



Elmer Lynn Sumner

July 7, 1942 - October 12, 2025

Elmer Lynn Sumner, age 83, passed away on October 12, 2025 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born on July 7, 1942, in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, to Elmer Sumner and Lottie Anna (Luton) Sumner.

Elmer grew up on a cotton farm and graduated from Paoli High School in 1960. On July 16, 1965, he married the love of his life, Ruthie Lee (Wright) Sumner, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and the two were married until her passing in April of 2018. The couple began their life together in Oklahoma City in 1966, where Elmer worked for Sears changing tires and oil. Later, they returned to Pauls Valley, where he worked as a mechanic, helped with farming, and was employed at a local truck stop. Elmer also spent time driving for Mike Self in Davis, Oklahoma, and later worked for Ace Equipment. In his later years, Elmer joined Walmart, where he greeted countless customers with a friendly smile for 11 years before retiring in 2017.

Elmer loved spending time outdoors with his family—especially fishing and camping at Knoll Lake. He enjoyed cooking out and took great pride in smoking a good brisket. Above all, Elmer cherished time spent with his family and grandchildren. He taught by example that if you wanted something in life, you had to work for it. Elmer will be remembered for his hard work, warm heart, and the love he shared with his family and friends.

Elmer is survived by his Sons, David Wayne Sumner of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, Raymond Lynn Sumner of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Daughter, Cindy Foster and husband Kenneth of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Brothers, Charlie

Sumner of Durant, Oklahoma, Billy Sumner of Paoli, Oklahoma; Sister, Nancy Sims of Lindsay, Oklahoma; Eight Grandchildren, Seventeen Great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and a host of other friends and family.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Ruthie Lee Sumner; Parents, Elmer and Lottie Sumner; Brother, Don Sumner and wife Joyce; and Sister-in-law, Betty Sumner.

Graveside services for Elmer will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley with Mike Martinez officiating.

Visitation for Elmer will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M and Thursday, October 16, 2025 before the service from 9:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. If you would like to send your condolences, you may do so at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

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Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Sumner was a great man and hard worker. I worked with him at Walmart. Always had a smile and kind word. Even if he didnt feel well he would have a smile on his face. So sorry for your loss. Libby*

Libby - October 16, 2025 at 12:06 AM



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