



## Mr. Johnny E. Sumner

May 28, 1950 - October 28, 2023

Mr. Johnny Sumner, Jr. 73, of Worth County, died on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany.

The graveside service will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Mike DeLoach, Rev. Ken Harper, and Rev. Freddy White will officiate.

Mr. Sumner was born on May 28, 1950 in Tifton, Georgia, to the late John Edwin Sumner, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Vernell Hill Sumner. He had lived in Worth County most of his life and was a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he attained his degree in banking. Mr. Sumner later retired from Colony Bank in Sylvester, where he worked as both, Vice President as well as a loan officer. He was the Poulan softball coach for several years. Mr. Sumner enjoyed turkey hunting, watching and feeding deer, and spending time with his friends and family. He was a dedicated member of Poulan Baptist Church. He was the world's best "Poppy" to his two granddaughters, Kate and Liv.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Paulk Sumner of Worth County; children, John Sumner and Ben Sumner (Emile); grandchildren, Kate Sumner and Liv Sumner; siblings, Tommy Sumner (Wanda) of Worth County and Chris Sumner (Sheila) of Early County; sisters-in-law, Shirley Apperson, Dottie Haire and Betty Jacobs; a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members; canine companion, Duncan;

In addition to his parents, Mr. Sumner was preceded in death by his brothers, Al Sumner and Ted Sumner.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2:00 PM until the service hour at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you consider making donations to the Poulan Baptist Church located at 137 South Cotton Street Poulan, Georgia. 31781.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

## Graveside Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

NOV 1 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
701 S. Isabella Street  
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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ So sorry to learn of Johnny’s passing. Prayers for Debbie and family.

June Culpepper Bledsoe - December 26, 2023 at 08:49 PM

HS

“ HELEN SLEDGE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



HELEN SLEDGE - December 06, 2023 at 01:07 PM

MK

“ Martha Katz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Martha katz - November 04, 2023 at 01:18 AM

TJ

“ Tony And Marcia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Tony and Marcia Johnson - November 03, 2023 at 03:16 PM

SB

“ Sorry to hear of mr jonny he will be missed prayers sent to the families 🙏🙏🙏🙏

stacey blake - November 01, 2023 at 01:48 PM

MH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Johnny. Johnny and I worked together for many years at the Bank of Worth County. He did a lot of good things in this community and he will be greatly missed. Prayers and love to Debbie, John, Ben, and all the family.



Marily Herring - November 01, 2023 at 12:43 PM

RS

“ Mr johnny was a wonderful man he will be missed he was always smiling and always liked to joke around !!!! Praying for all



rhonda saylor - November 01, 2023 at 06:16 AM

LM

“ Luke Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Luke Miller - October 31, 2023 at 11:49 PM

LP

“ Larry & Earline Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Larry & Earline Powell - October 31, 2023 at 09:49 PM

LP

Mr. Johnny will be missed dearly. To Ms. Debbie, John, Ben and Emily and the grand children 5we are so sorry for your loss. Poulan Baptist Church will miss him. My prayers are for the family in the coming days because it will be hard. But we have our Lord to lean on for comfort an trials that are to come.Sending our love.

Larry & Earline Powell - October 31, 2023 at 10:06 PM

RJ

“ Johnny will definitely be missed by all that knew him. My condolences and prayers to his family.



Ralph Willis, Jr - October 31, 2023 at 03:40 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sumner family, you are in my thoughts and prayers hoping you find comfort in all your wonderful memories together with Johnny. Love The Hodge Family.

Tracey Hodge - October 31, 2023 at 02:35 PM

DM

Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have a lot of fond memories of working with you years ago. Love Donna (York) Mallory

Donna Mallory - November 01, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Joy Gaddy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Joy Gaddy** - October 31, 2023 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ *Debbie, John, and Ben. Heaven is a better place today. I'm sure the kindness Johnny spread here is now taking place there. He always took time to share memories of school with Michael and me. I'm sure they are sharing memories together now. May God's love comfort you.*  
*Judy Hall Young*

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**Judy Hall** - October 31, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LP

“ *Johnny Sumner made a difference in the community and the lives he touched through out the years, He was always smiling and never complained. he was kind and gentle and had let his light show, you never know how much one to meant to others till their passing. I am praying for the Sumner family through out the days ahead of them. Rest in peace Johnny.*

