



Edward E. Sutter III

April 20, 1950 - June 10, 2023

Funeral services for Edward Sutter will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Katie Hill officiating. Private family burial will follow under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be visitation with family from 6-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Marshall Funeral Home.

Edward E. Sutter III, son of the late Edward E. Sutter II and Helen Louise (Vore) Sutter, was born April 20, 1950, in Fairview, Oklahoma, and passed away June 10, 2023, at the age of 73.

Ed grew up on a farm in the Cheyenne Valley, Oklahoma, and attended Cheyenne Valley Public Schools and Fairview Public Schools. He later graduated from Fairview High School, and then attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University. After college, Ed obtained his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Shortly after graduating from law school, Ed moved to Alva, Oklahoma, where he would practice law for nearly 47 years. For many years, Ed practiced with Eldred Harmon at the law firm of Harmon & Sutter Law, which was later re-named to Edward E. Sutter & Associates. For nearly four decades, Ed's firm was a staple of businesses located along the square in Alva. Ed was a kind and compassionate attorney, and one of the true joys of his life came from his

ability to help others through his law practice.

Ed loved his local Alva community, and he had a gift for visionary leadership. He used that gift to help the Alva community each and every day. Ed was instrumental in raising funds and developing the BJCC Benson Chapel and was involved with the Avard Rail Project from its inception. In 1995, Ed was appointed to the Oklahoma Highway Commission by Governor Frank Keating and served in that position for eight years. Ed was an active member of the Woods County Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Alva Rotary Club, Alva Masonic Lodge, and Rowdy Rangers. To those who knew him, Ed was also a staunch supporter of Alva High School athletics, Alva High School FFA, NWOSU athletics, and his Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

On Sunday mornings, Ed could be located at the Alva First United Methodist Church, where he was a member and supporter during his time in Alva. Ed loved learning about the Bible and received great enjoyment from the many Sunday school groups that he was a part of over the years. From 2014 to 2022, Ed served on the Oklahoma Methodist Foundation for the State of Oklahoma. At the time of his death, Ed was serving as a District Chancellor for the Oklahoma Methodist Conference. While he was involved in many aspects of his church, Ed was particularly proud of his foundational work in the Vera Mae Eversole Home that helps keep foster children and their siblings together.

Ed had many hobbies, but perhaps his favorite, which he inherited from his Uncle Bob Vore, was owning and raising racehorses. Ed loved beautiful horses. He also engaged in farming and ranching in the Cheyenne Valley where he grew up. Most of Ed's Saturdays were spent with one or more of his sons on the farm.

On June 13, 1981, Ed was united in marriage to Teresa Arndt, and they made

their home in Alva for the last 42 years. Ed and Teresa's home was known for its warmth and hospitality, which was often the location of bridge club, Sunday school parties, and many family get-togethers.

Ed was also known for his friendly teasing. If you were a friend or a stranger, Ed's quick wit and affable personality became immediately apparent. This certainly extended to his kids and grandkids. A child at heart, Ed loved to play and joke with children, whether that be reading endless books, making up stories about escaped alligators, or sword fighting; Ed's playful orneriness will be missed by all.

From Ed and Teresa's marriage, they had four children: Tiffani Ford and husband, Steve, of Alva, Elliott Sutter and wife, Carley, of Houston, Texas, Matthew Sutter and wife, Naicee, of Alva, and Blair Sutter and wife, Hannah, of Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren, Shaina, Taylor, Katharina, and Alex Ford, Everett, Wyatt, and Beckett Sutter, Bonnie and Alice Sutter, and Mason, Hal, and Will Sutter; one great grandchild, Francesca Monoessy; one brother, Phillip Sutter and wife, Jane, of Enid; one sister, Sonna McKee and husband, Alan, of Litchfield Park, Arizona; his mother-in-law, Katharina Arndt of Alva; sisters-in-law, Tena Martin and husband, Mike, of Alva, and Rita Peterson and husband, Miles, of Alva; nieces, nephews, cousins, many other relatives and friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Maynard Arndt; and a brother-in-law and wife, Leroy and Glenda Arndt.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Education Foundation (make checks to CFO), Northwestern Foundation, or the First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 12. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

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Visitation with Family

JUN 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sharon West lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III



Sharon West - March 19, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LH

“ I just today heard of Ed's passing; I'm in shock. The entire Lee Holder clan owes Ed a debt of gratitude that we could never repay, he did so much work to help us out over many, many years. He was so giving and considerate! May God bless you and your family with peace, Teresa, as you learn to live with this loss. I'm glad we'll all get to see him again in heaven.

Lon Holder - August 21, 2023 at 05:13 PM

LH

“ Edward was my relative through his mom's line (I share James Lee Holder as our great grandfather). He was a great friend and help to my dad, Lee Holder, Jr., all of his life. God bless you, Edward, until we all meet again.

