



Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin

September 30, 1931 - March 21, 2023

Funeral service for Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin, 91, formerly of Carthage, will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker officiating. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Bukowsky Sumerlin was born on September 30, 1931, in San Antonio, Texas to Martha (Sixt) and Emil O. Bukowsky. She married in September 1, 1950 and enjoyed 48 years of marriage with Wallace Ray Sumerlin. She passed this life on March 21, 2023, in Plano, Texas.

Although not having any children herself, she considered her nieces and nephews her children. They looked up to her as their second mother and would spend a month or more out of every summer with their Aunt Frances. She was an avid reader and shared her large library of Readers Digest books with the kids. Frances learned how to sew her own clothes from her mother, by necessity, as they had little money growing up. Later she taught herself to knit and crochet. She enjoyed making doll clothes for her nieces, as well as afghans, baby clothes, and other things to give to family and friends.

Frances absolutely loved to sing along to her country western and golden oldies records, but her favorite was singing church hymns.

She learned how to garden from her mother, who had a green thumb. No matter where they lived, she and her husband would plant and raise a vegetable and herb garden.

Frances spent most of her life in Texas but when her husband was transferred to California they took the opportunity to travel in their RV, often alongside friends and family. They eventually found their way back to Texas where they both retired and spent the rest of their lives.

She is survived by her two step-daughters, Rose Marie Henson, and Linda Ray Steen; grandchildren Edwin Ray Everett and wife Michelle, William Armour Everett, David Sherley, Diana Henson, Robert Sherley, and Jack Sherley. Sister-in-law, Christine Bukowsky, nieces Shirley Fetters and husband Doug, Kathryn Rios and husband Robert, and Debra Karole Bukowsky Siebert; nephews Carl Bukowsky and wife Stacie, Clifton Bukowsky and wife Claire, Glenn Bukowsky, and Darrell Hansford; numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

The family would like to extend their extreme gratitude to Landmark Skilled Nursing Facility for the wonderful, loving care given to Mrs. Frances during her stay.

Cemetery Details

Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery

1167 CR 328
DeBerry, TX 75639

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin.* ”



March 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Linda and Charlie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin.* ”



Linda and Charlie - March 25, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin.* ”



March 25, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin.* ”



March 24, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Rose Marie Sumerlin.*



March 24, 2023 at 01:35 PM