



## Natalie Craig Sutton

March 27, 1961 - February 21, 2017

Natalie Craig Sutton passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the age of 55. She was a native of Anaheim, CA and a resident of LaPlace, LA. Beloved wife of David E. Sutton, Jr. for 33 years. Mother of Jackie Sutton, Matthew Sutton (wife, Bridget) and Philip Sutton (fiancee, Hillary). Grandmother of Hallie Sutton, Trevor Sutton, and the late Jace Sutton. Daughter of Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Craig (Ret) and the late Alice Bailey Craig. Sister of Pamela Inge (husband, Bradley) and Laurie Sutton (husband, Mark). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Natalie was known by her grandchildren as "Pippa". She had the voice of an angel and is now singing in God's heavenly choir. The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the liver transplant team at the Mayo Clinic of Jacksonville, FL. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W 5th Street, LaPlace, LA on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation at the church from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Interment in St. John Memorial Gardens Cemetery. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit [www.milletguidry.com](http://www.milletguidry.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2205 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, LA 70068

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
529 W. 5th St.  
LaPlace, LA 70068

## Mass

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Natalie Craig Sutton*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *She is my baby sister. I was taught to watch out for her, to care for for her. But she was like a butterfly, never lighting, always fluttering off to somewhere or something. I more watched her in fascination. I miss her.*

*I loved my visit with her at the Mayo Inn in Jacksonville. She says, " I'm so glad you're here boo, you make me laugh." Laughing and giggling has been our special language since we were little girls. (There are actually three of us girls and sometimes the laughing was so hard, our sides hurt. And we couldn't stop!) I spent time rubbing her feet, doing her hair, and little things she couldn't do for herself. It was our girl time.*

*Pretty sure I could use another Natalie hug. I thank God for putting someone in my life that left so many memories of warmth, joy, and tenderness. But I sure could use one of those hugs, Natalie. ❤️*

Pam Inge - March 03, 2017 at 11:15 PM



“ *Monica And Paul Celestin (neighbor) lit a candle in memory of Natalie Craig Sutton*



Monica and Paul Celestin (neighbor) - March 01, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of our neighbor. God bless the family during this trying time.*

*Paul and Monica Celestin*

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**Monica and Paul Celestin (neighbor)** - March 01, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Jim Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Natalie Craig Sutton*



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**Jim Smith** - February 28, 2017 at 11:39 AM

SC

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife. I pray that our Lord will help you through these trying times. God bless you my friend.*

*Sam Carruth*

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**Sam Carruth** - February 27, 2017 at 07:40 PM

 Wilfred  
Ellis

“ *Dave, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. May God bless you. May you have peace, comfort and good memories of your wife.*

*Cap*

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**Wilfred Ellis** - February 27, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ I moved up from Va. Beach in 1975. It was there that i met Natalie in 8th grade @ Lake Braddock. I was only there one year before returning to the Beach. She was one of the first people to say hello & we became great friends. She always had that great smile, which is evident in the picture above. Natalie was very caring, considerate & very kind to all. She never had a bad word to say about anyone. She loved her friends and was an absolute joy to be around. True to her word, she/we stayed in contact through high school . Sadly, we lost touch shortly thereafter, but gladly reconnected on FB 7 yrs ago. She had the same personality as in high school. To me the only difference was the absence of braces & glasses, neither of which she was very fond of. She was truly a gentle soul. God has truly opened his arms to an Angel. His gain is our loss. My deepest thoughts & prayers are with her family.

*Brian Dewan*

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**Brian Dewan** - February 25, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ David, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. May God wrap His arms around you and give you peace and comfort at this time. Karen Miano Williams

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**Karen Miano Williams** - February 25, 2017 at 11:01 AM

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“ For a number of years I was Natalie's voice teacher. She was VERY talented. She enjoyed her lessons so much that I would feel much better after she left! She had to quit when she had her little Grandchild because she wanted to be available to babysit. I missed her a lot, but we kept in touch and I bought some Scentsy products from her business because they were good products. I hadn't heard from her in a number of years because they do fly by. I'm so sad to hear of her passing. I didn't know she was ill. The World has lost a wonderful lady.

Nancy Assaf - February 25, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ I first met Natalie through mutual friends at school. We attended Lake Braddock Secondary school in Burke VA. In the summer of 1974 my friend (Guy Whiteside) and myself(aka Jimmy Smith still am to some) used to ride bikes to your house to hang out and we got to know the rest of your family as well (sisters Pam and Lori they probably don't remember me but, that is ok) 😊 it was a special memory for that I never forgot, school, and sometimes seeing Natalie and Pam at Royal pool in Kings Park. In the summer of 76 my family decided to buy a house in Loudoun county VA which is where I finished high school. I also am a Air Force brat so I was kind of used to it, which also meant we lost touch. Thanks to Facebook I got addicted to reaching out to old friends including Natalie and I was flattered she did remember me. We chatted a few times on Facebook to catch up a little and that was great. I was blindsided to find out the other day of her death, she was too young but, I'm not one to question God even if I don't like it. I only wish I could have heard her sing more, my wife and 14 year old daughter are singers so I am a fan of wonderful talent. I'll will have to wait until I get to heaven I guess. Rip Natalie and thank you to you and your family for the childhood memories!

Jim Smith - February 24, 2017 at 07:23 PM



*My Deepest sympathy to the Sutton Family. Whenever I would see Dave Sr.or Dave Jr. We would have a conversations about Dupont ETC. R.I.P. Natalie*

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**Richard P Johnson Sr** - February 25, 2017 at 12:10 PM

SW

“ *I met Natalie our first week at Lake Braddock. When I remember 7th and 8th grade my memories are of Natalie. In my mind Natalie has thick glasses, braces, and a smile that lit up the room. Even at 12 Natalie was a special person. I remember tons of sleepovers, junk food, long phone calls, and tons of laughs. Like many I reconnected with Natalie through Facebook. It has been 40 years but I am so sad to hear she is gone. I can imagine what a loss it is to her family. You are all in my prayers. Natalie is certainly always going to be in my heart!*

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**Shari Burlingame Wampler** - February 24, 2017 at 04:21 PM

SC

“ I can see her clearly in my mind's eye bebopping (yes, she was the definition of a bebopper) over to me our first semester in college to say hello. She exuded joy and friendliness. She asked me if I remembered her from elementary school. I did not at first until she at some point showed me a picture. How could I forget that sweet face and those SUPER thick glasses!!! Yes, I remembered her! We became instant friends, joined the same sorority, lived in the same dorm on the same floor a door or two down from each other and shared so much friendship. When I learned of her incredible voice I just couldn't believe it. I had never personally known anyone who could sing like that! She told me all about her singing group and the great fun she had being a part of it. A couple of years later I had the honor of that beautiful voice and loving person, sing at my wedding. Although we rarely spoke through the years as we lived our lives and grew our families, I loved receiving yearly Christmas cards as pictures really do speak volumes. I am humbled at not knowing her suffering through the years and so grateful that we reconnected just before this tragedy. To me my dear friend is forever young and when I think of her I only see a big beautiful happy smile. Rest In Peace sweet Natalie, the world was blessed to have you in it.



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**Susan Cole** - February 24, 2017 at 04:10 PM

RT

“ I have such vivid and happy memories of Natalie. We met the first week of our junior year in high school. I remember as if it were yesterday. We were both waiting in front of the school for our parents to pick us up. We started talking and immediately connected. We were both new to the school and extremely sad. We talked about how happy we had been at our previous school. Since we were both Air Force brats we were accustomed to moving every few years, but this move during high school hit us especially hard.

Natalie and I became very close friends over the next few years... had many long talks...had many classes together. During our senior year we sat next to each other in four classes. I remember in our American Government class that our teacher let us share a desk because the room was so crowded.

So many memories are flooding back. I remember her beautiful voice and big charming smile. She was always upbeat and happy which made it impossible to feel bad when she was near. The last time we saw each other was the morning after our Grad Night Disneyland trip. We hugged and said good-bye - she was moving to Texas in a few weeks. We felt sure we would see each other again. We eventually lost touch. Then through the wonders of technology we reconnected; at first emails then Facebook arrived.

One story-

One day after school we were driving to our after school jobs - we worked a few blocks away from each other. A couple of blocks from the school I had to stop quickly and all of a sudden papers were flying everywhere. I had placed my notebooks on top of the car and forgot them. We both scrambled out of the car and frantically picked up papers that were floating about on 7th St. When we were back in the car we laughed so hard...now I cannot laugh.

I'll close with the final stanza of a poem by W.H. Auden.

"...

