

Lillian Dunavin Sutton Obs.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for **Lillian Dunavin Sutton**, 77, of Baxter will be held on Monday, July 22, at 2 p.m. at the Baxter United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home on Sunday, July 21, after 2 p.m. and Monday, July 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Sutton died on Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Baxter to the late **James Taylor and Velma Allison Dunavin**. Mrs. Sutton was a homemaker and a retired teacher's aide at Baxter Elementary with 17 years of service. She also served two terms as mayor of the City of Baxter. Mrs. Sutton was a member of Baxter United Methodist Church.

Her family includes two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucretia and Harold L. Maynard of Nashville, Mary Esta and Tom England of Knoxville; one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Phyliss Sutton of Baxter; one sister, Keeble Sutton of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Angie Fountain, Charlotte DeVasher, Lori Kauppi, Alison England, Daniel Taylor Sutton II and Megan Sutton; five great-grandchildren, Carley and Noah DeVasher, Samuel Fountain, Preston Davidson and Paige Kauppi.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, **Calbert "Buddy" Sutton; two sisters, Louise Dunavin Swallows and Elise Dunavin Green; and one brother, Blanchard Dunavin.**

The Rev. T.J. Bennett will officiate at the services.

Active pallbearers will be Wayne Shanks, Jeff Kauppi, David Box, Al DeVasher, Tom Austin and Greg Allison.

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Calbert Carr "Buddy" Sutton— b. 6 January 1919 – d. 7 June 1989 -
md 3 May 1942, Lillian Norene Dunavin – b. 23 August 1924, Baxter,
Putnam Co., TN - *sister of Anita Keeble Dunavin.*
d/o Velma Esta Allison & James Taylor Dunavin
sister of Denver O. Allison who md Pearl Frances Jernigan.

Buddy Sutton Patriot and Friend

(Editor's note: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN. The following was written by Wanda Gensier in memory of former Baxter alderman Buddy Sutton, who died here on July 6.)

EDITOR: Command Sergeant Major Calbert C. Sutton, USA, Retired passed away on July 6, 1989 after a six month illness. "Buddy" as he was more commonly known., held the highest rank possible for a non-commissioned officer. Many area men will remember having trained under Buddy both during World War II and with the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Mr. Sutton served the Cookeville Battery of the Tennessee Army National Guard from September 24, 1940 until February 23, 1941 when it was known as the 1818st Field Artillery Battery which was a part of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade. This group was federalized in February, 1941 and sent to Camp Forest, Tennessee, for a first training. His post-war service to the Tennessee Army National (November 19, 1949

to March 14, 1977) was that of a full-time employee in the 1/230th Cavalry Squadron, 3/117th Infantry, in the Organizational Maintenance Shop.

Mr. Sutton served in the United State Army during World War II from February 24, 1941 to December 27, 1945. He was active in the invasion of Leyte in the Pacific Theater and in the invasion and occupation of the Island of Okinawa in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was separated from Company B of the 728th Amphibian Tractor Battalion on December 27, 1945.

Mr. Sutton was the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal and Ribbon for meritorious service while serving in the armed forces for over thirty-three years. He was also the recipient of the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, a Bronze Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead.

Mr. Sutton served as an alderman for the Town of Baxter from 1983 until 1987. He gave generously of his time and talent towards many community projects. In his spare time he loved woodworking, fishing and hunting.

It is said of Buddy by his family, friends and associates that he was “extremely patriotic,” “a loyal and dedicated sergeant and a good soldier,” and “always a friend and a father.” “There are so many nice things to be said for Buddy,” said one.

Mr. Sutton was the son of the late Lester Beton and Mary Ellen Carr Sutton, who farmed a 65-acre farm in Putnam County. They grew corn, hay and tobacco, plowed, and cultivated the land using horse teams.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Dunavin Sutton of Baxter; daughters Lucretia Maynard of Nashville and Mary Esta England of Knoxville; son Danny T. Sutton of Bate; two brothers, Walter Sutton of Cookeville and Lenell Sutton of Hawkinsville, GA; and six grandchildren.

(Calbert “Buddy” Sutton & his wife Lillian Dunavin Sutton are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).