



Clarence D. Sumner

February 23, 1917 - March 3, 2015

Clarence D. Sumner's favorite question was "what's next?" Well on the evening of March 3, 2015 after having his evening meal, that answer was revealed to him as he gently slipped into heaven to be rejoined with his beloved wife Camilla and the God he served faithfully. Clarence was born on February 23, 1917 in Tifton, Georgia. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by all of his siblings. In 2005 he lost his dear wife Camilla. In 1936, he continued his education and became a barber. His first job was in a shop in downtown Newnan. It was during this time that he got to know his future wife Camilla Hutchens. They were married July 28, 1943 and at the time of her death had celebrated 62 years together. Shortly after they were married, he went into the service during World War II. Although he was not one to talk about that period of his life, he served proudly and was in the 234th Engineers Company A and served in Normandy, Rhineland and other places in Central Europe. He was a part of the second wave of those men who were dispatched to Normandy. When asked by the military what he wanted to do in the service, he told them he was a barber. So he plied that trade at 35 cents per head of hair – more than he had made stateside. Upon returning from the war, he worked for R. D. Cole. He was destined to be a barber, though. He worked at Chapman's, owned his own shop for a while, and eventually retired working at Alexander's. Even after retirement, he would go to local nursing homes to share his skills and cut his own family members hair until 2013. Clarence was a simple man who loved working the soil in his annual garden

with his friends and family enjoying that bounty. Fishing was a great pastime for him, especially if there was a grandchild involved. Trips to California to visit family were fun, but nothing was as comfortable as the home he helped build in 1947 and where he and Camilla raised their family. He was a charter member of Unity Baptist Church. He is survived by his daughter Linda Martin and her husband Gary; his son Jimmy Sumner and his wife Kathi. He was the proud grandfather to Kevin Sumner, Brian Keith Sumner, David Martin and his wife Jamie; Lisa Taylor and her husband Ian. He was great grandfather to Allyson Martin, Taylor Martin, Maisie Camilla Taylor and Flannon Daniel Taylor. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Saturday, March 7th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The funeral will be on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. Interment with appropriate military honors will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Unity Baptist Church, 311 Smokey Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Kathi Sumner lit a candle in memory of Clarence D. Sumner*



Kathi Sumner - March 03, 2016 at 07:40 AM

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Kathi Sumner - February 23, 2016 at 08:10 AM

RO

“ *Jommy, Kathi, and family. Sorry to hear of mr. Sumner's passing. Mthoughts and prayers are with your family.*

rEGINA oliver - March 09, 2015 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Clarence was a very, very special friend to our family. He cut our four boys hair when they were little. He had the kindest heart and the sweetest voicce. He and Miss Camilla and their kindness to others will never be forgotten. Jim & Nancy McGuffey and family*

Jim McGuffey - March 09, 2015 at 04:19 PM

TB

“ I was sorry to hear of Mr. Clarence passing. I sat in his chair many times at Alexander's on the South Court Square. My wife worked with Mrs. Sumner at PAPP Clinic, we would often see them out and they were always friendly and cordial. As many times as we talked as he cut my hair I never heard him mention his military service. This does not surprise me as many of the "Greatest Generation" faithfully defended the country, provided for their families, served their God, all while being a productive citizen without drawing a lot of attention to themselves. What a long productive life he had even applying his craft up into 2013, what a legacy he leaves his family and inspiration.

Tom Barnett - March 08, 2015 at 04:46 AM

LE

“ Linda, Jimmy and family, so very sorry to hear of Mr. Clarence death. I know you will miss him terribly but are at peace knowing that he is in heaven with Miss Camilla. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Linda Elliott - March 07, 2015 at 04:08 AM

KW

“ Linda, It was such a pleasure and an honor to present Mr. Sumner with a Quilt of Valor last year. I was sad to hear of his death and am praying for you and the rest of his family. He was blessed to have such a caring family. It was certainly a blessing to meet him and you. - Kathy Wilson, Coweta County Quilts of Valor - GA.

Kathy Wilson - March 06, 2015 at 08:41 PM

JW

“ To family, Our church, Liberty Christian visits Savannah Court the fourth Thursday of each month to sing and visit. I was able to see Mr. Clarence and you in February. I had a great conversation with him about cutting my hair when I was younger. We talked about Mr. Chapman, Frank Hughey, Robert Ellerd, and Robert Alexander. He was such a kind man, and part of my youth growing up in Newnan. My prayers and comfort to all of the family from me and our church. We will remember him and the family during our church service Sunday. God Bless you all.

Jimmy Walker - March 06, 2015 at 10:54 AM

NH

“ Clarence was always smiling every time I walked in Daddy's shop (Chapman's), and he and Camilla were always two of my very favorite people. I know that Daddy is smiling now that Clarence has joined him in the big Barber Shop in Heaven. With love, Norma Chapman Haynes

Norma Haynes - March 06, 2015 at 09:43 AM

PC

“ Linda: It was with great sadness that we learned of your father's passing; please accept our heartfelt condolences. It is never easy to lose a parent; we pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time. We have enjoyed getting to know you and only wish we could have known your father; he sounded like such a wonderful man. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Piedmont Newnan Fitness Center

Piedmont Newnan Fitness Center - March 06, 2015 at 08:36 AM