



George Linwood Sumner

November 21, 1932 - May 12, 2005

George (Sparky) Linwood Sumner, 72, passed away May 12, 2005. He was a member Pinecrest Baptist Church, and the Catholic Club. Sparky was a member of the Portsmouth Police Dept for 38 years, serving as a dispatcher for most of those years, a charter member of the Portsmouth F.O.P., and an Army Veteran of Korea.

Sparky is survived by his wife, Judy Melissa Sumner; a son, Charles Linwood Sumner; two brothers, Thomas Sumner and his wife, Evelyn, and William Sumner and his wife, Marion, all of Portsmouth; a brother-in-law, Luke Biernot of Chesapeake; a stepson, John Neese, Jr. and wife Pam of Bluefield, WV; two step daughters, Margie Butts and husband Mike, of Nashville, TN, and Michelle Doty of Dallas, TX; an aunt, Ida Shupe; nine grandchildren; a great grandson; and very special friends, Gary W. Waters, Johnny S. Joannou, Robert and Julie Klein, Nancy Eure, and Mike and Althea Florianna. Sparky leaves behind many other family members and devoted friends.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 3PM in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. Tom Potter, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the funeral home Friday from 6-8PM. A memorial fund for Sparky has been established at Towne Bank.

Tribute Wall



“ To The Family, I read of your loss and want to express my deepest sympathy. I also want to share the comfort of John 5:28,29 which assures us that those who have fallen asleep in death will receive a "resurrection" back to life on a restored paradise earth. Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore". As we await that wonderful time, please find comfort in these promises. Sincerely,##imported-begin##Mrs. Jordan##imported-end##

May 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Melissa & Charles,
We were all so saddened to hear of Sparkys passing.
We had no idea he was that ill.
Our hearts and prayers go with you during this time. May God keep you in the palm of his hand, and give you strength to deal with this.

Love and Prayers,
F.M. & Sandy Lassiter##imported-begin##Foy & Sandy##imported-end##

May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM