



Mary Ziner Sumler

February 9, 1931 - December 4, 2018

Mary Ziner Sumler was born February 9th, 1931 in Emporia, Virginia to the late Henry Jordan and Laura Harris Jordan. She was the oldest daughter of their seven children. At age 13, she was baptized at Mars Hill Baptist Church, where she was an active member until her family relocated to the Claesville area. In Greensville County. Mary continued to be a servant of God attending Claesville Baptist Church, where she played the piano for the choir and joined all the youth ministries. She attended Greensville County Training School. She met Willie Allen Sumler and they later married in 1951. Through this union, they had ten children. The family relocated to Richmond, Virginia where she joined Fifth Street Baptist Church. She was a member of the Ladies Usher Board #2 and the Golden Years Ministry where she served as President from 1999 to 2001. Mary enjoyed going to Tuesday bible study after her retirement from the Richmond Times Dispatch, where she worked for 20 years.

On December 4, 2018, God called Mary Ziner Sumler, 87, to rest in his castle among all the beautiful angels before her. She was preceded in death by her husband Willie A. Sumler, Sr., parents Henry and Laura Jordan, brothers Herman and Henry Jordan. She leaves to cherish very fond memories ten children, Daisy Lucas (Wayne), Alma Wilkerson (Hezekiah), Willie A. Sumler, Jr., Dennis Sumler, Sr. (Ashley), Eleanor Sumler, Debra Bush (Michael), Kathleen Sumler, Melvin Sumler, Melinda Sumler and Randy Sumler; one

brother, Clinton Sumler; three sisters, Jeannette Lewis, Augusta Harrison and Lois Carpenter; twelve grandchildren, Ramon Sumler, Tiffany Smith, Ira Jones, Dennis Sumler, Jr., Jermaine Sumler, Regina Brown, Waheed Sumler, Laura Eley, Randi Sumler, Donovan Walker, Duane and Sandy Brannon; sixteen great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends, one very devoted friend, Sandra Jones.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

5th Street Baptist Church
2800 3rd Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ziner Sumler*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Willie and Family,
I would Express My Condolences and
Prayers are with you and your family.
May God Bless You All.*

*Ms. Geraldine Winston
Richmond, Va.*



Geraldine Winston - December 12, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ *Telka Thomas-Smith lit a candle in memory of
Mary Ziner Sumler*



Telka Thomas-Smith - December 12, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *To Alma and the Sumler family- I just wanted
to send the family my prayers and
condolences. Sorry for your loss.*

*Sonya & Family
Highland Springs , VA*



Sonya P. - December 12, 2018 at 02:23 PM

LW

“ *Linda Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Ziner Sumler*



Linda Watkins - December 12, 2018 at 09:49 AM

DK

“ *My prayers are with you that each of you may gain comfort in knowing that God is with all of you now during the lost of your mother and he will always be by your side I will keep you all in my prayers. Cousin Dorothy from North Carolina*

Dorothy Kidd - December 12, 2018 at 06:02 AM

TC

“ *Theodore And Crisane Cook lit a candle in memory of Mary Ziner Sumler*



Theodore and Crisane Cook - December 11, 2018 at 08:01 PM

RT

“ *Prayers of strength for the Sumler Family.*

Rebecca Coleman Tisdale

Rebecca Coleman Tisdale - December 11, 2018 at 03:51 PM

RW

“ *Roslyn De Cordova- Woody lit a candle in memory of Mary Ziner Sumler*



Roslyn de Cordova- Woody - December 11, 2018 at 09:16 AM

RW

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. My prayers and sympathy to the Sumler family. God's Blessings.*

Roslyn de Cordova- Woody - December 11, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - December 06, 2018 at 04:28 PM