



## Steven C. Sumner

April 10, 1963 - February 3, 2023

Steven Charles Sumner, 59, of Limestone Township, formerly of Essex, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023, at the University of Chicago Medical Center, following a short illness.

Steve was born to Charles and Joyce (Decker) Sumner on April 10, 1963, in Kankakee, Illinois. He married the former Ronda Harpst on September 25, 1993, in Irwin, Illinois.

Steve attended school in the RUCE school district.

In addition to his wife, Ronda, Steve is survived by two daughters, Rachel of Limestone Township and Carly (fiancé Cody Jamison) of Bloomington; sister, April (Eric) Mickelson of Limestone Township; brother, Brian Sumner of Essex; mother-in-law, Jeanie Harpst of Fisher; brother and sister-in-law Dan and Stephanie Harpst of Champaign; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Joyce; and his father-in-law, John Harpst.

Steve was the owner of Sumner Trucking and Septic Service. In addition to his business, he was a jack of all trades for the town of Essex and surrounding areas. He could fix most anything, and would repurpose many

items no one had a use for. He was known for his signature look of a pocket t-shirt, blue jeans, and suspenders.

Steve was devoted to his girls and would drop what he was doing to help them with anything, whether it be dance class, gymnastics, marching band, horse shows, car troubles- all they had to do was ask.

Memorials can be made to the Essex Fire Department.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023, from 9:00AM - 12:00PM, at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee, Illinois. A funeral service will begin at 12:00PM. Burial will be at Essex North Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Essex North Cemetery

230 Schott Drive  
Essex, IL 60935

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

*1.5 miles EAST of I-57, toward Mokence/St. Anne.*

## Memorial Service

FEB 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Steven C. Sumner*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven C. Sumner.*



February 09, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Family of Dan and Stephanie Harpst purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Steven C. Sumner.*



**Family of Dan and Stephanie Harpst** - February 09, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Steve was an good friend while in high school he always had a smile and some joke to tell :) Sorry to the family for their loss ,RIP Steve*

**Judy Tipsword** - February 09, 2023 at 06:25 AM



*My baby brother. We will miss him so much.*

**April Mickelson** - February 09, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven C. Sumner.*



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February 08, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven C. Sumner.*



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February 08, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Steven C. Sumner.*



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February 07, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Gone to soon Steve. Our heart goes out to your family. Fred & Bee Sweet*

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**Bee Bancroft** - February 07, 2023 at 05:58 PM

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“ So sorry to see you go way to early my friend 💔  
You have been one heck of a friend to our family and many others!  
Your truly going to be missed!!!  
Prayers of healing to your family  
God speed Steve

Susan Cummane - February 07, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Steven C. Sumner.



February 07, 2023 at 04:09 PM

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“ Renee Mellin and Josephine Harper purchased  
the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steven  
C. Sumner.



Renee Mellin and Josephine Harper - February 07, 2023 at  
02:48 PM

MC

“ Sincere condolences.  
Sue and Pat Foley  
Michele and Matt Cannon

Michele Cannon - February 07, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ R.I.P. Steve 🙏🦋🌹  
*Fly High My Friend! Prayers To Family And  
friends 🙏*



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**Tina McCorkle** - February 06, 2023 at 08:05 PM