



## William Michael "Mike" Sumerel

September 19, 1945 - April 22, 2020

North Augusta, SC—Mr. William Michael “Mike” Sumerel, 74, entered into rest April 22, 2020. Private Graveside services will be held Saturday in Pineview Memorial Gardens. Rev. Heyward Horton officiating.

Mr. Sumerel was a native of Greenwood, South Carolina having made North Augusta his home for the past 52 years. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and was retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Sumerel enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, trains, karaoke and going to yard sales. He loved his family and will always be remembered as being a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ithiel Benjamin Sumerel and Frances Ruth Hughes Sumerel; a brother, Earl Sumerel; two sisters, Becky Minick and Jane Alexander.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Jean Shinall Sumerel; two daughters, Sherry Videtto (Lee) and Donna Conner (Page) all of North Augusta, SC; one son, Jimmy Sumerel, North Augusta, SC; eight grandchildren, Kandace Layton (Adam), Cory Videtto (Jenny), Seth Johnson (Hailey), Tori Cunningham (Dusty); Kara Sutton (Brandon), Tyler Sumerel (Kaylee), Savannah Sumerel (Gerry) and Bryson Conner (Kenzie); sixteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Marvin Sumerel (Elizabeth) and Wayne Sumerel (Becky) all of Greenwood, SC; a number of nieces and nephews; his mother-in-law, Ruth Shinall, Greenwood, SC.

Pallbearers will be Cory Videtto, Seth Johnson, Dusty Cunningham, Brandon Sutton, Tyler Sumerel, Gerry Buckingham, Bryson Conner, and Tony Minick.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Pineview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum**

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of William Michael "Mike" Sumerel*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 25, 2020 at 09:50 AM

LS

*Sherri, Donna, Jimmy, and Ms. Jean, I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. You know he was a well love man. My condolences and prayers are with your family.. Much Love..❤️*

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**Lisa Yarbrough Satcher** - April 25, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *William Michael "Mike" Sumerel*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *William Michael "Mike" Sumerel*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



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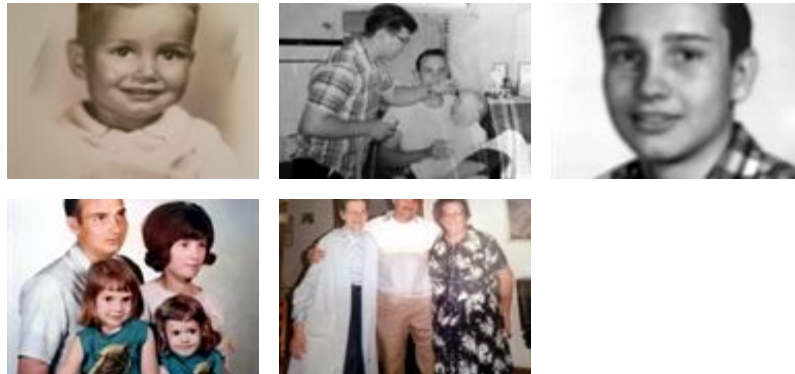


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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 25, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 25, 2020 at 09:23 AM

AK

“ *My thoughts, love and prayers are with you, Donna, your Mom and the family.,love you so much Donna. In sympathy, Anne King (Mema)*



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**Anne King** - April 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM

CN

“ Jean and family: Praying for you. Mike was such a special gentleman. Loved his smile and sense of humor. Always asked about my dad and the visits were so appreciated. Love in Christ.

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**Carol Newman** - April 24, 2020 at 07:03 PM

LS

“ Mike and Jean were very close friends of Joe and I. We attended Friendship Baptist Church together, visited, went out to eat, drank coffee and had lots of fun, even tried to sing along with him sometimes. He had such a beautiful voice, loved his country music. Could not keep up with him, no matter how hard we tried. He loved his family dearly and talked about his grand children constantly, feels like I know each of them even though I never got to meet them all. When the Lord takes someone from us, it is hard to understand. Remember, he will always leaves a gift of memories in exchange, memories of love and friendship. Jean may you find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well lived life. May angels walk with you today and always. We love you Mike and Jean

*Joe and Linda Stutts*

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**Linda & Joe Stutts** - April 24, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JS

“ Jean,  
I am sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I enjoyed working with him at the railroad. May God comfort you and your family during this time of loss.

