



JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III

February 12, 2025

James Jackson Southerland III (Jay), passed away at the age of 68, at his home in Homewood, Alabama.

Jay was born in Frankfurt, Germany on February 24, 1956. He graduated from Ensley High School (1974) and continued to receive a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Auburn University.

Jay worked as an Accountant in the Healthcare industry for 35 years. He thoroughly enjoyed all types of music and was musically talented himself, playing the guitar and singing. Jay was an avid golfer and enjoyed watching every Auburn sport. War Eagle! Mostly, Jay loved his children and grandchildren and would often brag about them to his friends, acquaintances, and complete strangers.

Jay is preceded in his death by his father James Jackson Southerland Jr. He is survived by his children Michelle Southerland Ray (Alex), Sarah Caitlyn Southerland, and Cary James Southerland (Bailey); grandchildren Alexis Lynn Ray, Anna James Ray, Ari Willis Ray, and Hope Eleanor Southerland; mother Mary Cater Southerland; siblings Mary Southerland Latham (Ira), William

Bruce Southerland (Trisha) and Susan Southerland Parker (Bob); and by many other family and friends.

The funeral service will be at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, 5081 Eastern Valley Road, McCalla, AL, 35111, Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to a charity of your choice. The family of Jay want to thank you so much for loving our Dad, brother, son, and friend.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Jan Armstron Slaughter And Judson Armstr lit a candle in memory of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III*



Jan Armstron Slaughter and Judson Armstr - February 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TM

“ *I was more than saddened to learn of My friend's death, it was a shock. He was truly a bright light in this world. He possessed such a unique character, that I don't think will ever be replicated. Too many great stories of joyous times to list just one. He had this one-of-a-kind laugh that I can't even describe. I wish I had kept in better touch with Jay. My prayers are with the family.*
Terry Marshall

Terry Marshall - February 19, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CC

“ *Charley Cleckler lit a candle in memory of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III*



Charley Cleckler - February 19, 2025 at 02:40 PM

LM

“ Lenny & Linda Cater, Patty &Geno Munds purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.



Lenny & Linda Cater, Patty &Geno Munds - February 19, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LM

“ Lenny & Linda Cater, Patty &Geno Munds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.

Lenny & Linda Cater, Patty &Geno Munds - February 19, 2025 at 11:43 AM

JT

“ John, Rex, the Whitacres, Barlow and Tim purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.



John, Rex, the Whitacres, Barlow and Tim - February 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM

UM

“ Uncle Jerry and Aunt Margaret McAbee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.



Uncle Jerry and Aunt Margaret McAbee - February 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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“ *Uncle Jerry and Aunt Margaret McAbee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.*

Uncle Jerry and Aunt Margaret McAbee - February 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM

BS

“ *Brent, Heather, Jordan, & Kendrick Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.*



Brent, Heather, Jordan, & Kendrick Smith - February 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Brent, Heather, Jordan, & Kendrick Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JAMES JACKSON SOUTHERLAND III.*

Brent, Heather, Jordan, & Kendrick Smith - February 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM

SE

“ *We attended Sunday School and church services with Jay many years ago when we were all kids, and we are saddened to learn of his passing. We are praying for all members of Jay's family in their time of grief.*

Steve and Suzanne Ellis

Steve Ellis - February 17, 2025 at 08:24 PM

GM

“ Jay was a golf buddy of ours. We have a informal group know as the SOBs (Sandbaggers of Birmingham). We have an annual spring trip and tournament at the Gulf. Jay was a two time winner and has the pinstriped jacket to prove it. He is gone too soon and he will be missed by our gang.

Gregory McKay - February 17, 2025 at 06:46 PM