



George Steven Sumter

May 15, 1923 - February 14, 2021

George S. Sumter, 97, of Ramona, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, in Bartlesville.

George was born near Greenleaf, OK on May 15, 1923 to George and Stella (Whitehouse) Sumter. He grew up in the Claremore area and attended Lone Elm School. The first in his family to graduate from high school, George graduated from Claremore High School in 1941. George helped his dad farming and worked at Safeway until he enlisted in the United States Army in 1945. He served in Germany at the end of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1947. He returned to work at Safeway and later that year married Lucille Armbrister. In 1954, he was transferred to the Bartlesville Safeway and opened the super-store on Frank Phillips in 1956. In 1961 George bought a farm in Ramona and started ranching. Twenty years later, he retired from Safeway and worked full-time on the ranch. Lucille preceded him in death in 2009. George married Mary Lou Lape of Bartlesville in 2012.

George is preceded in death by his parents; siblings; and his son-in-law, DuWayne Lee.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Lape of Bartlesville; children, Dorliss and Lawrence Blalack of Ramona, George and Beverly Sumter of Branson, and Bruce Sumter of the home; grandchildren, Michael and Reba Lee of Ramona, Daryl and Kelli Lee of Disney, DeLana and Bryon McDaniel of Ramona, Cody

Sumter of Palo Alto, CA, Geoffry and Alli of San Francisco, CA; great-grandchildren, Colby Lee, DuWayne Lee, Dalton Lee, Mary Lee, and Wyatt McDaniel.

Visitation will be held at the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, on Thursday, February 18, from 10-8. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. on Friday, February 19, at Spirit Church with Dr. Darryl Wootton officiating. Interment will follow in the Ramona Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Ramona Cemetery

Ramona, OK 74061

Previous Events

ALL DAY VISITATION

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Spirit Church
2121 S Madison Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Steven Sumter*



Davis Family Funeral Home - February 18, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JL

My prayers and thoughts are with the family. George, or Boss as I called him has had a special place in my life for over 50 years. He hired me and helped me understand what it means to Work hard and do the best job you can do. George helped mold me in a lot of ways and I will always be grateful for his guidance. Thank you Boss for being there for me. John Lindley

John Lindley - February 18, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Steven Sumter.*



February 19, 2021 at 04:02 PM

MT

“ My life has been enriched because of the life of George Sumter. He was my great uncle, the uncle of my dad (Winford Turner). Uncle George was more like a brother to my dad. I have great memories as a child visiting Uncle George and Aunt Lucille at the two-story farm house, playing in the big (at least to me as a child) upstairs room and riding the mini-bikes, which I ran into a wire gate.

I am sure Uncle George had a great reunion in heaven with those who preceded him, and one of those people was my dad. My dad thought the world of this man. My dad and I were able to visit Uncle George in August 2020, and all who were part of that visit had a great time of reminiscing. I was humbled to see a photo of that visit in the slide show. One of those stories shared during that visit was Uncle George's instructions to an employee at Safeway, who was using only one hand to stock canned goods – Uncle George told him that he was paying for the use of both of those hands. Uncle George impacted so many people in the 97 years that God granted him on this earth. I am so thankful that I was one of those people.

Michael Turner - February 19, 2021 at 12:20 PM

JL

“ c. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. George or Boss as I called him has had a special place in my life for over 50 years. George hired me and taught me that you should work hard and be proud of the work you do. George was a big part of the man I am today and I am grateful he was in my life. I will miss him very much.
John Lindley

John Lindley - February 18, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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John Lindley - February 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM

VS

“ Prayers for you and the family. Mama and Daddy always thought a lot of your Dad and enjoyed talking to him when shopping at Safeway.

vickie sigler - February 18, 2021 at 05:38 PM

PE

“ When I was a small child in the 60's my mom shopped at Safeway and George was always so sweet to us. A funny story my mom used to tell was that one time George found me in the produce department sitting on the floor eating a banana and he just thought that was the funniest thing, my mom was embarrassed but George thought it was "cute", after that when we came in he always brought me a banana so that I didn't get away from mom to go find one on my own...What a super nice guy!



Pam Elvington - February 17, 2021 at 09:30 AM

ES

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family 🙏❤️



Ernie &Tami Snodgrass - February 16, 2021 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ Was so sorry to hear about Uncle George. I always loved to visit with him! May God give all of you peace. Love Sharon McKesson!

Sharon McElwain - February 16, 2021 at 01:31 PM

SM

That is Sharon McElwain

Sharon McElwain - February 16, 2021 at 01:33 PM

EM

My mom & dad spoke often of Brother Sumpter. Truly appreciated him at Safeway, but became personal friends. Thought highly of his walk with God.

Eunice Miller - February 17, 2021 at 01:14 PM

NJ

“ *He was always so kind to me and my mother when we came to DeLana’s home for 4th of July. Everyone that knew him only spoke kindly about him.*

Sending hugs and prayers your direction

Nancy E Jamison - February 16, 2021 at 01:31 PM