Love,  
*Jimmy Stinson*

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**Jimmy Stinson** - April 24, 2020 at 12:32 PM

AL

“ *Heaven sure gained a gem. Heartbroken is an understatement. We love you guys and we send all our love and prayers to you all.*

*Love,  
Mike, Annie, Jered, & Rylee Latham*

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**Annie Latham** - April 24, 2020 at 11:56 AM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear this sad news.  
I worked with Mike years ago at the old  
Augusta yard.  
Prayers for peace and comfort.*



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**Chris Jeselnik** - April 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM

“ Today I would like to pay tribute to one of the coolest men I have ever known. While we were only related by marriage, I considered Mike Sumerel my Uncle.

To give you an idea of what kind of heart this man had, I would like to share two stories.

He and his family lived in North Augusta, and they were related to my Grandmother so they were in Greenwood quite often. They also owned property on Lake Greenwood in Chappells during the 1980s.

As a young man, I loved spending time with my friends at the lake. The problem was, the Greenwood State Park closed fairly early in the evenings and that left my friends and I few places to hang at the lake at night. I called Mike one day to ask if he minded me and some friends camped out on his property and did some night fishing. His reply was, "You don't need to ask, just clean up when your'e done. Go out there whenever you want to and just be careful." So, we regularly fished and camped out on the wooded lake property. When my brother John graduated high school, we had a campout party there for him, Mack Starnes, Mark Bennett, Scott Ward, Stanley Owens, Tommy Butler, and Robert Turner. I apologize if I forgot anyone.

Roger McDowell, Jeff Gillian, and I regularly fished there at night. We didn't catch much, but we had good times. Mike always believed that what was his, was ours as well. Which leads to my second story.

That same year John and I bought Yamaha 550 street bikes. My Sunday afternoons were usually spent riding the roads around lake Greenwood with friends. One particular Sunday, six of us decided to ride over to Augusta which is about an hour away just to have something to do. Well, there was no Weather Channel or Weather Bug back then, and no one had any idea what a cell phone was. When we left Greenwood, it was in the 80 degree range and sunny.

*We had a great time at the Augusta mall, we hit an ice cream place, and ate a late lunch before heading back to the bikes. To make a long story short, when we walked out of the mall, the weather had deteriorated. The temperature had dipped into the 60s and it was pouring rain. To a bunch of guys in their early 20s wearing t-shirts and shorts an hour from home, this was horrible. We climbed on the bikes and headed out. I was soaked and freezing! We pulled over at a gas station in North Augusta and found out that apparently I wasn't the only one who was cold. I decided I had an option. I was going to ride over to Mike's house and borrow a dang jacket if I could get one! Since none of the other guys knew how to get home, they followed me to Mike's. When I rolled up to their house, Mike apparently saw me through the window and opened the door for all of us to come in. Yes, he was laughing! Six guys in shorts, soaking wet and shivering was apparently funny to him. I asked if I could borrow a rain jacket or something to get home. He said, "I can do better than that." He left for a few minutes and came back with enough rain coats and jackets for all of us. My friends were amazed! He didn't know them, but he wasn't going to let any of us ride off in the cold rain without trying to help and he asked nothing in return.*

*I have thought of those things often and they are some of my fondest memories. Spending summer days with them at the lake, sharing meals at my Grandparents, and building lifelong bonds. While I had only seen Mike a few times in the last several years, I do truly love him and his family. Today the world has one less wonderful caring man, but our loss is Heaven's gain.*

*Please Pray for Jean, Sherry, Donna, Jimmy, and the rest of his beloved family, as this is a devastating loss.*

*Uncle Mike, I will see you again on the other side. Go with God!*

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**Dennis Reynolds** - April 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM

  
Heather  
Craft

“ So sorry to hear this!!!! My kids loved talking to Mr. Mike when they were out playing in the neighborhood!!! Such a sweet man! He loved to joke with my son Nate!!! Thinking of Jean and the family in this time! Praying for you all!!



