



George Edward Sutter

June 24, 1944 - December 15, 2017

George Edward Sutter (73) of Grasonville, MD, passed away peacefully, on Friday, December 15 at home.

George was the beloved husband of Karen Sutter of Grasonville; father of Lynn Hall (husband, Mark) of Austin, TX and John Sutter (wife, Peggy) of College Park, MD; grandfather of Zach and Meagan Hall and brother of Joanne Flexer of Emerald Isle, NC, (husband, James).

Born on June 24, 1944, in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Edward and Rita Jaeger Sutter. In the 60's, George and Karen met in a local grocery store where he worked to pay for his college tuition. George grew to love all aspects of the food business, next working for a food broker, then a food manufacturer before starting his own food brokerage firm, Free State Food Brokers, back in the 80's, building it to a 40+ person firm, before his retirement last year. George took great care of his family, and his employees and co-workers, always making sure there was enough to go around, and that everyone was taken care of. George enjoyed teaching his children about boating, crabbing and fishing, and relished his time goose hunting on the Eastern Bay with his fellow co-workers and friends.

Loving the Eastern Shore, he and Karen purchased a small lot on the Chester River when they were very young. When Karen's parents needed care,

George built a home on the lot, where they could live and be cared for. Later, George's parents also spent their last days there. George and Karen finally enjoyed the house full-time themselves this past year, watching ducks come in to feed on the cracked corn Karen put out each morning.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Road, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ George Edward Sutter

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ George Edward Sutter

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ George Edward Sutter

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 12:34 PM

SF

“ Karen, so sorry to hear of George's passing. I know you two enjoyed living on the eastern shore. My condolences to your entire family.

Sonia Franklin

sonia franklin - December 23, 2017 at 01:53 PM



Thank you, Sonia. I'd really like to get together with my friends in Bowie in 2018. Let's reconnect after the new year. Eventually, I'll probably also need Bill's help (if he's still selling Bowie real estate).

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ I learned of George's passing just yesterday, and it was a heartbreaker for me. He was a mentor, a teacher and, more importantly, a friend to me. He could light up a room with laughter just with his mannerisms or a unique facial expression. I will miss this man tremendously, and I look forward to seeing him again one day. He was truly a great man with a heart of gold, and he probably has the angels cracking up right about now.



My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Frank Samuelson - December 22, 2017 at 03:02 PM



Thank you Frank, I'm sorry I've taken this long to acknowledge your kind thoughts. It's so nice to hear from his friends and co-workers. In February, I am planning on having a celebration of his life over here on the shore. I will definitely send you the info and please feel free to share with his friends at Eden & Tye and Infusion.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:45 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing. He was truly a gentle soul and gave so much of himself to others. My deepest condolences to his family.

Kathy Sprague - December 22, 2017 at 09:42 AM



Thank you so much, Kathy. It's been so comforting to hear from his friends and co-workers.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:47 AM

WM

“ My condolences to the family. George taught me so much about the food industry! His life had so much purpose and I thank God for him. He'll be missed, but never forgotten! May God comfort the entire Sutter family.

Wanda McDowell - December 22, 2017 at 09:26 AM



Thanks, Wanda, I'm sorry I didn't get to meet so many of his friends and co-workers, but it's been lovely to hear from you all with your kind thoughts and remembrances.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:48 AM

RM

“ *Very sad to hear of Georges passing. I met George in the 90's when I started purchasing for Fairfax County Public Schools. It was a simpler time before all the mergers when you knew that George was Free State Food Brokers. He always put the customer first and continued to train others that he mentored that this was the way to achieve success. Happy to hear he was living where he wanted to be before he passed. My condolences to his family.*

Ruth Matoto

Ruth Matoto - December 22, 2017 at 09:25 AM



Thank you very much, Ruth. George truly loved working in the food business, especially handling the school lunch programs. He told me many times of his wonderful relationships with all of the school lunch directors.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:50 AM

DD

“ *So very sorry to hear of Georges entry into eternal life. May you all be comforted in the memories you share. George was a true professional and was very respected in our industry. You will all be in my prayers - Diana Devlin Performance Foodservice*

Diana Devlin - December 21, 2017 at 04:13 PM



Thank you very much, Diana. It's been so nice to hear from his friends and compatriots in the food service industry. He truly loved what he did and all the friends he made.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:52 AM

DZ

“ Thoughts and prayers extend to his family and friends. What a great guy for sure! George always had a kind spirit and worked endlessly for the k-12 industry. RIP my friend.

Daren Zeller

Daren Zeller - December 19, 2017 at 06:59 PM



Thanks so much for the kind words, Daren. He truly loved working with the school lunch directors in developing their programs.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:54 AM

MB

“ George was like the dad I never had. So many stories, jokes and laughter. And he knew everything there was to know about the business
I will miss his stories, the singing Christmas moose and his daily emails on every subject under the sun
Rest in Peace and sending thoughts and prayers to Karen and the family
Maureen Brown

Maureen L Brown - December 19, 2017 at 12:27 PM



Thanks so much, Maureen. He truly considered his employees, school lunch directors and friends he made over the decades in food service as family. Thanks for bringing up the Christmas Moose. It reminded me of the "Singing Bass" that he had hanging on our dining room wall for a while.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. George was a mentor and friend who helped guide my career path. Think about him often and will remember him always.

John Brewer

John Brewer - December 19, 2017 at 08:01 AM



Thanks so much, John. He truly loved all his co-workers, employees and friends he made during his decades in food service. It was more of a vocation than a job to him.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 11:00 AM

KL

“ With sincere prayers on the loss of George. George was a wonderful friend to the central office staff at Baltimore County Public Schools we will always remember his kind and generous spirit. Rest in peace dear friend.

*Karen Levenstein
Office of Food and Nutrition Services*

Karen Levenstein - December 19, 2017 at 06:22 AM



Thank you so much for your kind words, Karen. He loved working with his friends in the school lunch industry. It was truly his vocation. I loved meeting many of you at those incredible school lunch food shows in Ocean City.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JC

“Karen, I met George in the fall of 1995. I worked with George over the next 21 years. I am 23 years younger than him but he always treated me as an equal. That is powerful and needed when you are young and trying to make your way in the business world. George was kind, understanding, relentless and detail oriented. The perfect sales person. I admired and respected him immensely and I will miss him. I treasured our talks and for the guidance and education you helped me with.

I liked George and i believe that he liked and respected me as well.

My condolences to you and your children.

I will miss George.

*Jack Crawford
Gold Kist/Kings Delight and Pilgrims*

Jack Crawford - December 18, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JM

Maurine and I extend our deepest sympathy. We always enjoyed working together.

John and Maurine Mazzeo

John mazzeo - December 22, 2017 at 09:23 AM



Thank you, John. I know he loved working with you as well, and I also enjoyed sharing some time with you at some of those food shows.

Karen Sutter - December 30, 2017 at 12:56 PM