James Robert Sumrall

May 12, 1947 - November 3, 2023

James Robert Sumrall, of Laurel, Mississippi, was born on May 12, 1947, and was surrounded by his loving family in his home on November 3, 2023, when he departed this world to join our LORD and Savior in Heaven at the age of 76.

Robert was an avid outdoorsman and with the help of his precious wife of 57 years, taught their three children to hunt, fish, camp and enjoy the great outdoors. Every year he would plant a large garden and taught his children to plant and harvest food for the family. Cutting firewood in the cold weather was another yearly event the family looked forward to. He continued many of these traditions with his grandchildren as well.

Robert was a member of Indian Springs Baptist Church.

He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1965 and graduated from Jones County Junior College in 1967 with an AAS degree in Electronic Technology.

He worked as an electrician/electronic technician for 45 years.

In later years, he and his wife traveled for his work where they enjoyed many new places and made very special friendships that are still cherished today.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, James Bynum and Rubie Lee Sumrall; his sister and brother-in-law, Louise and David Black; his brother Billy Sumrall; grandparents, Doyle and Janie Gunter, and John Buron and Dolley Sumrall.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine White Sumrall; his children, Karen Kirk (Rod), Eric Sumrall (Connie), Vickie Aultman (Steve); grandchildren, Ashley

Waldrup (Matthew), Lindsey Hughes (Ethan Kilpatrick), Shane Kirk (Hollie), Daniel Fisher (Kirby), Nikki Toner (Ryan); and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, November 6, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the funeral service on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be at Indian Springs Cemetery. Br. Mark Quarles will officiate.

To sign the online guest book, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Indian Springs Cemetery

500 Indian Springs Church Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **6**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Funeral Service

NOV **7**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Sumrall.

November 06, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JR

We were best friends for years. Life and the military separated us for decades. Luckily, I was able to visit Robert and his family a few years ago for a few days. You were a great friend and will be missed. I'm sorry that I cannot attend your last event. Your friend and first cousin J. Brelon Roney, Bamberg Germany. RIP Brother

J. Brelon Roney - November 06, 2023 at 09:27 AM

KK

Thank you for your kind words! I remember that visit- we all enjoyed it so much.

Karen Kirk - November 06, 2023 at 01:44 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Sumrall.

November 05, 2023 at 11:07 AM

RC

Rachel C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James Robert Sumrall.

Rachel C. - November 05, 2023 at 09:48 AM