



Donald William Southern


November 3, 1950 - January 15, 2025

Donald William Southern, known by family and friends as Bill, 74, of Pulaski, VA, departed this world and entered into the presence of his Lord on January 15, 2025. Bill was preceded in death by many loved ones including his father and mother, Donald and Mary Southern, sister Mary Southern Knotter, and grandson John David Lyons. Survivors include his beloved wife of 53 years, Deborah "Debbie" Southern; daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and David Lyons of Mooresville, NC, and Heather and Thomas Harris, Jr., of Forest, VA; grandchildren, Dylan Lyons and Amelia Naegele, Brooke Lyons, and Anthony Harris; Brother and sister-in-law, John and Jeannie Southern of Pulaski; sister-in-law, Karen Hanks of Blacksburg; and many other family members and friends. [SEP]

[SEP] Bill was employed at the family business, Southern Welding in Pulaski, along with retiring his working career from Renfro in Pulaski. He was a lifetime member of the Pulaski Church of God, where in his senior years he was affectionately known as "The PawPaw".

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 5-6:00pm at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW in Blacksburg, followed by a Celebration of Life service beginning at 6:00 pm, officiated by Reverend Donald (Don) Jones. An interment service will be held the following day, Friday, January 17, 2025 at 10:30 am at the Highland Memory Gardens

mausoleum in Dublin.

 In lieu of flowers, the family would be most appreciative for a donation to be given to the Pulaski Church of God (www.pulaskicog.org) in memory of Bill Southern. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

5555 Lee Highway
Dublin, VA 24084

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Burial

JAN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Highland Memory Gardens
5555 Lee Highway
Dublin, VA 24084

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Bill Southern, I send my sympathy at his passing. I was a classmate at Pulaski High School with Bill and watched him play football, and I think he excelled at that sport. I hope I have that right . . . it has been many years since I have seen him or talked with him. May your many memories comfort you at this time.
Sincerely, Janet Vass Sarjeant.

Janet Vass Sarjeant - January 24, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Dearest Debbie, Marsha and Heather; I am so incredibly sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. I remember him so vividly with his deep voice and his joyous laugh from the many times we all shared at family gatherings early in my childhood at Claytor Lake and at Granny and Grandpa Winesetts . I wish I could be there to hug you all so tightly and tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I know how it truly shakes your entire world to lose someone so loved and cherished and has always been there to support you and love you your entire life. It doesn't seem right that the whole world doesn't stop and acknowledge the trauma and loss that you are feeling but I know it should. I am very sorry I couldn't be there and I am sorry I am this late . He was a wonderful man and I wish I knew the words to say to make it better and make the pain go away . I love you all and I am praying for you . May Gods everlasting love and grace comfort you and bring you peace in this very trying time.
With Love, Jennifer (Foley) Donley

Jen Hollandsworth - January 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ *The Furrow Family Mindi Mark Riley & Jack purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Donald William Southern.*



The Furrow Family Mindi Mark Riley & Jack - January 16, 2025
at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald William Southern.*



January 15, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LM

“ *Debbie, so sorry to read about the passing of Bill. You are in my prayers and thoughts. Larry Myers*

Larry Myers - January 15, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville NC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald William Southern.*



Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville NC - January 15, 2025
at 04:18 PM

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“ Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville NC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald William Southern.

Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville NC - January 15, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald William Southern.



January 15, 2025 at 02:38 PM



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January 15, 2025 at 02:38 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Bill. He and Debbie were great neighbors of ours for years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Anna Coltrane Padgett.

Anna Coltrane Padgett - January 15, 2025 at 12:52 PM