

Obituary

Mr. Ernest Sumter began his journey in life on February 21, 1952, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the youngest of four children of the late Joe Sumter and Pricilla Anderson Sumter. He departed his earthly life on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

He attended the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and graduated from C. A. Johnson, Class of 1970. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army on February 29, 1972. During his tour of service, his duty stations included Fort Benning, Georgia, Butzbach, Germany, Fort Hood, Texas, Giessen, Germany, and Fort Drum, New York.

SFC Ernest Sumter served his country for two years in Fort Drum, New York making this his last duty station. After twenty years of honorable service, on June 30, 1992 he decided to retire. He and his family returned to his childhood roots in Columbia, SC. In 1994, he started working for the United States Postal Service, where he retired for a second time in 2017.

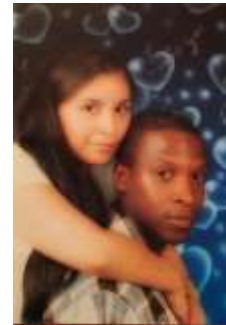
Early on "Tookey," the name that stuck with him since his teenage years, established his love for photography. He was the family cameraman. His fondness of music spanned across 45s, albums, reel-to-reels, eight tracks, CDs, playlists, and up to Sirius XM.

"Tookey" enjoyed great domino matches, competitive spades games, and endless hours of Solitaire on his computer. He also enjoyed computers and electronic gadgets as two of his favorite past times. *Tookey* loved to entertain, especially his family.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Pricilla Sumter; and his brothers, Clarence, Joe, Jr., and Freddie Sumter.

Mr. Ernest Sumter leaves to mourn his passing and to cherish his memory: his sons, D'Arryl E. Sumter, Darond E. (Tyreea) Sumter, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Dwayne E. (Tnelda) Sumter, of Harker Heights, Texas; his daughter, D'Netra E. Sumter of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Ceria, Randy, Da'Keiera, Ciani, Caleb, Dwayne, Jr., Ca'Neea, Christian, Teegan, Kianna, Ivan, Eric, Da'Vion, and London; special friend, Renay Fulwood; three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn
- Old Testament.....Elder Jermaine Stearns
Proverbs 20:5-7
- New Testament.....Deacon Archie Suber
John 14:1-16
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Michael Addison
- Selection.....Ms. Dechandra S. Golden
- Remarks.....Elder Renay Fulwood
Mrs. Helen Green Harris
- Selection.....Mrs. Roni Fulwood Stearns
Mrs. Regine' Fulwood Scott
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Michael Addison
- Recessional....."Going Up Yonder"
Recording by: Tremaine Hawkins
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

A Psalm of Life

Author, Henry Longfellow

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act, — act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Ernest Sumter, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. We pray that for your kindness, the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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In
Honor
of your
Memory
of

Mr. Ernest Sumter



Monday, November 20, 2023

11:00 a.m.

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Michael Addison
- Officiating -*