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**Lorrie Powell** - October 31, 2023 at 10:07 AM

DK

“ Johnny Sumner was a friend to so many! He surely took care of His clients at Colony Bank ! He always had a smile for his older clients including my mother ! The Sumner sons and their mother were and are special to Worth County in many ways ! Our sincere sympathy to Johnny's wife and all his family ! He will be missed! 🙏 Davis and Donna King

Donna McCourry King - October 31, 2023 at 07:01 AM

ES

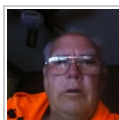
“ I dearly wish there was more time with him on this earth but am grateful for all the memories we made, for the life he lived, and for the chance to be his daughter in law. He truly cared about the people of his community, church, and family as he dedicated his life to helping others. It was such a blessing to see him and Debbie be grandparents and I pray I never forget how his face lit up when he was around them. He is going to be greatly missed here and my heart is heavy tonight, but I thank God for His saving and amazing grace because I know where Johnny is now.

Emile Sumner - October 30, 2023 at 09:20 PM

LM

Beautiful Precious girls, he will truly be missed, we Loved him so!!! 🙏  
❤️🙏❤️🙏

Laura Marshall - October 31, 2023 at 07:37 PM



I really liked Johnny.I had contact quite a lot at T. Colony&he was always helpful.Ted did a lot of work for us.He will be missed

Charles Potts - November 01, 2023 at 05:32 PM

BM

“ So very sorry to hear about Johnny, he will truly be missed by many. Please know our prayers are with each of you for comfort and peace knowing he is in the masters arms. May you feel Gods comfort.  
Jerry and Bess



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**Bess Meeks** - October 30, 2023 at 09:16 PM

TB

“ Tommy And Elaine Bozeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



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**Tommy and Elaine Bozeman** - October 30, 2023 at 09:09 PM

CE

“ Sorry to hear about my friend, Johnny! Debbie, Johnny and I shared many great memories when we were in school together. He was a very good centerfielder on our baseball team and we spent time listening to music and riding around Big'un's when we could. Johnny was a groomsman at my wedding and over the years I saw him from time to time. My prayers are with you and your family, Debbie.

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**Carol Eldridge** - October 30, 2023 at 09:08 PM

ES

“ 4 files added to the album *World's best Poppy*



**Emile Sumner** - October 30, 2023 at 08:45 PM

LM

*Thank you for posting these photos you can see the Love and how they adored their Poppy!! 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏*

**Laura Marshall** - October 31, 2023 at 07:40 PM

MJ

“ *Margie And Dennis James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



**Margie and Dennis James** - October 30, 2023 at 07:37 PM

JK

“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. Thinking of and praying for all of Johnny's family.*

**Jan and Alan Kimbro** - October 30, 2023 at 06:39 PM

PG

“ I'll miss listening to you in Sunday School and the Wednesday night discussions. You'll be truly missed by me and my entire family. Especially Grayson.

Penny Grubbs - October 30, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BP

“ Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Bonnie Potts - October 30, 2023 at 06:19 PM

LW

“ If you had Johnny for a friend, you were truly blessed. Fred and Johnny talked every week to "check" on each other and their families. He is going to be missed by everybody who knew him. When we got the news, my first thought was the words to George Jones song, "Lord, I wonder whose gonna fill his shoes?" Sending love and prayers to Debbie, Ben and John. Only the Lord can comfort you in this amount of grief.

Loretta & Fred White - October 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JE

“ Jeff And Anne Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Jeff and Anne Ewing - October 30, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ Carolyn Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Carolyn Montgomery - October 30, 2023 at 03:53 PM

LJ

Prayers for the family and friends 🙏

Loveta Johnson - October 30, 2023 at 05:20 PM

BB

“ Our family met Johnny at Poulan Baptist where my husband plays piano. We had the opportunity to hear him preach on a few occasions, and you could tell he was a man of God. It was obvious that he had a big heart and loved working with people. The Worth County community has big shoes to fill.

