



## James E. "Jim" Sutton

May 30, 1942 - January 17, 2022

James E. "Jim" Sutton, 79, of Wapakoneta, died 10:31 p.m., Mon. Jan. 17, 2022, at Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, with his family at his side. He was born May 30, 1942, in Lima, the son of Elmer & Betty J. (Shields) Sutton. His father is deceased and his mother & step-father, Betty & Ray Helmlinger are also deceased. On Sept. 26, 1964, he married Carol Dicus, and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2008. Then on Nov. 3, 2011, he married Jeanne M. Stewart, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 2022.

Survivors include,

2 children, Christina (Ray) Perez, Abernathy, TX,

Paul (Jennifer) Sutton, Huntsville, AL;

step-children, Rose Carey, Wapakoneta,

Web (Paula) Carey, Piqua,

Kim (William) Cummings, Belle Center, OH;

grandchildren, Jason (Larissa) White, Kayla (Bob) Duncan, Lauren (Jason) LePage,

Jesse Perez, Caleb Sutton, Lucas, Garrett & Allison Cummings,

Ryan Carey, Tiffany Deering, Dustin Mullen,

Brandon Montgomery, Catosha Smith;

great grandchildren, Audrey, Madeline, Caroline White,

Berkley & Easton LePage, and 9 great grandchildren;

siblings, Mary (Ed) Fisher, Wapakoneta, Dale (Sue) Sutton, St. Marys,

Carolyn Berry, Cridersville, Sharon (Carl) Vandemark;  
Ruby Allemier, Delphos, OH;  
a sister-in-law, Janet Helmlinger, Waynesfield, OH;  
numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews.  
Jim was preceded in death by an infant son, James Robert Sutton, and  
brothers & spouses,  
Charles (Glenna) Sutton, Arthur Gene Helmlinger, Dennis "Mike" (Linda)  
Sutton, and a sister, Penny Ward.

Jim retired from the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service having served from  
1962-1992. He also owned and operated the JS Handyman Service. He was  
a member of the First Church of God, Bellefontaine, OH. His other  
memberships included the Fleet Reserve Assn., the Retired Enlisted Assn.,  
Handyman Club of America, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, The Amvets,  
Post #333, the American Legion Post #330, and the V.F.W. Post #8445,  
Wapakoneta.

Joint funeral services for Jim and his wife, Jeanne Stewart, will be 1:00 p.m.,  
Mon. Jan. 24, 2022, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501,  
Wapakoneta with Pastor Gary Brown officiating. The family will receive friends  
2-5 p.m., Sun. Jan. 23, and 1 hour prior to the service, Mon. at the funeral  
home. Jim's burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Lima, where  
military rites will be conducted. Jeanne's burial will be at a later date in the  
Cedar Point Cemetery, Pasco, OH. Memorial contributions may be directed to  
the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Condolences may be expressed at  
[eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3000 Harding Hwy.  
Lima, OH 45804-3500

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Jim" Sutton.*



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January 21, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *Jim and Jeanne shared their bucket list trip to the Grand Canyon with us in 2016, we had lots of laughs, meals and enjoyed talking on the trip there. Jim would always tell the story about introducing his Uncle Terry to his friends when he was 3 years old... Terry was still in diapers, long blonde hair, barely being able to walk and Jim saying this is my "Uncle Terry", Terry and I still laugh at this one as Jim is tall and Terry not so tall, so we laugh to this day over this memory.*



*The other memory is someone told him if the boat sinks start walking on the bottom as he couldn't swim...*

*We will miss you Jim and Jeanne to...hugs to the family, Uncle Terry and Auntie Jody, New Mexico*

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**Jody Shields** - January 20, 2022 at 03:11 PM