



Delbert Keith Southern

March 22, 1945 - January 23, 2024

Delbert Keith Southern, 78, of Bloomington passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at his home in Bloomington, Indiana.

Delbert was born March 22, 1945 in Bloomington, Indiana to the late Rolla and Gladys (McGlothlin) Southern. After graduating from Bloomington High School in 1963, he went on to marry the love of his life, Merle Darlene Ritter. They spent 59 wonderful years together. He worked approximately 35 years for Thomson Consumer Electronics (RCA) and 17 years for Indiana University. He loved life, his family, friends, grandkids, and great grandchildren. He loved planting and working his garden during the spring and summer. Growing and sharing his vegetables was a highlight for him- particularly tomatoes. He also enjoyed raising cattle and tinkering with farm equipment. His favorite hobbies were hunting morel mushrooms and deer.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Merle Southern. Children- Timothy (Brenda) Southern, Thomas (Nancy) Southern, and Carolyn Southern. Grandchildren Gregory Southern, Deborah Southern, Morgan Southern, Breanna Cullen. Great grandchildren Izabell Chambers, Hope Chambers, Abigail Southern, Cain Southern, Mazikeen Cullen, and Leviathan Cullen. Brothers Wyatt Southern and Kenneth Southern.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents Rolla and Gladys Southern.

Brothers, Willis Southern, Wendel Southern, Calvin Southern, and sister Lavonna Oliver. Grandchild Jonathan Southern. Mother and father-in-law Joseph and Donna Ritter. Other in-laws Robert Ritter, Terry Ritter, and Sonya Higgins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 11:00AM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. James Southern will be officiating and burial will follow at Clover Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday January 30, 2024 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37.

Online condolences, photos and a memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clover Hill Cemetery

Harrodsburg, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Hank and Angie Baugh family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.*



Hank and Angie Baugh family - January 30, 2024 at 05:36 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.*



January 28, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.*



January 27, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.*



January 26, 2024 at 10:57 PM

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“ The Arthur's and Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.



The Arthur's and Families - January 26, 2024 at 01:28 PM

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“ The Arthur's and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delbert Keith Southern.

The Arthur's and Families - January 26, 2024 at 01:28 PM

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“ Kenny, Dee and Family purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.



Kenny, Dee and Family - January 26, 2024 at 09:17 AM

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“ Kenny, Dee and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delbert Keith Southern.

Kenny, Dee and Family - January 26, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Otis Elevator Company purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Delbert Keith Southern.*



Otis Elevator Company - January 26, 2024 at 08:46 AM