



Davis "Ray" Sutley

February 28, 1954 - April 20, 2020

A Memorial Service honoring the life of Davis Ray Sutley will be held at 2PM on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Our Savior's Church - MIDTOWN Campus, 101 Marie Antoinette Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70506.

Davis Ray Sutley, 66, of Lafayette, LA, passed away on April 20, 2020, of complications from cancer and a chronic respiratory disease. His family disagreed when he often said he "only had a face for radio," but like a true radio man, he enjoyed highlighting stories of the community rather than his own. Fortunately for you, he has an extraverted wife and daughter who have no shame and are happy to highlight his life.

Known by friends and family as Ray, he was born on February 28, 1954, in Beeville, TX. He grew up between Texas and Louisiana with his loving parents Clark and Sally Sutley. After graduating from CyFair High School in Houston, TX, he made his way back to Lafayette to pursue a General Studies degree at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL, now The University of Louisiana at Lafayette). He proudly crammed that Bachelor's four year curriculum into 10 years.

Throughout college, he worked at various radio stations and made a name for himself while working at KSMB in Lafayette. After graduation, he continued working in the local Lafayette radio market, going on to work for what is now Townsquare Media for over 30 years. In 1992, he met Justine Weeks when she reached out to him wanting him to be the voice of USL radio promotions. They wed in 1994, and Ray happily inherited Justine's daughter, Eden, through that union and went on to adopt her in 1997.

Throughout his life, Ray was devoted to his job and to USL Athletics, determined to even work through years of cancer treatment and experimental trails so that his family - both at work and at home - could always rely on him. He even received the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Ray was quite passionate about USL sports, particularly the basketball team. He worked on the basketball stats crew for over 40 years and also championed broadcasting women's collegiate sports, primarily

USL's softball team. His family, including their many pups, meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of Eden and Justine, evidenced by his dedicated attendance and support at every game, performance, graduation, or life event that either of them had.

In May 2010, Ray was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and while he wasn't excited to lose his hair, he welcomed the opportunity to sport a porkpie hat and do his best Walter White impression. Ray will be greeted in heaven by his sister-in-law, Lori Weeks Ardoin, his brother-in-law, Dr. James Ardoin, his maternal grandparents William Herndon Jenkins and Mary Irma Bates Jenkins, his paternal grandparents Lola and Frank Sutley, as well as his beloved pups, Friedarich, Billy, Buffy, and Xander. His legendary voice and dry sense of humor will be missed by his wife, Justine, his daughter, Eden, his mother, Sally, his father, Clark, his brother, Chris, his sister-in-law, Hellen, his in-laws, Vern and Joe Weeks, Teresa Andrepont, Christy Prudhomme, Maria and Donny Berthelot, and Jolie and Terry Veillon, countless other relatives on the Weeks side, and his dogs Spike and Amos Riley.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a memorial fund that will go towards outstanding medical bills, funeral expenses, and as they say in south Louisiana, "lagniappe" costs associated with his passing. <https://everloved.com/life-of/davis-sutley/>

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

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Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Our Savior Church Midtown

101 Marie Antoinette, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ I first heard Ray on the air shortly after moving to Lafayette in 1979. He had a spectacular, immediately recognizable voice. We became coworkers in 1983. I took an immediate liking to him. He had tremendous talent, and a Great work ethic. I left town in the fall of 1986. Ray and I would again become coworkers in early 1997. The past three years have brought sweeping changes to my life. That includes a heightened spirituality. We had a really nice, in-depth conversation about that a little over a year ago. God bless you, Ray. You were one of the “ good guys.”

Steve Wiley - June 12 at 02:29 PM



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - June 11 at 10:06 AM



“ I first met Ray, or "Sudsy" as I called him in the late 1970's when I was Sports Information Director at then USL. He was a great talent and had as others mentioned, a wry wit and a hearty laugh and great voice.

Somehow, I recruited him to the stat crew and as mentioned he's been there ever since. It's a great loss. My condolences to the family and look forward to a wonderful memorial service.

George Foster

George Foster - May 19 at 02:25 PM



“ Thank you George. It broke his heart when he took a leave of absence from the basketball stat crew. That was right before he ended up in the hospital for 28 days.

Justine - June 10 at 04:15 PM



“ Dear Justine and Eden, We are so very sorry for your loss of your beloved Ray. You are all in our hearts and prayers. May our Lord wrap you in HIS comforting arms and grace. God Bless, Rick and Jeri Dupuis.

Rick and Jeri Dupuis - April 28 at 01:42 PM



“ Thank you!

Justine - June 10 at 04:15 PM



“ Justine, Eden, and the rest of the family, You are in my thoughts and prayers at the loss of Ray!! He was one of the most talented and funny men (in his understated way) in local media. I treasure every time I was able to make him smile!! RIP, and we will see you on the other side!! Love, Laurie Jankower James

Laurie Jankower James - April 20 at 02:36 PM



“ Justine:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kay Gibson

Kay Gibson - April 21 at 08:01 AM



“ Payers going up and thinking if you, Justine. We'll have a "media clique" reunion in heaven some day.

Terry Angelle - April 25 at 10:30 AM



“ While I didn't know Ray well, we occassionally chatted before UL BB games and occassionally around the studios ,,,I will always have fond memories!!!! My deepest condolences.

Nelson Robinson - April 25 at 02:51 PM



“ Whether a competitor or a colleague - we were both - Ray Sutley was always a total professional and above all a deep down good person. And he adored his Justine and Eden -- my deepest condolences to you both and your family. I will miss him too.

Carol Ross - May 04 at 11:32 AM



“ Although somewhat late, I did wish to add my condolences. Over the years, I had occasion to visit the station on several occasions and will always remember Ray's kind demeanor and just how welcoming he made guests like me feel. A consummate professional who talents will be sorely missed.

Marc Mouton - May 05 at 03:33 PM



“ Thank you everyone. I really appreciate it. If you haven't seen the information, the memorial service is this weekend. Saturday, June 13 at 2 pm at Our Savior's Church Midtown.

Justine Sutley - June 10 at 12:50 PM