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**VIOLA COLLINS
SORENSEN**

Word of the death of Viola Collins Sorensen, 82, a 33-year-resident of San Leandro, Calif., was received Tuesday by associate Eliza Bishop of the Houston County Historical Commission.

Mrs. Sorensen died Dec. 20 at her San Leandro home. A fifth generation Texan, Mary Viola Collins was born July 12, 1916, in Crockett.

She was a 30-year member of the Oakland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving in many chapter, district and state offices as well as holding several national appointments. She received the State Outstanding Regent Award for 1996 and was presented the DAR Outstanding Community Service Award for her work with the USO and Navy Relief. She was a member of the Davis Crockett Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Colonial Dames of America; and Daughters of the Confederacy and an active

member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Sidney W. Sorensen; son S.W. Sorensen Jr.; daughter Mary Ann; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Dec. 23 at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park, Hayward, Calif. Memorial services followed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.