The stars are not wanted now: put out every one;

*Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun;  
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood.  
For nothing now can ever come to any good."*

*I will miss you forever,  
Richard*

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**Richard Taylor** - February 24, 2017 at 11:51 AM

DS

“ Only met this special lady a few times, through our best friends, the Stell's. Can only say each time I saw Natalie, it felt like SHE was a best friend. One of the most genuine people I've ever met. She was something special. Condolences to all of her family ~ ❤️



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**Debbie Smith** - February 24, 2017 at 05:00 AM

MM

“ Such a blessing to have known Natalie. Such a gentle soul. My deepest sympathies to David and the family 🙏🙏🙏

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**Melony Madere** - February 23, 2017 at 05:46 PM

TS

“ I remember the first time I saw her. It was our Junior year in high school. She walked into choir that first morning with a mile-wide grin and lit up the whole room. She was the new girl that year, and I was lucky enough to sit next to her. We struck up a conversation, and we found out that we had a few other classes together. We quickly became buddies, and for the next two years we spent many Friday nights together going for tacos at a local restaurant and riding around in her slate blue Celica.

We just loved hanging out. Sometimes she would spend the night at my house, and we would stay up talking and laughing through the wee hours. She was my precious friend, and we spent many of those taco nights discussing our deepest desires and plans for the future. But I especially loved to sing with her. That's when I really felt our hearts knit together. It was magic.

After our senior year, Natalie's family moved away. We tried to keep in touch, but after awhile, life just happened, and we only heard from each other once in a very great while. But I never forgot my beautiful friend. Finally, through the miracle we call Facebook, we found each other, and picked up right where we left off. I was hoping to see her again, but it was not to be.

Natalie had a way of making everyone she knew feel special. Her kindness was legendary, and after 38 years, that's the thing that all of us here in California remember most. And that smile.

I am so honored to have had that beautiful girl with the killer smile and a voice like an angel grace my life. I will never forget those times in that slate blue Celica with the radio blasting and us singing at the top of our lungs.

Sweet Girl, rest now. Sing with the angels, and wait for me 'til I get there. Until then, I will carry you close to my heart, and I will look forward to the day I see your sweet face again.

*I love you, my dear friend.*

*Teresa Antonellis Salazar*

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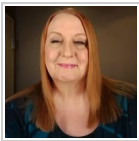
**Teresa Antonellis Salazar** - February 23, 2017 at 05:11 PM

DS

*The sweetest sentiment ~ ❤️*

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**Debbie Smith** - February 24, 2017 at 04:51 AM



“ *When I remember Natalie, I think not only of her beautiful singing voice, but of her smile. When she smiled, her whole face lit up and you couldn't help but smile back. Even though we only crossed paths for a few short years, I remember.*

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**Lisa Zehr** - February 23, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JW

“ For Natalie Alane Craig on her 16th Birthday, 27 March 1977  
Springfield, VA

*My Love, My Natalie*

*She sings to faces dark and chill,  
Yet to me her song runs deeper still.  
To feel the things only she can feel,  
For through her innocent eyes, all appears so real.*

*My heart and mind both long to be free,  
As free as my Love, my Natalie*

*Her love bursts forth like a mountain brook  
Cascading through life, and with just a look  
From deep within in her clear green eyes,  
One sees the depths and strength of the skies.*

*Which are the only things as near as free,  
As free as my Love, my Natalie*

*The masks men wear to hide their souls,  
She can see right through to reveal the holes  
That you leave in yourself when you're not really there,  
But she can fill them up with her love and care.*

*And this power ne'er comes free,  
But it does to my Love, my Natalie*

*The chains of life with which we're bound  
Hold all of God's creatures close to the ground.  
Caught there longing to soar in the air,  
In the strength of love and the safety of care.*

*But from the world, only she is free,  
And that's why I love, my Natalie*

**Jeff Ward** - February 23, 2017 at 03:29 PM

PI

*Thank you, Jeff. You caught a real essence of who Natalie is. ❤️*

**Pam Inge** - February 25, 2017 at 05:55 AM

JW

*Thanks, Pam. I wrote that almost exactly 40 years ago. I have never forgotten it, nor Natalie. She had a way of touching your soul, as everyone who is sharing their beautiful memories here attest to. Natalie will always be loved and remembered. I am so very, very sorry for the world's loss, but most especially for you, Laurie and your families. God Bless.*

**Jeff Ward** - February 28, 2017 at 07:04 PM

KA

*“ There are no words to express my deep sadness at Natalie's passing. She was truly good through and through. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.*



**Karen** - February 23, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JB

*“ Heaven has been blessed with an Angel and a beautiful family has lost one until they are together again.*

**jan and Bubby** - February 23, 2017 at 02:46 PM

GB

*My sincere condolences to you, David, and your family!*

**Gail S. Black** - February 24, 2017 at 02:13 PM

MA

“ *Wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. So proud to have her as a niece. This is a great loss for all who knew and loved Natalie. Rest In Peace, beautiful girl. Love, Aunt Pete*

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**margaret austin** - February 23, 2017 at 02:11 PM