Brian and Lisa Marchant and boys - October 30, 2023 at 03:19 PM

LM

Amen 🙏❤️✝️🙏❤️✝️🙏

Laura Marshall - October 31, 2023 at 07:36 PM

KB

“ KELLI BECK lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



KELLI BECK - October 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Johnny’s passing. I will always remember the 20 plus years working with him at Colony Bank & how he worked hard to help people & treated everyone with kindness. My prayers are with Debbie, John, Ben & all the Sumner family during this very difficult time.  
Ray & Debbie Banks

Debbie Banks - October 30, 2023 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Johnny passing prayers lifted up for Ms. Debbie and the rest of the family. I had the pleasure and honor of having Mr. Johnny as a friend and hunting partner for the past 20+ years. Sure will miss him until we meet again in Heaven!! RIP Brother!



Danny Sparks - October 30, 2023 at 12:35 PM

SB

“ Susan And Harold Brantley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



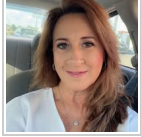
Susan and Harold Brantley - October 30, 2023 at 09:45 AM

HB

“ Harold Brantley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Harold Brantley - October 30, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Michelle Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Michelle Willis** - October 30, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Gina, Josey & Jett Young*



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**Gina Young** - October 30, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Tony Senkbeil** - October 30, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Gary Posey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Gary Posey** - October 30, 2023 at 08:04 AM

TM

“ *Tosha McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Tosha McDonald** - October 29, 2023 at 07:23 PM

JC

“ *Joe Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Joe Carter** - October 29, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TA

“ *Terry Norris Avera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Terry Norris Avera** - October 29, 2023 at 06:55 PM

DR

“ *David And Dianne Register lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**David and Dianne Register** - October 29, 2023 at 06:46 PM

MS

“ *Martha Cross Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Martha Cross Saunders** - October 29, 2023 at 06:20 PM

LW

“ *So sorry to hear of Johnny's death. He was a good man and someone I will miss forever.*

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**Loretta Waller** - October 29, 2023 at 06:16 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis Diamond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Phyllis Diamond** - October 29, 2023 at 06:11 PM

GC

“ *George M. Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**George M. Carter** - October 29, 2023 at 05:13 PM

MH

“ *Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



**Mack and Mary Houston** - October 29, 2023 at 04:05 PM

CJ

“ *Carole Burkhart Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



**Carole Burkhart Jones** - October 29, 2023 at 03:44 PM

EC

“ *Johnny was a dear friend for a long time. One of the pall bearers for my dad's funeral.*



**Edward Cross** - October 29, 2023 at 03:37 PM

JS

“ *Debbie and boys, Johnny was a pillar of our community! Church, bank, clubs , and a friend to everyone. He will be greatly missed by everyone. I pray that God wraps his loving arms around each one and remember how much Johnny loved his family.*

**Judy & Mack Sutton** - October 29, 2023 at 03:23 PM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Karen McDonald - October 29, 2023 at 03:18 PM

DJ

“ Debra Chambless Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Debra Chambless Jones - October 29, 2023 at 01:17 PM

BP

“ Prayers for the family!



Barbara & Ronny Pattee - October 29, 2023 at 01:15 PM

KN

“ Karon Weaver Nestale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Karon Weaver Nestale - October 29, 2023 at 01:14 PM

LW

“ *LaVerne Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



**laVerne Watkins** - October 29, 2023 at 12:44 PM

GC

“ *George and I are so sorry for the loss of Johnny. He was always such a sweet, kind, and wonderful man. We graduated high school together in 1968 and he was a great classmate to have. Always with a smile on his face every time I saw him. Debbie and family, I pray God to comfort you all in this time of sorrow. I know you will miss him so much.*

**George and Kay McDonald Coker** - October 29, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JC

“ *June Coker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



**June Coker** - October 29, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JC

*James and I send love and pray for each member of this family. Johnny was certainly a special man!*

**Judy Coleman** - October 29, 2023 at 02:13 PM

 Brenda Hicks

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Mr. Sumner served as one of my jury commissioners years ago. I truly enjoyed working with him and others. He was a very kind man and I will miss seeing him around every once in awhile. I will be praying for his family and sending my deepest condolences to you all.

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**Brenda Hicks** - October 29, 2023 at 10:02 AM

MP

“ Was shocked to hear about the passing of Johnny was a strong christian man will be praying for Debbie & family.

