



*Homegoing  
Service  
for*

*John L. Southerland*

July 17, 1950 - September 10, 2012

*Service*

Saturday, September 15, 2012

**Living Water Baptist Church**

1300 Brentwood Street

High Point, NC 27260

*Rev. Dr. Daryl R. Napper, Sr. ~ Eulogist*

**Pallbearers**

*Employees of Southerland  
Roofing Company*

**Flower Ladies**

*Friends of the Family*

**WELCOME HOME**

When I am gone, please don't cry; let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

I have never dreamed I would do them without  
you. Please don't tie yourself to me with tears, Be  
happy that we've had our years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I travel on alone.

So, grieve for me if you must; Then let your  
grieve be comforted by trust.

It's only fro a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories in your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on;  
If you need me call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll always be  
near; And if you listen with your heart you will hear,  
all my love around you soft and clear.

Then when you must come  
this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and  
welcome you home!



## *Reflections of Life*



**Mr. John L. Southerland**  
62, of Winston Salem, NC  
passed away unexpectedly on  
Monday, September 10,  
2012. He was born in  
Marlboro County, SC on July  
17, 1950 to John Wesley  
Southerland and Della Mae  
Williams.

John was a resident of  
Winston Salem for many years. He was the owner  
and operator of Southerland Roofing Company for  
over 42 years, he also owned a homeless shelter for  
women for 7 years in Winston Salem, and the  
Neighborhood Store in Winston Salem. John was an  
active NA member who earned 17 serenity coins  
celebrating his sobriety. He was also a member of the  
Alumi Club. John had great relationships with  
people. He was a good friend to everyone he met. He  
was a loving father and grandfather. John was faithful  
member of Living Water Baptist Church in High  
Point. He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one  
brother, Billy Joe Southerland.

Those left to cherish his memories includes his  
daughter, Kimtara Southerland of Winston Salem;

one step-son, Artez Southerland of High Point; a very special friend, Cynthia Little of the home; two grandchildren, Keju and Kegin; four brothers, Willie James Williams of Manhattan, NY, John Willie (Arnetta) Southerland of High Point, Curtis Southerland of Winston Salem and Melvin Southerland of New Jersey; two sisters, Diane Hayes of Laurinburg, NC and Mae Southerland of High Point; a step-sister, Carol (Fred) Gaffney of Charlotte, NC; a special cousin, Jerry Williams of New York; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; also all the members of the NA Club who was like a family to John also.



# *Order of Worship*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional ..... Ministers, Funeral Director  
& Family**

**Visitation ..... Praise & Worship  
12:30pm- 1:00pm  
Minister Anthony Douglas**

**Selection ..... Choir**

**Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament ..... Clergy**

**New Testament ..... Clergy**

**Prayer of Comfort..... Clergy**

**Selection ..... Choir**

**Acknowledgements/Cards**

**Obituary Reading**

**Presentation ..... Peoples Funeral Services**

**Expressions of Love ..... Family & Friends  
Limit 2 Minutes**

**Selection ..... Choir**

**Eulogy .....Pastor Daryl R. Napper Sr.**

**Final Farewell ..... Mr. John L. Southerland**

**Recessional**

***Burial & Dove Ceremony*  
*Carolina Biblical Gardens  
Jamestown, North Carolina***

## *Serenity Prayer*

*GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
and the*

*Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardship as*

*the pathway to peace.*

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it. Trusting that*

*He will make all things right I  
f I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and  
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*



## *Family Acknowledgement*

The **Southerland Family** is very grateful to their many friends and neighbors who have expressed their sympathy in so many kind ways. Your thoughtfulness and remembrance of us will forever remain close to our hearts. May God forever keep you in His care is our prayer. Kimtara and Artez would like to thank their mother, Elizabeth Goss for her support during this difficult time.

Professional Arrangements Entrusted To:

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