car-ries them all day long.
Sound His prais-es! Je-sus who bore our sor-rows, Love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep and strong.
Christ is com-ing! o-ver the world vic-to-rious, Pow'r and glo-ry un-to the Lord be-long.

Refrain
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His ex-cel-lent great-ness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ev-er in joy-ful song!

THE MASTER CALLED

**I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My dear loved ones, oh so dear
But you see, The Master called me,
His voice was very clear.**

**I had made a reservation,
a heaven bound ticket for one.
And I knew that He would call me
when He felt my work was done.**

**I know that your hearts are heavy
because I have gone away,
But when The Master called me
I knew I could not stay.**

**Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see The Master called me
and now I am resting here.**

**Yes, I've crossed over on to Glory
And to you all I say,
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.**

-Unknown

The Pre-Worship Moments

Prelude Ms. Jeanne “Billie” Williams, Organist
Arrival of Family and Friends Pre-Seating by Ushers and Funeral Directors

The Omega Service 11:00 a.m.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Family Visitation Period 11:30 a. m. - 12 Noon

THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Procession w/Affirmation of Faith Clergy and Other Worship Leaders

Hymn of Worship Choir-Congregation
Praise Him! Praise Him! (bulletin cover)

The Holy Scripture
Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26 Deaconess Lettie Holland
New Testament Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Deacon Toussaint Holland

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Dr. Joseph Jones

Solo Request Mrs. Barbara Davenport Keller

Tribute - Mount Zion Board of Deacons Deacon Alexander Richardson, Chair

Family Reflections Dr. Larry Vold

Musical Tribute Dr. Marion “Pete” Thomas

Eulogy Reverend Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr.
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Recessional w/Choral Affirmation
#7 - “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

The Interment Piedmont Memorial Gardens
Winston-Salem, NC

Family Fellowship Moments Mount Zion Baptist Church File–Goodwin Life Enrichment Center

