



Glenna Lynn Sumner

March 4, 1961 - October 29, 2022

On October 29, 2022, Glenna Lynn Sumner, Ph.D. passed unexpectedly from this life to the next at her home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 61.

Glenna was born in California but grew up in various locales, part of an Air Force family. They enjoyed living in Texas, Labrador, England, New Mexico, Guam, Washington State, and Missouri. Glenna eventually received her Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Oklahoma in 1993. She has worked as an economics or finance professor for several Universities and was active in research with publications on multiple topics including Economic Development, Environmental Economics, and Monetary Policy. Glenna was currently an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Tennessee at Martin teaching part time as a transition into retirement.

While Glenna was passionate about teaching, she also loved gardening, her dogs, mental puzzles and games, talking politics and the St. Louis Cardinals. She was a devoted daughter, loving mother, wife, sister and friend. Her Christian faith was always central in her life.

Survivors include, husband, Dennis Sumner; mother, Fay Spencer of St. Louis, Missouri; daughter, Erin Sumner of Colorado Springs, Colorado and sister, Darla (Doug) Gavin of St. Louis, Missouri; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Ed Smith and many beloved cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gordon Spencer.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral Service will follow at the funeral home with the Rev. Bruce Gentry officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Samaritan's Purse P.O. Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607 - www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/donateonline

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Cemetery

835 Caruthers
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Dr. Sumner's passing. She was one of the best professors I ever had; she really pushed me into being better in all aspects of life. After my graduation, she and I still emailed back and forth about current economics and her current works in process. She will be sorely missed. My condolences to her family.

Andrea - July 04, 2023 at 04:34 PM

NA

“ So deeply sorry about your sudden loss, still in shock since I saw her a week before her passing away. Glenna has been a friend over 35 years and even we were miles apart always stayed in touch. Prayers for the family. Nina A

Nina Avgoustopoulos - November 03, 2022 at 06:49 PM

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“ The Economics and Business Department purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Glenna Lynn Sumner.



The Economics and Business Department - November 03, 2022 at 01:40 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. It has been a pleasure to get to know Erin in the short time she has been with us at Colorado College and we are here to support her however we can. Our deepest condolences. ~Colorado College Department of Economics and Business

Christina Rader - November 03, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Glenna Lynn Sumner.



November 03, 2022 at 12:30 AM

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“ Glenna set high standards for her students, and they were better because of it. She was smart, and she was funny. Her bulletin board always had a cartoon or a quotation that made me laugh!

Nell Gullett - November 02, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Glenna Lynn Sumner.



November 02, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Glenna Lynn Sumner.*



November 02, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Glenna was a caring friend and always fun to speak with because of her curiosity and engagement with the world. But we really bonded over our love and pride for our daughters. Erin, your mom always spoke of you with wonder and pride.*

Mary Geddie - November 01, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Glenna Lynn Sumner.*



November 01, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Dr. Sumner was a colleague, with an office just down the hall from mine. I was impressed with the conversations I'd overhear between she and students who were clearly drawn to her. She liked to talk about life and big issues and the students who also like that, he's gravitated toward her. I'm glad to have been her hall-mate and was saddened to see this news. She will be missed.*

Mike McCullough - November 01, 2022 at 05:57 PM

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So sorry for the "he's" which worked its way in and needed editing out, but alas, there is no editing.

Mike McCullough - November 01, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DD

“ *Glenna and I taught together at UTM. Her office was next to mine for a time. She would always pop in my office and instead of saying, "I am going to be away for a few days; I will miss you," she would say, "You'll miss me!" She was right. I miss her already.*



Dr. Lajuan Davis - November 01, 2022 at 04:42 PM