

RICHARD WAYNE SUTTON



Richard Wayne Sutton, 54, of Fleming Island, passed away suddenly on December 20. Richard was born on November 23, 1964 in Miami Beach, the son of Marshall Sutton and the late Bobbie Jean Slusser. Growing up in the Panama City Beach area, he spent much of his teen years on the water which led to a lifelong love of fishing. He graduated from Rutherford High School in 1982. He then joined the US Air Force right out of high school and proudly served his country for four years.

He attended Florida State University and obtained a degree in business. He was an avid Seminoles fan and loved nothing more than cheering on his beloved football team on Saturday afternoons in the fall.

He spent most of his life working for the Department of Justice in the Federal Prison System. Just before retiring from the government, he spent two years working at the Department of Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Tampa. At the time of death, he was employed by CarMax in Orange Park.

Richard was a member of Christ Church in Mandarin. It was there that he accepted the Lord as his savior and was baptized in 2016 in a seaside service in Atlantic Beach. He also faithfully volunteered there in the children's ministry.

He was the beloved husband of Debra Clark Sutton; beloved father of Hope Elizabeth Sutton and Ryan Patrick Sutton; and beloved brother of Kimberly Harris. Richard is predeceased by his mother Bobbi Jean Slusser.

A celebration of Richard's life was held December 27 at Christ Church Mandarin Campus.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.