



## Kevin "Digger" Sumner

May 10, 1953 - October 5, 2021

Our community lost a pillar.

Kevin "Digger" Sumner, 68, of Wauchula, FL passed away on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 from natural causes.

Kevin was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend.

Kevin was born on May 10, 1953, in Detroit, MI to Kenneth Sr. and Mary Jane (Bryan) Sumner. He completed high school at Cherry Hill High School, MI. He then attended Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science and obtained his degree in 1978. On May 27, 1982, he married Martha "Mardi" Holman, and they remained married until his death. He was a minister at First United Methodist Church of Zolfo Springs from 1995-1998. He was also a funeral director who served his community for over 35 years.

Kevin had a passion for fishing, serving the Lord, and his community. He also loved to cook, amongst many other hobbies. He touched many lives over the years as a pastor. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. His willingness to help others was felt throughout the community. Kevin was also the founder of Feed My Sheep food ministry, in March 2009, which will remain in operation in his honor.

He is survived by his wife Mardi, seven children of which includes:  
2 sons, Andy and Josh (Melissa), and 5 daughters Jo, Katy, Julie, Naomi  
(Leon), and Sara (Curtis)  
12 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 1 brother Kenneth Jr "Ken", and  
several nieces, and a nephew.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Sr., his mother, Mary  
Jane, and a grandson, Jackson Smith.

Visitation Services will be held in Kevin's honor on Saturday, October 16th, at  
10 o'clock am at First United Methodist Church of Wauchula, with a Memorial  
Service following at 11 am.

Flowers or donations may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of  
Wauchula.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Wauchula  
207 N. 7th Ave.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

## Memorial Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda Hernandez and Husband purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Kevin "Digger" Sumner.*



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**Brenda Hernandez and Husband** - October 14, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. I was his pastor at First Bowling Green in the 1980s. I remember him as a very caring funeral director passionate about his work, and as lay leader of the church. When my younger daughter swallowed a bunch of my wife's iron pills he came to see them in the hospital.*

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**David Hodges** - October 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM

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*Thanks for the memories, I remember fishing at Grandma's cabin as a kid, you were has so much patience and were so kind. Your light will be missed, we need more men like you. Thank You and your family for so much Love and kindness.  
Be well and safe.  
Much Love  
Kathy*

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**Kathy Sumner** - December 25, 2021 at 02:46 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Kevin "Digger" Sumner.*



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October 11, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Alicia and family purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - All White for the family of Kevin "Digger" Sumner.*



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**Alicia and family** - October 11, 2021 at 12:48 PM