



Martha Gay Sumner

March 31, 1935 - April 8, 2026

Mrs. Martha Gay Sumner, 91, of Sylvester died Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Todd Brooks officiating. A private interment will be held.

Mrs. Sumner was born on March 31, 1935 in Worth County to the late Matthew and Lula McDonald Gay. She had lived in Worth County all her life. Mrs. Sumner was a skilled cosmetologist and homemaker. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, and working in her garden but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. Mrs. Sumner was a member of Providence Primitive Baptist Church and Sumner Methodist Church since April 30, 1968.

Survivors include her son, Randy Sumner (Selena); her daughter, Martha June Jolly (Steve); 6 grandchildren; and 12 Great-children; along with a host of extended family members and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Sumner was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joseph Milton Sumner, Jr. on August 13, 1999; a son, Joseph "Joey" Milton Sumner, III; 5 brothers and 5 sisters..

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 1:00 PM until the service hour at Banks Funeral Home.

For those desiring, memorial donations may be made in her honor to Hospice of Tift Area, 618 North Central Ave, Tifton, GA 31794.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Banks Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Banks Funeral Home - April 10 at 03:12 PM

RS

Great picture display of a life she enjoyed so much!

Randy Sumner - April 10 at 08:26 PM

SR

“ Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Sharon Rhoads - April 17 at 01:59 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Carolyn Littleton - April 17 at 11:33 AM

ML

“ Mitchell Lashley lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Mitchell Lashley - April 12 at 09:09 PM

JS

“ I always admired Miss Martha!. Randy, What a great son you have been.. Mack and I enjoyed seeing you two at Charles.

judy sutton - April 11 at 07:56 AM

TM

“ Tosha McDonald lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Tosha McDonald - April 10 at 09:27 AM

TS

“ Tammy Smith lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Tammy Smith - April 09 at 05:43 PM

DB

“ Debbie Gray Bridges lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Debbie Gray Bridges - April 09 at 02:44 PM

DB

Praying for the family during this most difficult time 🙏❤️

Debbie and Greg Bridges

Debbie Gray Bridges - April 09 at 02:46 PM

MF

“ Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Mary Jane Fraley - April 09 at 10:27 AM

SW

“ Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Sandra Watson - April 08 at 08:41 PM

SJ

“ Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Sandra A Jones - April 08 at 07:42 PM

AG

“ I love you aunt Mott! I can imagine her reuniting with grandma, Joey, and all the others that have passed on before. Praying for comfort for Randy, Selena, family, and friends.



Ashley Giddens - April 08 at 07:42 PM

HF

“ Horace & Lynn Fowler lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner



Horace & Lynn Fowler - April 08 at 07:18 PM

LI

“ Aunt Mott was one of my greatest joys after I married into the family. She was my buddy and confidant and lot more than that. I loved her and she loved me. I will miss her here on this earth and it won't be the same driving by her house. I do have the sweet promise of seeing her again one day. Rest in peace Aunt Mott, love you.

Linda - April 08 at 05:33 PM

LC

“ *Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner*



Larry Crowe - April 08 at 05:30 PM

PD

“ *Martha cut my hair when a was a young girl. Mama went to her also. Those were good times. Randy, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Paul and Susan Davidson - April 08 at 05:16 PM

PD

“ *Philip Duke lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner*



Philip Duke - April 08 at 05:13 PM

TS

“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner*



Tony Senkbeil - April 08 at 05:07 PM

KL

“ *Cheers Martha! I will miss your wit and proper southern humor. And all the good times we had together.*

Kathy Lashley - April 08 at 03:54 PM

JC

“ *June Coker lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner*



June Coker - April 08 at 11:47 AM

GS

“ *Gail Snipes lit a candle in memory of Martha Gay Sumner*



Gail Snipes - April 08 at 11:36 AM

GS

Prayers for The Sumner Family!

Gail Snipes - April 08 at 11:35 AM

JC

Randy, Selena, I am so sorry for your loss. Loosing a parent is never easy. I am praying for you and your family!

Jayne Carman - April 08 at 04:45 PM