



## Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.

August 21, 1939 - November 15, 2022

Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr., J.D., 83, formerly of Rome, Georgia, passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at his home in Sylvester, GA.

The graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester. The Reverend Nick Arbogast will officiate.

Clint, a native of Sylvester, was born at home on August 21, 1939, to his parents, Joseph Clinton Sumner, Sr. and Sara Duffey Sumner, having been delivered by Dr. J. L. Tracy, with his grandfather, Dr. Gordon S. Sumner, standing by to welcome his first grandson.

Clint was a 1957 Sylvester High School graduate who went on to graduate from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA in 1961 with a BA degree in Political Science. From there, he was accepted into the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, VA where he received his J.D. degree in 1964.

At a Baptist Student Union gathering in Virginia, where he was playing the piano, Clint met his future wife, Bettie Margaret Wiegel of Fairfax, Virginia. Clint and Bettie were married December 28, 1964. They were married for 58 years.

Clint and Bettie moved to Rome, GA in 1965, where he joined the law firm of Rogers, Magruder and Hoyt. Clint practiced law for 51 years until he retired in 2016. He was the sole remaining partner of the firm Magruder and Sumner,

from 1994-2015. Clint became a well known litigator specializing in Insurance defense throughout the Northwest Georgia area and was known by other lawyers as "No Settle Sumner".

Although retired, Clint kept an office in Rome, GA until 2021, still utilizing the services of his former secretary of over 30 years, Gail Williams, of Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

Clint was a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Rome Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Defense Trial Lawyers. He was previously active in the Masons and Rome Elks Lodge. He was a long time member of the Coosa Valley Country Club and the Atlanta Commerce Club. He was of the Baptist faith.

Clint had been in declining health for the past several years which precipitated his move back to his hometown of Sylvester, GA a year ago to be near his only sibling, Beverly. He enjoyed attending the Sylvester High School Class of 1957 "get togethers" and reconnecting with old classmates.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Margaret Weigel Sumner of Sylvester; a sister, Beverly Sumner Mitchell of Sylvester; an aunt, Virginia Duffey of Roswell, GA; many first cousins; and special friends, Michelle Farley, Alfreda Slaughter and Angela Jones of Sylvester, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Pruitt Hospice of Cordele, GA

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

## Graveside Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Julia and John Taylor  
Atlanta, Georgia  
formerly of Rome, Georgia*

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**M/M John E. Taylor, Jr.** - November 20, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Debbie Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.*



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**Debbie Banks** - November 19, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Sending prayers for your healing during this  
difficult time. I feel lucky that I knew Clint. He  
was such a gentle man.*



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**Patricia Dean** - November 18, 2022 at 02:27 PM

LB

“ Prayers for the family!!!



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**Laura Bartley** - November 18, 2022 at 07:26 AM

LC

*Mr. Sumner was an associate of mine when I worked with State Farm. He was always a gentleman and I respected him. Sending my thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Sumner and his sister.*

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**Lori Cabe** - November 19, 2022 at 09:12 PM

AM

“ Sending prayers your way.



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**Andrea Miller** - November 18, 2022 at 07:19 AM

SW

“ Sandra And Ronald Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.



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**Sandra and Ronald Westbrook** - November 18, 2022 at 12:31 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.*



Sandra Watson - November 17, 2022 at 04:13 PM

Karen  
Watson

“ *Karen Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.*



Karen Watson - November 17, 2022 at 10:48 AM

JM

“ *May God give you the strength needed at this time.*



Jerry and Bess Meeks - November 17, 2022 at 08:23 AM

MH

“ *Marilyn Herring lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.*



Marilyn Herring - November 16, 2022 at 07:40 PM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.



Mack and Mary Houston - November 16, 2022 at 07:36 PM

LC

“ Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Clinton "Clint" Sumner Jr.



larry crowe - November 16, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ Condolences to all the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of Clint. ❤️🙏❤️

Janice Carter - November 16, 2022 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ Mr. Sumner was one of the nicest men I know. I worked for him for 22 years and he was always a gentleman and an excellent lawyer. He tried more civil jury trials than any other lawyer in northwest Georgia. He taught me a great deal and I will always be indebted to him. My sympathy goes out to his wife Betty.

Janet Byington - November 16, 2022 at 09:43 AM

PC

*My condolences to the family of Clint Sumner! Beverly, I am saddened to learn of Clint's passing. Praying for God's strength as the family continues this journey without Clint. 💕🙏*

**Patsy Walters Carmichael** - November 16, 2022 at 02:04 PM

LF

*RIP. My 2nd cousin Clint*

**Larry Bustle. Palmetto, FL** - November 16, 2022 at 02:07 PM

RD

*My memory of cousin Clint was from the farm house in Forsyth where all the family would come and I remember Clint on the front porch drinking his coke. My thoughts and prayers go out to Betty and his sister Beverly.*

**Randy Davis** - November 17, 2022 at 01:43 PM

DK

*So sorry to learn of his struggle in the last few years. Betty and his sister are in my prayers for comfort. My deepest sympathy to Betty and his sisster Beverly. He was such a good lawyer.*

**Diann H Kothe** - November 21, 2022 at 09:18 AM