



Father John Carlton Southern Jr.

December 14, 1946 - February 23, 2017

The Reverend John Carlton Southern, Jr., 70, of Asheville died Thursday, February 23, 2017. He was born in Winston-Salem, NC on December 14, 1946 to the late John Carlton Southern, Sr. and Elizabeth "Lib" Nail Southern. He was also preceded in death by his partner of 36 years, John Crawford.

Father Southern was a graduate of C. A. Erwin High School, UNC-Chapel Hill and The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York, New York. He was ordained Deacon in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC on June 6, 1974 and ordained as Priest in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, NC on June 14, 1975. Over his career, Father Southern served many parishes, Trinity, King's Mountain, NC, St. Andrew's, Bessemer City, NC, St. Michael's, Baton Rouge, LA and Trinity, Asheville, NC. He left full time parish work in 1998 to do Interim Ministry where he served Holy Communion, Ashe County, St. Luke's, Salisbury, NC, Good Shepherd, Cashiers, NC, St. Luke's, Boone, NC, Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, NC and St. Luke's, Lincolnton, NC.

He is survived by his brother, Thomas Southern (Mary Ann) of New Bern, NC, their four children and their families.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 337 Charlotte Street with Father Brent Norris

officiating. Interment will be in the Calvary Shrine Memorial Garden of St. Mary's.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

337 Charlotte Street
Asheville, NC 28801
mail@stmarysasheville.org
<http://www.stmarysasheville.org>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Father John Carlton Southern Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and love and prayers to the family of Father John Southern. My husband and I were High School Classmates with Father John! A smart young man as we knew him but we did not have the opportunity to know him very well after our school years! So sorry to hear of his passing! May God reach out to the family for Peace and Comfort!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 Clarence and Judy Owenby*

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Owenby - March 07, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ *Tommy, I was sorry to hear about Johnny"s death. I remember when you two grew up on Merritt Drive and you were in my 7th grade class. Jewel and I will remember your family at our prayer time. Howard Bridges*

Howard G Bridges - March 03, 2017 at 11:12 AM

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“ *Father Southern was my friend. He was always very special to me, and I always counted on his wisdom and temperament. There was a time in my life when I seriously considered seminary after I received a degree in Religion at Davidson. Father Southern helped me tremendously to determine my life's path. I will always be grateful. I would run into him occasionally at Ingles and he was always asking about my family and my children. A great man! I will miss Father Southern. My sincere condolences to his family and the church and congregations that will miss him.*

Peter McGuire - March 03, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Father John Carlton Southern Jr..*



March 02, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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Mary Whisonant - March 02, 2017 at 07:09 AM

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Father John will be sorely missed by our community. RIP Father John Southern.

Roseanna Coates - March 02, 2017 at 04:16 PM