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*Masons of Center Grover Lodge #286
Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity*

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the **Ms. Elvenia Southerland** would like to gratefully acknowledge and appreciate every cards, phone calls, visits and many acts of kindness during the time of our bereavement/

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

The Family



Dear Grandma

You're not that far away, I can still envision your smile.

God brought you to be with Him,

But I'll see you in a while.

Those days when I am feeling down,

And I feel we're far apart,

I promise to never overlook you, but to look inside my heart.

The memories I have of you, they're filled with love and care.

And when though you've gone away,

I know that you're still there.

I wish that we could sit and laugh like we used to do,

But heaven needed another angel,

And yes, I get that too.

Love – The Grand and Great Grandchildren



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Home Going Celebration For

Ms. Elvenia Southerland



Sunrise

November

6,

1945

Sunset

September

8,

2018

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 • 4:00 PM

Cape Fear Conference B Headquarters

Raeford, North Carolina

Reverend Lucretta Toney, Presiding
Reverend LaShonda Ely — Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Lucretta B. Toney, Presiding

PRELUDEMusicians
PROCESSIONALMinister and Family
MUSICAL SELECTIONS .. Wall's Chapel Male Chorus
SCRIPTURES READING
 Old TestamentElderess Jeanie Townsend
 New TestamentBishop Eddie Robinson
PRAYER OF COMFORTRev. Bruce C. Hurst
MUSICAL SELECTION Wall's Chapel Male Chorus
REMARKS
 Friend.....Flossie Henderson
 Wall's Chapel ChurchSister Betty Kershaw
 Southerland Family Evangelist Vernordra Haynie
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Raeford, North Carolina

THE OBITUARY

Ms. Elvenia Southerland, affectionately known as “Ven”, was born on November 6, 1945 to the late John Allen and Lula Francis Love Southerland. She departed her life here on earth to obtain life eternally on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at her home.

She was a devoted and life-long member of the Wall's Chapel United Methodist Church in Bowmore, NC. There she served on the Usher Board, The Pastor's Parish Committee and the Gospel Choir. She was employed by the House of Raeford for 33 years, where she served as the Quality Control Supervisor. Following retirement, she then became employed by Butler's Day Care Center for several years.

“Ven” never met a stranger, she talked to any and everyone no matter where she saw them at. She was stern, yet compassionate, she “meant what she said and she said what she meant” and through that the roads of respect were paved. She was a pillar in the community of Hoke, serving on several organizations such as the Hoke County Civic League, The Raeford/Hoke Museum and The Silver City Community Federated Women's Club where she was serving as the Treasure. She had also served in the capacity of President, Financial Secretary and Program Chair.

She is preceded in death by her six siblings: Hattie Mae Blue, Clyde (Jake) Southerland, Ardel Southerland, Frank Southerland, Neil Southerland and Lula “Pat” Southerland Adams; one niece, Dorothy Jean Adams and one nephew, Howard “Jimmy” Adams.

Elvenia loved her family and she always anticipated family gatherings. She leaves to cherish her loving and caring memories: one daughter, Angela Gail Southerland Solcumb (Freddie); one son, Harry Lamont Southerland (Juliet), both of Raeford, NC; two brothers, Louis Southerland and Harrison (Gwendolyn), both of Raeford, NC; her baby sister, Yvonne Bethea of Raeford, NC; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Connie Southerland and Martha Southerland, both of Raeford, NC; a host of nieces and nephews who all held a special place in her heart; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives ad dear friends who stood by her side. And one special son, whom she loved dearly, James Allen Southerland.



My Siblings

Life is passing so quickly,
Dreams are proliferating
So rapidly,

But in the middle of all these,

Memories are embracing so tightly...

The time we spent together was most memorable,

The days we live apart were most dreadful,

The fights we shared together were most dangerous,

Still the care we tend to do is most wondrous...

Rare is the love which I receive from you,

Precious is the knowledge which I receive from you,

But paramount of all these,

Peculiar are my siblings which I receive from God...

Farewell, Dear Mother

Somewhere in my heart,
Beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word if “MOTHER”,
She was my world you see...
But now my heart is breaking
Cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel,
To watch me from above.
To guide me and advise me,
And know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me,
When her life on earth was through...
God had better plans for her for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart,
And all those loving years...
My memories surround me,
And I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend,
Someone I could confide in...
She always had a tender touch,
And warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother, for teaching me so well.
And though the time has come,
That I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me,
And make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother,
For all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth,
And now you've taken flight.
I know that you are here with me,
Each morning, noon and night.

Love Always — Ann & Harry

