



Frances Marie Southerland

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SOUTHERLAND, Frances Marie, age 87 of Nashville passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Miss Southerland graduated from East High School. She had a Bachelor of Music in piano from George Peabody College for Teachers; 3 Semesters at Julliard School of Music in New York City, studying piano with Katherine Bacon. Miss Southerland was a life long member of the Tulip Street Methodist Church, Church Organist, Choir Director, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Administrative Board and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. She retired from teaching after 31 years at North high School and East Junior High School. She was also a member of the Eastland Music Club, Eastern Star Chapter # 1, Sigma Alpha Iota – national honorary music fraternity, Alpha Delta Kamma – national teachers sorority, American Guild of Organist, life member of the National Education Association and was connected with Southerland Inc. She was preceded in death by her parents, J. Delmar and Ruth Bishop Southerland. She is survived by her cousins; H. Herman (Connie) Southerland, Marty (Michelle) Southerland, Stephanie (Brandon) McGee, Trey (Christie) Southerland, James (Loralee) Southerland and Ann Southerland. Her family will receive friends from 3 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 and on Friday, March 8 from 10 am until her Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m. at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Services will be conducted by Rev. Matthew Baldwin and Rev. Hyeon Hong. Active pallbearers will include Marty Southerland, Trey Southerland, Matt Stauder, Brandon McGee, Wayne Richards and Roy Napper. Honorary pallbearers will be the employees of Southerland Inc. and members of the Tulip Street Methodist Church. Interment will be in Spring Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Tulip Street Methodist Church



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DB

Don Barnett posted:

It has been many years since I served as a Vandy Divinity School student at Tulip St. I sang in the choir which Frances led at the time. She was a very special woman and musician, and I will always remember her kindness and what a blessing she and Bill Barbour were to me. They were like loving grandparents! I know she passed some years ago, but as I am learning of her legacy online, I wanted to give thanksgiving for her life and generosity.

October 26 at 9:02 AM

JH

Jessie Judy Ann Meadows Hooks posted:

Having known Frances Sutherland. Just about all of my life. My family joined Tulip Street Church Easter of 1956. And I just loved her. She went on to be my Choral teacher for four years at East Nashville High School. I sang in the choir at Tulip at the age of twelve. Until I married in Dec of 1969 in the chapel at Tulip Street. I was sad to learn of her death. She was always smiling at me and often called me "Suga". Happy memories of a wonderful teacher and great Christian woman. God Bless Her

March 10 at 7:53 AM

CB

Cathie Buckner posted:

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Every time I hear or this song I think of you... RIP sweet lady!

May 27 at 5:47 AM

JW

Julie Harrison Wheeler posted:

As a graduate of East Nashville High School in 1976 . . . I dearly loved Miss Southerland. She was an incredible woman who loved music and working with her students. I feel truly blessed to have had a part of her in my life. Julie Harrison Wheeler (Class of '76)

March 9 at 8:41 AM

TW

Thomas A. Walker posted:

Miss Southerland has always been on my mind and in my heart she really cared for her students and a part of me is better because of her, I can sing. Thomas A Walker

March 9 at 3:04 AM



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AL

Alison posted:

Ms. Frances was one of the kindest people I have met. A bad day at Grace Manor could be wiped away by hiding out in her room for a few minutes. It just won't be the same without her.

March 8 at 4:57 AM

BC

Barbara Crossland lit a candle in honor of Frances.

I remember Ms. Southerland from East High School. Class of 1978. She was an awesome person. Condolences to the family.

March 7 at 2:40 PM



PB

Peggy Berry lit a candle in honor of Frances.

Sue and I, sisters of Pat Berry, loved visiting Frances at her home and eating out wither years ago. She was always so cheerful and made us feel good to be around her.We shall miss visiting her and give our condolences to the family.Sincerely, Peggy and Sue Berry

March 7 at 2:19 PM



PB

Peggy Berry posted:

My friendship with Frances began in 1957 when we started teaching at East Nashville Junior High. It continued later when we were on the faculty of East High. For many years we were fellow members of the Upsilon Chapter of ADK. What wonderful memories I have.How fortunate are the thousands of East Nashville "kids" who had Frances as their choral teacher.I extend sympathy to the younger generations of the Southerland family.Sincerely, Pat Berry 215 Berry Rd.Dickson,TN 37055

March 7 at 2:02 PM

SL

Sharron Lyon posted:

Our condolences to Frances' family from her friends in the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

March 7 at 11:13 AM



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KR

Kevin Russell posted:

I remember MS Southerland from East High. Class of 1979

March 7 at 9:13 AM

LS

Linda Porter Smith posted:

Ms Southerland was a wonderful chorus teacher. Always enjoyed her class. Sympathy to her family Linda Porter Smith East High 1966

March 7 at 6:24 AM

DE

Debra Eckert posted:

A wonderful lady & music teacher. Certainly one of my most favorite teachers at East. I feel blessed to have known such a wonderful and loving woman.

March 7 at 5:42 AM

DE

Debra Eckert lit a candle in honor of Frances.

March 7 at 5:39 AM



SJ

Sharon Jackson lit a candle in honor of Frances.

March 7 at 2:40 AM



BM

Betty Wilson Marina lit a candle in honor of Frances.

I loved Miss Southerland. I had her for chorus while I was at East Senior. She always encouraged me and my musical talents. She let me accompany the chorus for my senior year. She will be missed.

March 7 at 1:07 AM





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BB

Bill Boner posted:

For many years Francis and Uncle Bill were good friends. At Tulip Street, I got to know her for the wonderful person she was.

March 6 at 6:12 PM

JH

Jackie Nelson Heilman lit a candle in honor of Frances.

I remember Miss Southerland as a kind and sweet lady. I had the privilege of being in her class for piano and chorus at East in the early 80's. I remember a time I had to sing in class by myself with her playing along at the piano. Standing there next to her and the whole class watching I was so nervous but she made me feel at ease and told me I did a good job. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.



March 6 at 3:59 PM

TW

Tim Watson posted:

We would like to send our condolences to the Southerland family. What a great lady!! She had such a positive influence and touched so many lives in her years of teaching. We need more like her today. When we first bought the property next to the Southerlands a man came from N.E.S. to hook up the power. He asked me if Mrs. Southerland still lived over there. I told him yes she did. He told me "She taught me when I was in school. She was always my favorite teacher." We love y'all God bless. Tim Watson and Family

March 6 at 12:41 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frances by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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