



## Claude Marcell "Mot" Southerland

November 1, 1937 - February 10, 2010

Heading: Mot Southerland

Dateline: Taylors

Claude Marcell "Mot" Southerland, 72, of 205 Meridian Avenue, Taylors, passed away from complications of Parkinson's disease on February 10, 2010 at National Health Care in Greenville. Mr. Southerland was a native of Greenville, SC and the son of the late Claude W. Southerland and Ethel Barrow Southerland.

He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Frances Carpenter Southerland of the home. Also surviving is a son, B. Mark Southerland of Greenville; a daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Wayne Baggett of Winder, GA; a brother and sister-in-law, Earl P. and Lucy Graydon Southerland of Hoschton, GA; his step-mother, Betty Gorman Southerland of Greenville; and an uncle, Robert E. Southerland of Taylors.

Mr. Southerland was a faithful member of the Greer Church of God for 50 years. He served the church in many capacities including Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Church Treasurer, and church council member. He was instrumental in the organization of the Senior Adult Ministry of the church in 1976 and continued to lead this group for 30 years. Mot was a graduate of Greer High School, class of 1956. Mr. Southerland was employed for 15 years as a route salesman by Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Greenville, and as an appliance salesman for 20 years by Sears of Greenville. He was also an employee of The Wood Mortuary for 7 years prior

to his retirement in 2000.

The family will receive friends at The Wood Mortuary on Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at The Wood Mortuary Chapel. Officiating ministers will be Dr. H. Leon Parker, Sr., Dr. J. Charles Smith, Sr., and Rev. Bobby G. Duncan. Burial will follow at Wood Memorial Park conducted by Rev. Gene A. Land and Kenneth F. Bogan.

Pallbearers for the service will be the following: Whitey Casey, Ray Jones, Doug McCarn, Lamar Nichols, Myron Paris, Ralph Sizemore, Don Teague, and Toby Wright. Honorary escort will be employees of The Wood Mortuary. The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the staff of National Health Care-Greenville who cared for Mot over the past two years. Special appreciation is expressed to Brandi Turner of NHC and former employee Kimberly Jeter for their love and friendship to Mot. Further, the family will be forever grateful to Kenneth F. Bogan, NHC volunteer chaplain, for his encouragement, spiritual support and comfort.

The family is also deeply grateful for the dedicated staff of Interim Health Care Hospice of Spartanburg who provided care, comfort and support over the past 10 months. Special appreciation is expressed to Gloria Moore, RN; Victoria Albert, CNA; Connie Roberts, RN; Lisa Davis and Chaplains Jim Frost and Gary Pindroh. The family was also honored by the regular visits of Yoko Imai, volunteer for Interim Hospice.

Floral gifts will be received or memorial donations may be made to: Interim Health Care Hospice, 775 Spartan Boulevard, Suite 101, Spartanburg, SC 29301; or to Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652. The family is at the home, 205 Meridian Avenue, Taylors.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

(864) 877-3351

[woodmortuary@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodmortuary@bellsouth.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ I know you will find comfort in God's great love at this time. Please know we are thinkiing of yu and praying for you,  
Azalee Jones###imported-begin##Azalee Jones ###imported-end##

---

February 18, 2010 at 10:09 PM



“ Earl, I am sorry to hear of your brothers passing. I was looking at an obituary for Lottie Forreste when I noticed his name. Lottie Forrester was Issac Forrester's mother. Unless I've got the wrong Southerlands You, I and Isaac joined the Air Force together back in 1956. Either way, I am sorry for your loss. Randall###imported-begin##Randall "BO" Gillespie###imported-end##

---

February 15, 2010 at 12:13 AM



“ Francis,  
I am so sorry for the passing of Marcell, but I'm sure he suffered to long.  
Can not be there for the services because of the weather. My thoughts and love are with you.  
Love,  
Shell###imported-begin##Harley L Barrow Jr###imported-end##

---

February 13, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ *Dear Frances & Family:  
We were sorry to hear of Mot's death. May God's love give you peace and may His mercy give you the strength to face this sad time. May your many happy memories keep Mot close to your heart. God bless you all. With our love and prayers: Clyde & Linda###imported-begin##Clyde & Linda Coggins Roberts###imported-end##*