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**Heather Craft** - April 24, 2020 at 10:47 AM

BD

“ Donna, I am so sorry to hear about your daddy!! Please know I will have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers!! I did not know him but I am sure he was an amazing man to have raised such a wonderful and caring daughter.. My heart breaks for you sweet lady and for your mom and family!💔🙏💔🙏 Bren DeVaney

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**Bren DeVaney** - April 23, 2020 at 06:18 PM

AE

“ Jean, Sherry, Donna, Jimmy, and family, Thinking of you all, caring about you, and wishing you comfort and piece.

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**Ann Elliott** - April 23, 2020 at 04:10 PM

VI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Tommy and Vickie Matanane



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**Vickie** - April 23, 2020 at 03:28 PM

CD

“ *I've always admired this man and the special bond he shared with his wife & family. Words can't fully express my sorrow. Praying for peace.*

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**Catherine Douglas** - April 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JW

“ *Our friend we will miss.*



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**Judy and John Wood** - April 23, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JW

“ *We went to Friendship Baptist Church with Mike and also saw him outside of church. He was a dear friend. We enjoyed the time we spent together eating out in Pigeon Forge, TN. We enjoyed looking at all kinds of interesting things he collected and put in his Man Cave. Loved hearing stories about the times he went camping. He will be dearly missed. Jean took great care of Mike during his illness and always. We know he is now with God and no longer suffering. We are praying for God to comfort all of the family during this sad time. We are here for you Jean if you need us so please call anytime.*

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**Judy and John Wood** - April 23, 2020 at 01:38 PM

CL

“ Jean, Sherry, Donna, Jimmy and all of the family we are saddened to hear of the passing of Mike. Been knowing Mike & Jean a long time now and thankful I got to talk to Mike a couple of times in recent months. Please know that you are all in our prayers.

*Rich & Margaret Long*

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**Charles Long** - April 23, 2020 at 01:34 PM

CH

“ Dear Jean and family I cannot tell you how sorry we are of Mike's passing we love you all and will be thinking of you God bless you all from Red and Doris Hewett and cathy Hatcher and Patricia Bridges



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**Cathy Hewett Hatcher** - April 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Josh Jones lit a candle in memory of William Michael "Mike" Sumerel



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**Josh Jones** - April 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ David Frazier lit a candle in memory of William Michael "Mike" Sumerel



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**David Frazier** - April 23, 2020 at 11:33 AM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Sherri and family! Prayers for knowing that you will see him again!



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**Ernest Hooks** - April 23, 2020 at 10:40 AM

SJ

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Mike. I always enjoyed talking with him and Ms. Jean at Savannah's house at the birthday parties. To all the family we are praying for y'all.

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**Shannon & Chris Jowers** - April 23, 2020 at 10:17 AM

BM

“ To Jean, Donna, Sherry and Jimmy, Please know how sadden our family is to hear of Mike's passing. We send our love and prayers Billy and Beverly Marshall

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**Beverly Marshall** - April 23, 2020 at 09:23 AM

LH

“ We're so sorry for your loss, Cory and Jenny. You and all of your family are in our prayers! May you find peace thru your memories with him and thru God. 🙏❤️

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**Lisa and Richard Hobbs** - April 23, 2020 at 06:47 AM

BJ

“ So sorry Donna about your daddy thinking of you and your family at this difficult time



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**Becky Elliott Jones** - April 22, 2020 at 11:31 PM

HA

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all. I will always remember Uncle Mike picking at me. I loved him so very much and I hope he knew that.. •Heather Alexander•

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**Heather Alexander** - April 22, 2020 at 09:24 PM

TB

“ Donna, Sherry, and Jimmy,  
I am so sorry to hear about your Daddy. He was a sweet man! I know how much y'all will miss him! We will praying for your sweet Mama and the entire family! Peace and Strength to you all. Love,  
Toni and David Brunson

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**Toni Brunson** - April 22, 2020 at 07:28 PM

MB

Jean, we are so sorry to hear about Mike. We are praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Mary Ann (Biemann) Whitt and Tina Biemann

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**Mary Ann (Biemann) Whitt and Tina Bieman** - April 26, 2020 at 06:51 AM