



Martha LaVerne Sumner

September 13, 1952 - June 4, 2025

Martha LaVerne Sumner passed away peacefully at her home on June 4, 2025. She was born on November 13th, 1952, to John Carlyle and Virginia Browning. She married the love of her life, James P. Sumner, Jr., on November 12, 1970. They were married for 46 years and had 3 daughters, Jenny Cornett, Crystal Sumner, and Aimee Baker, and husband, Dennis. They had one son, James Carlyle Sumner. She had three grandchildren, Jacey Cornett, Celeste Sumner and Miles Sumner. She is also survived by sister Teresa Wiggington, brothers Bill Browning and Jeff Browning, and several nieces and nephews. She also had two “extra” sisters who often referred to themselves as the “3 M’s”, Margaret Singleton and Marsha Turpin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Sumner, Jr.; her father, John Carlyle Browning; a brother, Clifton Browning; and her special dog, Toby. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 p.m., with Joe Sluss officiating. Burial will take place at the James P. Sumner Cemetery down Sweet Potato Hollow Road.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Baker, Preston Sumner, Michael Sumner, Bill Browning, James Sumner and Cody Browning.

Honorary pallbearers will be Margaret Singleton and Marsha Turpin

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any animal shelter or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

James P. Sumner Cemetery

Sweet Potato Hollow
Clintwood, VA 24228-6722
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel
210 Main Street
CLINTWOOD, VA 24228

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Spent much time with Martha in high school. Always considered her my friend. I'm so sorry to her family, She will be missed..



Jequita Ratliff - June 09, 2025 at 12:01 PM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that Gods Peace, Love and Strength be with each and everyone. Love and Prayers, Shelia Whited and family.



Shelia Whited - June 09, 2025 at 05:40 AM

JP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Martha. My deepest condolences.

Judith Wheeler Phillips - June 08, 2025 at 01:29 AM

TB

“ My heart goes out to Jenny Garland the family and friends.. May God be with you all for Peace and Comfort. Till you can hold her again I Send my Love and prayers . I'm so sorry 🙏💜🕊️💜🙏



Tammy Kea Branham - June 07, 2025 at 04:56 AM

RM

“ Roma Mullins lit a candle in memory of Martha LaVerne Sumner



Roma Mullins - June 06, 2025 at 01:10 PM

KM

“ Jenny, Crystal, Aimee, and James Carlyle,

We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Martha's passing. Your mom was so special! She was kind, selfless, giving, talented, and hilarious. She was unaware of what a blessing she was to so many and how loved she was by us. We love you all and will be praying for you in the weeks and months ahead.

Krista and Linda

Krista Mullins - June 06, 2025 at 08:48 AM

TR

“ Tammy Rose lit a candle in memory of Martha LaVerne Sumner



Tammy Rose - June 05, 2025 at 05:13 PM

EB

“ So sorry to hear of Martha's passing!! Love and prayers to the sent to your family.

Emory & Connie Browning - June 05, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers for Martha's family. There are no words I can say to ease the pain and grief. Martha was like a sister to me, she loved to pick on me and so I knew that I was ok in her circle of friends. I will remember the best times of going to Bristol Motor Speedway to NASCAR races, with Crystal and Margaret in tow. I remember making Martha laughing so hard at me when we went to see Neil Diamond in concert at Charlotte and I tried to walk through the screen door leading to the outside to the veranda. Martha was so kind to me and my sisters when we came to town, on several occasions, putting us up and feeding us with Subway sandwiches and all the good snacks. And Would Not let me pay for anything. That's the sweet kindhearted gal she was. So many memories to cherish. Martha, be united with James now, and your brother and Dad. Watch over those precious grandkids, send a butterfly to us now and then. You will Never be forgotten. Love you girl.

Marsha Turpin - June 05, 2025 at 02:59 PM