---

February 13, 2010 at 11:13 AM



“ *Aunt Frances, Mark, & Erin,  
I don't even know what to say or where to begin. So I will say I love you all very much! I wish I could be there with you today as you go through one of the hardest days you will ever have in your life. I am praying for comfort and strength for all of you. Uncle Mot is now happy once again and like Erin said he is in Heaven and he is walking, talking and EATING... If you ever need me for anything please call me. I love you all so very much! God Bless you!  
Love,  
Anne###imported-begin##Anne (Sykes) Childs###imported-end##*

---

February 13, 2010 at 06:33 AM



“ Francis, Earrl, Robert, and families, we were saddened when we heard of MOT'S passing. Sorry we did not get over to see him at NHC. Francis, you and Mot meant so much to Gail and I . I have always said you and Mot were the reason I quit smoking after many years. I told that you would not lket me smoke on the bus and would not stop for smoke breaks, so I had to just quit on the first trip I was able to go on to Eureka Springs. We are sure gonna miss MOT but maybe we can keep in touch with you in the future. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know. Please atake care of yourself and Earl and Robert take care of yourselves also. We will keep you all in our prayers. May GOD Bless.  
We Love ya,  
Doug and Gail Wilson###imported-begin##Doug & Gail  
Wilson###imported-end##

---

February 12, 2010 at 10:32 PM



“ Frances,  
We were saddened to hear of Mots  
's passing. I cannot tell you how many times in the past I have thought of Mot. He was an example of what a christian man should be. He had more of an effect on the young christians in the church than you might know. I have been praying for you and your family ever since I heard of his contracting Parkinson's. I will continue to pray for you. You in particular mean a lot to me. I will never forget our performance concerning those little pink pills. If I can be of service to you in any way, do not heasitate to call me. Your Friend in Christ,  
Bill, Debra and Chandler###imported-begin##Bill, debra & Chandler  
Goodrich###imported-end##

---

February 12, 2010 at 06:19 PM



“ Frances:

*We offer to you our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. We were planning to attend the visitation this evening but the weather has put the fear in our heart of driving.*

*We have so many memories of you and Mot and have always considered you as a choice friend.*

*This is a time you must let the Holy Ghost minister to you and to comfort you. We are praying earnestly for your strength during this crises time in your life.*

*Remember God will not allow anymore than you can bear.*

*WE LOVE YOU AND ARE THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME.##imported-begin##Tom & Dot Ashley##imported-end##*

---

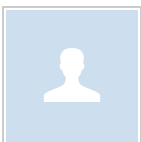
February 12, 2010 at 04:15 PM



“ *What a hope we have in knowing that we do not grieve as the world does. This is simply a temporary separation, one that won't even be remembered in the life to come. May the Lord bless and keep you all.##imported-begin##Johnny Brewer##imported-end##*

---

February 12, 2010 at 01:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved Bro. Mott. He and I shared the same birthday and I will always remember the sweet roses he gave me on my birthday he was such a sweet person. He will be missed. Sis Frances we love you and we are praying for you. Heaven recieved a preciuos gift when he entered the gates.##imported-begin##Ashley Atkins##imported-end##*

---

February 12, 2010 at 09:29 AM



“ Earl, so sorry to hear of your brothers death. My thoughts are with you and your family##imported-begin##Fay Floyd##imported-end##

---

February 11, 2010 at 08:30 PM



“ So Sorry to hear of Mots Passing##imported-begin##Preston Tomberlin##imported-end##

---

February 11, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ Our family is sadden by the passing of Mot, truly he will be missed. Heaven is now his home, the body that was suffering is now made new. I can just see him visiting all the "seniors" there that he loved so much and did so much for. We have fond memories of our families celerbrating many special events, especially with Wayne and Erin.  
Joe and I love you much...##imported-begin##Joe and Shirley Baggett##imported-end##

---

February 11, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ Francis and family, We are so saddened to hear of Mot's passing. We are praying for you and your family. Jane and Bill##imported-begin##Jane Thorne##imported-end##

---

February 11, 2010 at 02:53 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, We loved Mot very much he was very special to us. The tree is growing so beautiful next to the creek. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts Romans 5:5##imported-begin##Hazel & Bill Branton##imported-end##

---

February 11, 2010 at 02:35 PM