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Mary Sumpter



Jan. 30, 1940-Feb. 26, 2025

Mary Sumpter, age 85, of Brooklyn, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. A Celebration of Life Gathering was held Saturday, Mar. 1, at the Michael J. Manatt Community Center in Brooklyn. Memorials may be contributed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Mary was born Jan. 30, 1940, to John and Mary McDonald. She was raised in Victor, where she graduated from St. John's High School in 1958. She then attended AIB College for secretary work. She worked as a secretary at a real-estate office until she met Wayne Kriegel. Mary and Wayne married on Apr. 15, 1961. They had five children, Jackie (Mike) Kleitsch, Kerry (Susan) Kriegel, Sandy Kriegel, Rick (Angel) Kriegel, MaryAnn (Roy) Eakins, along with one stillborn Elizabeth. They lived and farmed south of Brooklyn. They enjoyed spending time with their brothers' and sisters' families. They would take trips to the Ozarks. Mary lost Wayne in April 1979. She worked from home for many years babysitting many families in order to be home for her own children once dad passed away.

In 1988, Mary was introduced to Don Sumpter through her daughter, Jackie. They were married Mar. 16, 1990, and she gained two more children, Rick Sumpter, and Tracy Sumpter. She became a favorite housekeeper at the Brooklyn Nursing Home for a number of years. The residents loved to watch her dance down the hall to whatever music was playing. She was the Queen Pitcher of Kickball. If you kicked the ball and it hit her, you were automatically out, which happened often. They went to many car shows in the old '50 Ford. They often went to the casino, and she would only play the Cash Man slot machine, and more often than not, she would come out ahead. They shared their lives together until Don passed in May 2022.

Mary was preceded in death by her daughter (Elizabeth), husbands (Wayne Kriegel and Don Sumpter), her parents, her mothers- and fathers-in-law, three sisters and their husbands, along with many brothers- and sisters-in-laws.

She is survived by her children; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren (soon to be 12); her sisters, Katherine (LaVerne) Dietrich, Jeanette (Bill) Holtz; sisters-in-law Mary Jane Rich, Dixie Kriegel-Emerson, Vickie Langford; and brothers-in-laws Phil Wertz and Ron Sumpter.