



Tilda Jan Sumerel

December 13, 1957 - April 22, 2025

Tilda Jan Sumerel, age 67, of Spruce Pine left for her eternal home on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Tilda had her master's in education and education specialist. She was an active member of the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma professional women educators and also the Belgreen Alumni Association. She taught school for many years and retired from administration in the Franklin County Schools Central Office. She was a member of Gravel Hill Church of Christ, loved to study the Bible, and enjoyed teaching Bible classes for the children. She enjoyed quilting, crafting, reading, especially mysteries, and was a devoted Alabama fan. She knitted countless numbers of bears for the Mother Bear Project. She loved and cherished her time with her TOPS friends in Russellville. She was a beloved friend and neighbor to all, and she loved her family and friends dearly. She enjoyed writing and contributing to the Franklin County Times and the Red Bay News. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sister, Ginger Sumerel Guinn (James); nieces and nephew, Ashley Guinn Burchell (Adam), Braxton Guinn (Katie), Casey Guinn Stewart (Trace); great-nieces & nephews, Adley Burchell, Ellynn Burchell, Liles Burchell, Luke Guinn, Sadie Kate Guinn, Brady Stewart, Annaliese Stewart; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leamon Eugene & Shellie (Hester) Sumerel; grandparents, Willard & Inez (Rickard) Sumerel, and Emmons & Elton Hester.

Her visitation will be 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Friday, April 25, 2025, at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow in the chapel at 12:00 noon with Roger Johnson, Billy Hurst, and Paul Swindle speaking at the service. The graveside committal will be at 1:00 p.m. at Franklin Memory Gardens. The pallbearers will be James Guinn, Trace Stewart, Adam Burchell, Gary Hargett, Kenny Hurst, and Frank Mitchell.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Rd
Russellville, AL 35653

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel/ Funeral Home
907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
(256) 332-1122

Funeral

APR 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

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907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
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Graveside Committal

APR 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Spry Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Tilda Jan Sumerel*



Spry Memorial Chapel - April 24, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LM

“ *I was so shocked to hear of Tilda's passing. I am so blessed that in every room in my home I have evidence of her creativity and her giving spirit. I have baskets, Christmas ornaments, and other items she made. I have never known anyone more talented. I send my sincere sympathy to each of her family members. She loved her nieces and nephew so much. You are in my prayers. LaVale Mills*

LaVale Mills - April 24, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JT

“ *Ginger, and family. Kathie and I are very sorry to hear of Tilda passing. May God bless you with strength and peace knowing she made her plans for eternity many years ago.*

Jimmy Taylor - April 24, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ *David Gassaway purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tilda Jan Sumerel.*



David Gassaway - April 24, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JL

“ Dear Sumerel family,
I'm sorry to read of your loved one's passing,
and may all find comfort in our Lord's word
during this time of sadness.

In John 11:23-26, “Jesus said to her, “Your
brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise
again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am
the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may
die, shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.
Do you believe this?”

The above scripture is a wonderful promise from our Lord Jesus,
and those who have passed on are now in the care of our Lord God,
who has shown his love for us through his Beloved Son.

Rest in peace, dear sister; your reward is waiting.
God's continued blessings be upon you all.



John Lunsford - April 24, 2025 at 01:07 AM

KG

“ I have very fond memories of Tilda. She was so sweet and will be
missed. Kristi Grissom Gerding

Kristi Gerding - April 23, 2025 at 09:41 PM

KH

“ Tilda was a precious person Kay and Steve Hargett

kay hargett - April 23, 2025 at 06:43 PM