



## Ward Beecher Sumner

December 29, 1928 - January 15, 2009

Funeral services for Ward Beecher Sumner, 80, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the First Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Carey Pratt will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery, directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association Memorials, Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058 or your local Humane Society.

Mr. Sumner died Thursday, January 15, 2009. Born in Hartsville, SC, he was a son of the late William Detric and Carrie Dixon Sumner. He was retired from Shakespeare. He was a family man who was a huge Clemson fan and loved to garden. He was a great dad and an extraordinary grandfather.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Melanie Sumner of Blythewood, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Tracy Sumner and Jim Cameron of St. Louis, MO; sister, Faye Yarborough of Hartsville, SC; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Pat Sumner of Blowing Rock, NC; family friend, Kristal Altizer of Elgin, SC; grandchildren, Ian Cameron, Brett Sumner, Emily Sumner.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene  
1909 West BoBo Newsome Highway  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Tracy & Jim - We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Tracy -- you look just like him! I know from your past stories that he was an extraordinary person and the world is worse for losing him. You are in our prayers.

Love,

Maggie & John##imported-begin##Maggie Merlino##imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 08:22 AM



“ Tracey & Jim,

We're very sorry about the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kristi & Paul##imported-begin##Kristi & Paul Dully##imported-end##

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January 21, 2009 at 04:44 PM



“ Dear Kenny,

My little brother from another mother. I'm so sorry about you dad. I know how close y'all were. I'll be calling you next week. I just wanted you to know that I'm thinking and praying for you and your family. Love you, Susan.##imported-begin##Susan I.

Winders##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 11:11 AM



“ To all the family, I am sorry about your loss. Ward was a great friend and coworker. We had a lot of great days together.##imported-begin##Bruce Backman##imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ Kenny, I was so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. I never had the opportunity to meet him personally but I learned a lot about him from our many conversations over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time and I will see you soon. Monday, the 19th will be the 5th anniversary of my wife's passing. God bless you, your family, Tracy and her family and your dad's extended family.##imported-begin##wayne blanton##imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 11:22 AM



“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE AND WE HOPE THAT EVERYTHING GOES WELL. YOU ARE SUCH A CLOSE FAMILY. ALL YOUR HEARTS ARE TOGETHER NOW AND THAT IS WHERE YOUR STRENGTH IS. HOLD ON TO THAT STRENGTH FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.##imported-begin##Cindy and Ray DiChino##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 07:28 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Bud and Ella Morrison Dalton, Ga##imported-begin##Bud and Ella Morrison##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Faye and extended family, So sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers. Gary and Annie###imported-begin##Gary and Annie Vann###imported-end##

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January 17, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ Kenny, Tracy, Mel, Brett, and Emily-I am so sorry about the passing of your Dad/Grandad. I know he was a wonderful man and that he was loved very much. You will always have him in your hearts and in your memories. I believe you will be with him again and I hope God gives you all peace during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Wendy Burns###imported-end##

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January 17, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ Brett and Kenny, I will always remember Mr Sumner standing on top of the hill at Ridge View watching Brett play baseball. He loved being there so much.  
He will be missed by all who know him.  
I am so sorry for you and your family.  
Shari###imported-begin##Shari Bunt###imported-end##

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January 17, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ Faye & Jerry , and Beecher's children and Grandchildren.

So sorry to read of Beecher's death.  
Faye, We are in Columbus , Ga. so I will not attend Beecher's funeral. My thought's and prayer's will be with all of you during this sad time.###imported-begin##Dorothy Jean Dixon Frost###imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 11:22 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BUB WAS A SPECIAL FRIEND AND COUSIN OF MINE AND I WILL MISS HIM. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS, FRED.###imported-begin##FRED DIXON, JR.###imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 08:36 PM



“ May you find comfort in the sweet memories we all have of "Mr. Ward". He was the most beloved neighbor a family could ask for. We have been a part of his life for the last 21 years. We Love him and will miss him dearly. He took care of us in our young marriage and has certainly been a father to both of us seeing how both of us have previously lost ours. Days will be dark and long but, keep the good memories in your mind and put God first. We Love you all Windell, Jackie & Jonathan###imported-begin##Windell, Jackie & Jonathan###imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 06:10 PM



“ Kenny, Mel & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Granddad. I feel like I knew him even though I had never met him. You're all in our thoughts and prayers at this sorrowful time. Just think of all the good memories and especially the recent trip Granddad was able to make with you all to Disney. May God Bless!  
With Love,  
June & Mike###imported-begin##June & Mike Ruff###imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ Kenny and Faye, we are very saddened by your loss. I knew your Daddy/brother was a very special man just by how much you two loved him. Your family is in our prayers. May your find comfort in family and friends and peace in God's promise of everlasting life.  
Lois##imported-begin##Lois##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ Kenny and Tracy

I'm so sorry about your Dad##imported-begin##Betty Stogner##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 11:14 AM



“ Kenny, Mel, Brett and Emily,

We are so sorry to hear about Granddad. Although we never had the chance to meet him in person, we certainly enjoyed all the stories you shared with us about him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jon, Erica and Jackson Carter##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 11:00 AM



“ Andy and I are praying for God's grace and mercy to surround your family in this time of loss. I just realized that I lost my Granddaddy five years ago on January 15th as well so we can remember this day together and give each other comfort. We love you and pray for strength in the days ahead for you all. Love, Martha & Andy##imported-begin##Martha Usher##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ Kenny, This is Maria, the Spanish lady that used to work with you at DMR. I was very sorry too hear that your daddy passed away. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Lots of love and kind memories,  
Maria##imported-begin##Maria Pena (Outlaw)##imported-end##

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January 16, 2009 at 10:10 AM