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**melvin paulk** - October 29, 2023 at 09:32 AM

TD

“ Tony Dato lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



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**tony dato** - October 29, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Janice Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



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**Janice Carter** - October 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM

CY

“ Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Carol York - October 29, 2023 at 07:47 AM

DK

“ Davis and I are so sorry to learn about Johnny ! He was always smiling and helpful during his time at Colony Bank! Prayers for all of you as you go through this sad and difficult time ! Sincerely, Davis and Donna King

Donna McCourry King - October 29, 2023 at 07:40 AM

NB

“ Ned And Dianne Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Ned and Dianne Brooks - October 29, 2023 at 07:18 AM

AW

“ Debbie, John & Ben...I am so so sorry for your loss of Johnny!! My heart hurts and aches for you all. I thought a lot of Johnny and I am so glad we were able to visit his church several weeks ago!! I have always thought alot of your family and Debbie, I am so glad you, Johnny and myself was able to have that heart to heart talk....I will treasure it forever!! I love you all so much!!



Angie Williams - October 29, 2023 at 01:04 AM

LC

“ Sorry to hear of his passing, a friend to all, he will be missed.



Larry Crowe - October 28, 2023 at 11:52 PM

DM

“ Oh, Debbie, John, Ben & family, so sorry to learn of this! Johnny's ever-ready smile & friendliness will be much missed! Please know we're thinking of you all and praying for y'all during these times. May God cradle you with His loving arms now & in the days ahead. Dan and Pat



Dan and Pat Miller - October 28, 2023 at 10:40 PM

WB

“ Wanda Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



wanda Bowen - October 28, 2023 at 10:31 PM

TS

“ Tony And Marlene Strenth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner



Tony and Marlene Strenth - October 28, 2023 at 10:10 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Sandra Watson** - October 28, 2023 at 09:49 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Diane Rogers** - October 28, 2023 at 09:38 PM

SS

“ *Sue Odom Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Sue Odom Stephens** - October 28, 2023 at 08:44 PM

PB

“ *Johnny. You and John Rackley are together. You will truly be missed.*

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**Peggy bell** - October 28, 2023 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ *Darrin Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Darrin Potts** - October 28, 2023 at 07:02 PM

MB

“ *Mark Bibby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Mark Bibby** - October 28, 2023 at 06:20 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Charlotte Hall** - October 28, 2023 at 06:03 PM

KW

“ *Karen Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



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**Karen Watson** - October 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM

KW

*Debbie and family, Our hearts go out to you and your family. Will be praying for you during this sad time. Bobby & Karen Watson*

**Karen Watson** - October 28, 2023 at 05:42 PM

SJ

“ *Mr. Johnny was a good man who helped many people. Praying for his family during this sorrowful time.* ”



**Sandra A Jones** - October 28, 2023 at 05:36 PM

CS

“ *Connie Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner* ”



**Connie Sizemore** - October 28, 2023 at 04:00 PM

EC

“ *Oh gosh! So sorry to hear. Prayers for friends and family.* ”



**Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry** - October 28, 2023 at 03:37 PM

CT

“ *Culmer And Diane Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



Culmer and Diane Tanner - October 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM

LM

“ *Laura Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Sumner*



Laura Marshall - October 28, 2023 at 01:45 PM

LM

“ *I know we are rejoicing that Johnny has gone home, but my heart hurts hearing the news. Rest now Johnny, well done good and faithful servant, may we all strive to live by your example, I miss you already 🙏❤️🙏 Sending Prayers of Comfort and Peace to Debbie, John, Ben and family. God Bless you all... 🙏❤️🙏🙏❤️🙏*



Laura Marshall - October 28, 2023 at 01:44 PM

SD

*So sorry to hear, love and prayers for you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers, he will be missed by so many ❤️❤️🌹🌹🙏🙏  
Shirley Mathews Dixon and Family*

Shirley Dixon - October 29, 2023 at 01:55 PM



*Johnny will be missed. He was a man of God and a good friend. I have only known Johnny for about 18 months, but they are filled with great memories. He loved the Church, Loved God, and made my life a lot easier. Kay and I love Him and will miss him.*

*Ken and Kay Harper*

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**Ken Harper** - October 30, 2023 at 07:22 PM