



## Diane Farel Sumpter

May 17, 1952 - August 13, 2023

Diane Farel Sumpter, 71, of Enid, Oklahoma passed away on August 13th, 2023, after living several years with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Diane was born in Ponca City, OK on May 17th, 1952, to John Langham and Priscilla (Webber) Langham.

Diane grew up in Pawhuska, OK where she loved to dance and enjoyed learning, and eventually teaching a variety of dance styles. After graduating from Pawhuska High School, Diane attended Oklahoma State University (OSU) and continued her love of dance through various dance classes and performing in numerous recitals while pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER). Diane also grew up playing golf with her parents. She was a member of the very first OSU women's varsity golf team that established a future women's golf program at OSU.

Diane met the love of her life, Kenneth Sumpter, when he asked her to attend the Air Force ROTC Military Ball their freshman year at OSU. Of course, she said, "yes" because it was a dance. Little did they know that dance would lead to 50 years of marriage and a life full of adventure together. Diane and Ken were married in August of 1973 and enjoyed their early years of marriage in

Stillwater, OK. After graduating from OSU and with a growing family, they embarked on their many adventures that would take them to Oregon, New Mexico, Texas, back to Oklahoma and even to Germany. Everywhere they lived they took the opportunity to experience local culture, explore the outdoors, visit museums and historic sites, and even castles and Roman ruins in Germany and surrounding countries.

Diane leaves a legacy of a love for the Lord, love of family and friends, and a heart of service. Everywhere she lived she was involved with her children's lives at home and at school, serving at church, and meeting new friends. She participated in the Officer's Wives Club (OWC) and supported her Air Force family in any way she could. After Ken's retirement, they moved to Enid, OK where Diane served at Garland Road Baptist Church for several years as VBS Director and Sunday School teacher, as well as attending Falls Creek with the youth group as a cook. She also sang in the choir, played the handbells on special occasions, and worked as the church secretary for many years. Diane also taught P.E. for a homeschool coop and volunteered at the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) where she dedicated her time serving her community.

One of Diane's greatest joys was her 7 grandchildren and spending time with them. She will be remembered for always having a smile, good snuggles, and making them feel loved. They enjoyed baking and eating blueberry muffins with grandma and going to church together. Grandma was always ready to have fun, be silly, play a game, or let them play Angry Birds on her phone. They will forever cherish their time spent with Grandma.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents John and Priscilla Langham, daughter Melissa Sumpter and son Nicholas Sumpter.

Diane is survived by her husband Kenneth Sumpter, her daughter and son-in-law Tricia and Mike Hanska and grandchildren Nathan, Levi, Seth, Rebekah, and Asher Hanska and Eleanor and Henry Sumpter and daughter-in-law Kim Cox. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Barry and Lois Langham, nephew Chris Langham and family, and niece Lori Langham, along with many other beloved family members.

In Leu of flowers or plants donations can be made to:

- Garland Road Baptist Church: <https://www.grbcenid.com>
- CurePSP: <https://www.psp.org>
- Hospice Circle of Love: <https://hospicecircleoflove.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Graveside Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oglesby Cemetery  
Oglesby, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Farel Sumpter*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Diane Farel Sumpter*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Annette Sember lit a candle in memory of Diane Farel Sumpter*



**Annette Sember** - August 31, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Diane will be very missed by Chris and I. We used love when Diane and Ken would come over to our house and I would make cappuccinos for Diane and I while Ken and my Chris played guitar together or when we would go out to eat and socialize it was always fun evenings. We had not seen her in several years because we moved to Florida job wise and only kept in touch by mail usually Christmas cards. Best wishes to all the family and hang in there Ken you have years of memories to hang on to. Love, Annette and Chris*

**Annette Sember** - August 31, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Flower Pictures



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - August 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM

AN

“ From kids in school, to dance lessons, church, to OSU and meeting Ken, Diane’s life was blessed. And mine has been blessed also just knowing her. Prayers Amber

Amber Nash - August 18, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LC

As a friend and neighbor in high school, I will miss Diane and her fun Huskie orange van! We spent many hours together in that van. Prayers for her and all of her family. Leigh Carter

Leigh Carter - August 18, 2023 at 04:20 PM

CU

Thankful for sharing times in Germany and at Christmas.... Blessings for peace, calm, and comfort...

Cuppa - January 18, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



August 18, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Farel Sumpter.

August 18, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



August 18, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



August 17, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Farel Sumpter.

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“ Your RCW Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



Your RCW Family - August 17, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



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August 17, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Farel Sumpter.

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August 17, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



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August 16, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



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August 16, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Farel Sumpter.

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



August 15, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Farel Sumpter.

August 15, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Farel Sumpter.



August 14, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Lee Sumpter.

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