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The family of Mr. Richard S. Sumter is grateful to the many friends for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of their loved one.

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SMITH'S FUNERAL SERVICE
Florence, South Carolina

Eulogistic Services
for

Mr. Richard Singleton Sumter



Saturday, March 22, 1975

Four O'clock P.M.

Cumberland United Methodist Church

Florence, South Carolina

Rev. J. Boone, Jr., Minister

Mr. Richard S. Sumter

Mr. Richard Singleton Sumter, a son of the late Joseph P. and Julia Singleton Sumter, was born in Sumter, South Carolina. He passed away Tuesday, March 18, 1975, in Bruce Hospital, Florence, South Carolina, after a brief illness.

Mr. Sumter received his elementary training at Lincoln School, Sumter, South Carolina; high school (with honors) and college education at Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina; and received his M.A. degree from Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, after serving in the United States Army.

When he came to Florence, Mr. Sumter worked with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for over four years and then entered the educational field. He taught school at Wilson High School and Holmes School in Florence. After leaving the school system, he served in the army during World War II for three years. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from service, Mr. Sumter completed his education. He taught in Charleston, South Carolina for three years - served as principal of Alston High School in Summerville, South Carolina. During this time he did post graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Sumter served as supervising principal and later retired in 1972 as Assistant Superintendent and Federal Coordinator of the Summerville Schools. He continued his membership in S.C.E.A., N.E.A., and other educational organizations.

Mr. Sumter was married May 15, 1944, to the former Miss Bertha C. Moses of Florence, South Carolina.

He was a member of Cumberland United Methodist Church serving on the Administrative Board, as a steward of the church, a member of the Methodist Men and Pastoral Relations Committee.

Mr. Sumter was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, N.A.A.C.P., Men's Garden Club of Florence, active in the March of Dimes campaign, member of S. C. Human Relations Council, member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Club of Florence, served as chairman of the secondary group for the Community Education Study for Florence District One Schools, member of S.N.B.C., member of the Florence County Association for Mentally Retarded Children, Florence County Mental Health Association, worked with the United Way, Heart Fund and many other civic and community organizations.

Survivors include his loving wife, Mrs. Bertha M. Sumter; two sisters, Miss Josie H. Sumter of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Martha Williams of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.