



## Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland

June 5, 1932 - January 22, 2022

Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland, 89, of Steinhatchee, Florida passed away January 22, 2022. Mr. Southerland was born June 5, 1932 to the late Albert and Addie Southerland in Cullman, Alabama. He lived in the Steinhatchee area since 1993 after moving from Cleveland, Georgia. He raised his children in Powder Springs, GA and there also met and married his wife Brenda. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Korean War. Dixie retired from Southern Bell where he was an Electronic Technician in Powder Springs, Ga. Afterwards, Dixie and his wife, Brenda bought the Yonah Mountain campground which they expanded by building a pavilion, playground, and many new campsites. They have wonderful memories of entertaining family and friends in the beautiful Georgia Mountains. Dixie had been active with Gideons International, was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, and was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee.

Dixie loved God, Brenda, his family, friends, and his little dog Joey. He enjoyed traveling in their motor home, fishing and camping. He was a very talented musician and played the bass in his group and traveled and sang in many churches and venues. Dixie was always happiest when he was in a boat traveling down the Steinhatchee River to his favorite fishing spot with his Cousin Dank, Brenda, children or grandchildren . Dixie was a dedicated Republican and loved to talk politics. He was known as a peacemaker and

loved by all who knew him.

Mr. Southerland "Dixie" is survived by his wife of 42 years Brenda Southerland, his sons Ken Southerland (Gloria) and Mitchell Cochran (Sandra), his daughters Becky Bennett, Nancy Bressner (Greg), Ginger Smith, and Sherry DuBose, his sisters Mildred Parson, Betty Mae Clark (Howard), and Evelyn Hewett (Douglas), 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his son Steve Southerland, his daughter Joan Sanford, his brothers Fermon Southerland and Eugene Southerland.

The family will host a Celebration of life for Mr. Southerland on January 29, 2022 with the visitation beginning at 2:00 PM and the service following at 3:00 PM. The service is at the First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee with Pastor Paul Nawlin, Pastor Frankie Southerland, and Pastor George Hage officiating.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Homes, Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352 -498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfumeralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfumeralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee  
615 Riverside Drive  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - January 28, 2022 at 12:32 AM



“ Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Chasity lit a candle in memory of Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland



chasity - January 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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“ You will be miss and we both love you so much, you will always be in our Hearts Chasity and Travis loves you.



chasity - January 29, 2022 at 09:57 AM



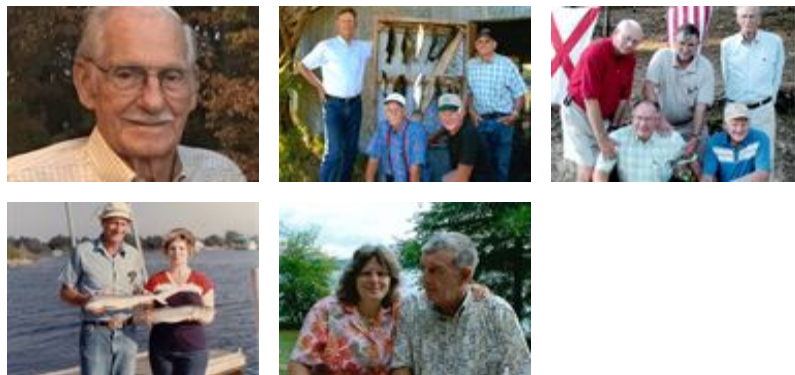
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Junior "Dixie" Harbard Southerland.



January 28, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - January 27, 2022 at 11:20 PM

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“ Brother Junior was a deacon of the first church I pastored (East Hiram Baptist Church) - HE was truly my friend, taught me a lot, helped me through many difficult circumstances - I loved Brother Junior and all of his family - We will see him again in heaven - Our prayers are with his Sister Brenda and the family - God bless you all

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**Johnny Simpson** - January 27, 2022 at 10:13 PM

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“ Dixie was definitely one of a kind and will be Greatly Missed by Everyone .. He was so Special... Everyone Loved Dixie ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏  
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**Sandra McFarland** - January 27, 2022 at 08:53 PM