



Shirley Ann Sumner

March 21, 1931 - June 18, 2015

Shirley Ann Sumner, 84, of Frankenmuth, MI, formerly of Potterville, MI died peacefully on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Saginaw. Shirley was born March 21, 1931 in Jackson, the daughter of Carl and Rudell (Kelley) Walters. She attended Jackson High School, where she met Bernard "Bernie" Sumner, and the two married in 1951. They settled in Potterville, MI, where they raised their three children. Shirley worked briefly for Montgomery Ward as an office assistant and a local carpeting business, but her main calling in life was to care for children. She ran daycare in her home for 20 years. Shirley enjoyed playing cards with her friends, especially Hand and Foot and her quiet time reading and knitting. She and Bernie loved their time in the outdoors camping and socializing in their supper clubs and at the Moose Lodge in Lansing. Above all, Shirley loved her family.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bernie; son, Michael (Aurora) Sumner of Charlotte and daughter, Jayne (Tim) Anderson of Charlotte; daughter-in-law, Christine Sumner; grandchildren, Jennifer (Bart) Nafe, Ryan Arias-Sumner, Kristopher Arias-Sumner, Brian Sumner II of Arizona, Amandajean (Brett) Line, Chelsey (Josh) Evans of Texas, Kyle Anderson and Kaitlyn Anderson; and 6 great-grandchildren, Arianna, Teighan, Easton, Cameron, Braxton and Grady. She is predeceased by her son, Brian Scott Sumner in 1998.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. David Rosenberg officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. just prior to the Mass. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online on Shirley's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere sympathy to Shirley's family. Shirley was a very sweet, loving person, and I remember how she and Bernie were helpful to my mom (Enid Twitchell). God bless the family members knowing Shirley is at peace in Heaven. Mary Jo Gorsuch.

Mary Jo Gorsuch - June 21, 2015 at 02:27 PM

JA

“ Thank you all for your kind thoughts and memories of my mom. She was loved by all and she will be greatly missed. Jayne Anderson



Jayne Anderson - June 20, 2015 at 05:01 PM

PW

“ Bernie I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Shirley was my best friend and I have so many wonderful memories of our years camping together and playing card games that I will never forget. In our later years we talked on the phone every day. I will miss her very much but I know she is in Heaven with Brian and I can only imagine how happy she must be.

Pat Whitehead - June 20, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ There are no words to share what this loving lady was to me - what her family has been to me - Shirley was LOVE it is what she gave and what she was all about and I am so grateful to have been blessed with her love in my life. RIP Mom Sumner and forever love to all the family.

Connie Sweet - June 19, 2015 at 10:01 PM

DS

“ *Bernie, Mike, and Jayne: I was so sorry to hear about Shirley's death. I loved Shirley. She was a fun person to talk to and she took great care of my children, back in the day. Sending big hugs your way. (Denise LaFave Smith)*

Denise LaFave Smith - June 19, 2015 at 12:36 PM