



## Esther Resleff Sutton

November 15, 1935 - December 18, 2021

SUTTON- Esther Resleff Sutton of Lawrenceville, GA passed away at the age of 86 on Saturday, December 18, 2021. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Englewood Christian Church, 4316 Barnes Rd S, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Pastor Bruce Seger and Pastor Philip Baker will officiate.

Esther was preceded in death by her father, Larry E. Baker, Sr.; mother, Evelyn Baker Moon; 1st husband, Delbert Charles Resleff; 2nd husband, Billy Ross Sutton; brothers, Larry Edward Baker, Jr. and Harold E. Baker; sister, Evelyn Moon. She is survived by son & daughter-in-law, Edward and Suzanne Resleff, Spokane Valley, WA; daughter & son-in-law, Denise and Mark Grider, Monroe, GA; brother, George Baker, West Palm Beach, FL; sister-in-law, Joyce M. Baker, Valrico, FL; grandchildren, Ryhan and Carol Resleff, Arhen Resleff, Colleen and Trey Gibson, Ethan Resleff, EmmaLeah Resleff; great grandchildren, Jackson Gibson, Cohen Resleff, Tenley Gibson; several nieces, nephews and other family members also survive.

Esther worked in banking in Jacksonville until the death of her first husband Delbert. In 1967, Esther took a position with the newly formed Warner Southern College (Lake Wales, FL) as the first registrar and dean's secretary. After a year-long hiatus to Washington State, to spend some time with Delbert's family, she returned to Lake Wales to rejoin the Warner Southern

staff for the next several years. In 1971, a friend introduced her to Billy Sutton and they were married in February, 1972. The family moved to Raleigh, NC, for a short time before returning to Lake Wales.

In 1975, the Warner Southern chapter closed and a move to Jacksonville was made where Esther started working with Paul Revere Insurance. In 1995, Esther took a position with State Farm Insurance and, in 1998, State Farm transferred Esther to the GA/SC Regional Office and she and Billy settled in Lawrenceville, GA, where they spent their remaining years. Billy was called home to be with Jesus in Jan 2011. Esther retired from State Farm, at the age of 80, in 2015.

Esther was a faithful servant to her Heavenly Father, fiercely loved her family, loved her church family at Faith Community Church (Grayson, GA), was a big fan of Hallmark movies, and loved Christmas music and Gaither music.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or to your favorite charity/church in her memory. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## memorial service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community Church  
800 Grayson Pkwy  
Grayson, GA 30017

## memorial service

APR **2**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Englewood Christian Church  
4316 Barnes Rd S  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Resleff Sutton*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *My dear Queen Aunt Esther was so precious to me in these last several years. There's not a day that goes by that I don't pause to remember her, and the enormous fingerprint that she left on my heart! I'll see you again, my darling - until then I know the troubles and trials you had on earth have all faded away, the tears were all wiped away by our savior and it will be just a moment and we will all be singing "Glory Halleluiah" to our king as we reunite on the other side. I love you!*

**Melissa Smith** - February 10, 2022 at 11:32 AM



*I love it...!*

**Ed Resleff** - February 12, 2022 at 12:21 PM



*Esther was a dear sister in the Lord. She was a loving example of a Christian lady who loved her Savior, family and friends. Lamar and I shared many special times together with her and Bill and loved singing together around the piano with Joyce, Harold, and Bill. Rest In Peace my dear friend. We will meet again soon. Love and prayers to all her family.*

**Harriett Morris** - March 19, 2022 at 10:27 AM

KJ

“ Denise, Ed, Colleen and family.....thinking of you.

*Ms. Esther was one of the nicest people I've ever met. She and Bill took me under their wing when I moved to the neighborhood. I'll never forget it, neither will my stomach. They would bring fish back from their fishing trips...yummy.*

*It seems a little less brighter in the world without her shining face, but God called her home to make Heaven a bit brighter and that makes me smile. God called another angel home.*

*Prayers are being sent to your family who Ms. Esther loved so much.*

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**Kim Jenkins** - January 04, 2022 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Esther was my cousin, our Mother's were sisters. We lived next door and grew up together. She was kind and gentle, and helpful. She played the piano beautifully. She served faithfully in her church, and served the Lord all her life. She sang at our wedding and our 50th anniversary. We looked forward to her annual visits to Lake Lure, NC during the holidays when we would get together again. We know she loved her family and we loved her very much. We trust the Lord will let us see her again. Our prayers are with her family.*

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**Bill & Jolene Davis** - January 01, 2022 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Denise, Colleen, and family...we are thinking of you, especially today.*

*BJ, Jennifer, and Ty Sumner*

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**Jennifer Sumner** - December 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Esther Resleff Sutton.*



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December 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Faith Community Church*



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**Michael** - December 23, 2021 at 08:07 PM



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**Michael & Muriel McDonald** - December 23, 2021 at 08:01 PM

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“*Dear, sweet Esther! You fought the fight, yet your beautiful heart was always caring and concerned for others. You lit up a room with your smile. You shared your love of Our Lord in your hugs, cards, testimonies, smiles, and as you played the piano. You’re in the company of the Lord you served, and with those who awaited you. No more pain, nor sorrow now. Well done, good and faithful servant! Your reward awaits. Until we meet again...much love, dear Esther.*



*Cherie Frost*

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**Cherie Frost** - December 23, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MM

“*I am going to miss my dear, sweet Esther. I admired Esther so much because she was always so thoughtful with a beautiful and loving spirit. I will miss her infectious smile, hugs, kisses and saying to me "I just love you" every time she saw me! Years ago when I first attended Faith Community Church, Esther welcomed me with so much warm and love. She was a joy to be around and always sent cards to Michael and me letting us know we were in her thoughts and prayers. Esther, I love and miss you. Continue playing your piano for the heavenly choir. Muriel McDonald*

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**Muriel McDonald** - December 23, 2021 at 08:31 AM

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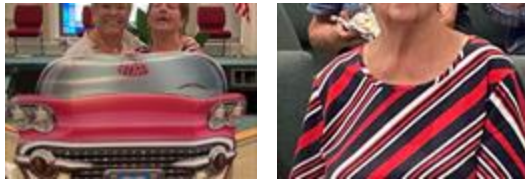
“ Oh my beautiful friend Esther, I will miss you so much. Your sweet smile and hugs and kisses were something I looked forward to every time I saw you.

*I loved all of the shows, cantatas, choir programs we put on at church together. We did a lot of singing together, didn't we? I loved listening to you play the piano and I know you missed it toward the end, but you always sang along no matter the song.*

*My fondest memory though is when you and Bill befriended me when I first came to Faith. You were my first friends and you welcomed me with open arms. And I will forever be grateful to you for that.*

*I will miss seeing and hearing your passion for the Lord as you prayed or gave testimony. Say "Hey" to Jesus for me and until we meet again. Love you, my sweet friend.*

*These pictures are from our summer Faithkeepers movie event at church.*



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**Sheree Wells** - December 22, 2021 at 09:12 PM

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“ December 22, 2021

*Treasured memories of Sister Esther include her sweet spirit, smiles with that little laugh, and ready hugs. I honor her trust in the truth of God's Word, admire her courage and perseverance, and praise God for her prayers of faith. When our minds dwelt on the words of a song in worship gatherings, our heartstrings could be tuned by the melodious music Esther brought forth from a piano.*

*LaDonna Myers*

*Faith Community Church, Grayson, GA*

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**LaDonna Myers** - December 22, 2021 at 08:53 PM