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VICTOR C. SUMNER

Mr. Victor C. Sumner, age 79, of Spring, passed away recently. Mr. Sumner was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Spring.

Mr. Sumner attended the Junction City public schools. In 1938 he began his college career at A & M College in Magnolia, Ar. While there he enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps and was inducted into active military service in 1940. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1944, he enrolled in Louisiana Technical University.

Mr. Sumner moved to Texas in 1946 when he received an athletic scholarship from the University of Texas. He received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degree in psychology from the University of Texas in 1948 and began course work on his doctorate of philosophy. He married Lela Jane Sumner and to this union three children were born. He was employed by the Austin public schools as a counselor and later he joined the Texas Education Agency as director of education data systems. He was involved in several civic organizations. He worshipped at University Methodist Church and served as superintendent of Sunday school. In 1966 he left Austin, and joined the United Nations, serving as part of a peacekeeping force in Pakistan, India; Beijing, China; Nigeria, Africa and various areas throughout Europe.

In 1968 he returned to the United States and joined the faculty of Prairie View A & M University as a professor of Psychology. There he met and married Dorothy Ringer Sumner 1993. He united with St. Paul Methodist Church and remained a faithful member until death.

Survivors include wife Dorothy Ringer Sumner of Spring; sons Victor Sumner, Jr. and wife Marilyn of Austin; daughters Karen Ethun and husband Richard of Houston and Cynthia Stone and husband Gerald of Austin; brother Morgan W. Sumner of Silver Creek, Wa.; sister Mary Hilda New of Eldorado, Ar.; sister-in-law Nedrine Sumner of Helena, Ar.; Goddaughter Janay Ringer; special nieces Koneshia and Alisicia Ringer; mother-in-law Nazarine Ringer and grand-mother-in-law Isabella Merritt.

Funeral services for Mr. Sumner were held March 31 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Spring with Pastor C.J. Polk officiating. Final resting place Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rodney Ringer, Charles Ringer, Fredrick Ringer, Theotis Kinsey, Jordan Stone and Elizabeth Ethun.

Honorary pallbearers were Victor Sumner, Jr., Richard Ethun, Gerald Stone, Vernon Ringer, Tommy C. Brooks and Bobby Ringer.

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