Larry Holder - August 21, 2023 at 04:24 PM

LB

“ *Has taken me to this day to get over losing Ed. We practiced Law together and against one another for almost 50 years. Honest and trustworthy, as well as dependable. Never had a problem with Ed...he was always reasonable and I could depend on him every time to do the right thing. My condolences to Teresa and the family. Will miss him professionally and personally...*

LARRY BAYS - July 27, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PK

“ *I just found out about our friend—everybody’s friend!—and our neighbor, and our all time favorite lawyer, Ed! What a great man! I have several memories of him and Theresa that have colored the lives of the Kalfas family in a wonderful way! They welcomed our kids to swim anytime they wanted to swim and always said, “Let us know if you need anything”—and meant it. Even after we moved, Ed helped us in a couple legal matters. He earned our full trust! Theresa and family, may God’s blessings be upon you in the days of your grief. You are loved!*

Pastor Bill Kalfas - June 27, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Ed Sutter Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - June 16, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - June 16, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ Sharon West lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III



Sharon West - June 14, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ Ed , who was my cousin but I always called him Uncle Ed, was one of the kindest people I knew. He has a heart of gold. He loves picking on me and I would pick right back. I always remember him being at the Horse Races with Grandma LaVeta and Grandpa Bob. He loved helping and being involved until one day he began racing horses himself. I will miss you so much Ed and I know you're in heaven now giving everyone a hard time. Please tell Aunt Helen, and Grandpa Bob hello for me and that I love them.

Shaklee Mit - June 14, 2023 at 07:49 AM

TG

“ Ed, you helped me so many times in my life and helped me be the person I am today. You were always honest, calm, and loyal in your work as an attorney and in your life. I can honestly say that I never heard a negative word said about you to me or to anyone I was ever associated with. All people respected Ed Sutter. When I think of Alva , I think of you and all you accomplished for this town. I pray for your wonderful family. We will miss you so much and yes “Go Pokes “ !!!!

Trent Goss - June 13, 2023 at 07:42 PM

PM

“ Ed was such a kind, giving, helpful man. I was blessed to be one of his “neighbors” and also worked as the babysitter of he and Teresa’s young family. He and Teresa were so in love. And LOVED their kiddos so much. They both taught me lessons I am sure they never knew. But the way Ed spoke and carried himself gave respect to everyone he cared for. I pray for everyone in his family and in the community that will be feeling a deep emptiness for many years.

Pinky Michaelis - June 13, 2023 at 04:47 PM

PM

“ Pinky Michaelis lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III



Pinky Michaelis - June 13, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 13, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 13, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *JANITA HOFEN lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III*



JANITA HOFEN - June 13, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Donna H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



Donna H. - June 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ *Donna H. lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III*



Donna H. - June 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 13, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 13, 2023 at 01:02 PM

MO

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of Ed. Please know you are in our prayers and thoughts for now and the days ahead. Chris and Marilyn Olson*

Marilynn Olson - June 13, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 13, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 13, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Billy Beeler lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III*



Billy Beeler - June 13, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Cody, Deb, Emily, Morgan & Kayla purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



Cody, Deb, Emily, Morgan & Kayla - June 13, 2023 at 09:17 AM

SW

“ *Shari Woods lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III*



Shari Woods - June 13, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward E. Sutter III.

June 13, 2023 at 02:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 13, 2023 at 01:19 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 12, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 12, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ He helped my dad with his trust after my mom passed. He did so with kindness and good advice. I have always appreciated it.

Sheldon Russell - June 12, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ Sending hugs and prayers to you all. He was a great man and will be greatly missed in this community.

Annalisa Rose - June 12, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Wanda Reed lit a candle in memory of Edward E. Sutter III



wanda Reed - June 12, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Ed was an amazing man and will be greatly missed. Hugs and love to all of your family. Praying for you.



jana Terrell - June 12, 2023 at 06:31 PM

DW

“ Teresa and extended families, we're very sad to hear of Ed's untimely passing. Sending our love, prayers and sympathy to all who mourn this fine young man. God bless all of you.



Dudley and Jeanne Winn - June 12, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 12, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 12, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.



June 12, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 12, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Eldon Sutter III.

June 12, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Oh, no! We've lost a real treasure in Alva. Ed was always kind, gentle, and knowledgeable every time I encountered him. I'll miss out "inside jokes" we shared over the years. He's been called home, yes, but he's there to greet us when we finally get there.*

Ida Evans - June 12, 2023 at 11:32 AM



So sorry to hear about Ed. So many memories of Ed and the friendship he shared with Darral. Before he began dating you Teresa , he would sometimes drop by right at suppertime. One of my favorite memories of Ed is him rocking Kelli and reading to her. He loved children. He loved to tease also. Maybe that's why he and Darral got along so well. I'm sure Darral and Ed are laughing right now in Heaven but he will be greatly missed here.

Donna Riley Inman - June 12, 2023 at 09:45 PM



Thoughts and prayers to the family. Ed was a very wonderful man. 🙏

Shari Woods - June 13, 2023 at 09:12 AM

PO

Ed will truly be missed in our community! Always involved - rest in peace Ed and my condolences to the family!

Peggy O'Neil - June 13, 2023 at 09:53 AM

FJ

Condolences to the family, Frederick and I so enjoyed knowing Ed. We are so deeply sorry for his passing.

Frederick and Wendy Jungman - June 13, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward E. Sutter III.*



June 12, 2023 at 11:32 AM