

Harold Darrell Sumner was born to Perry and Mamie Sumner in Bejou Township, Mahnomen, MN on April 2, 1921. He moved to Lac qui Parle County at 2 years of age living on the Tree Claim site his grandfather, Henry Harrison Sumner started in the 1800's.

In 1942 Harold was drafted into the United States Army and inducted at Fort Snelling, and was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia. After maneuvers in Tennessee and South Carolina he returned to Camp Gordon. In the spring of 1944 there was an error causing Harold to be assigned to the 11th Pilipino Infantry. He then was assigned properly to the 11th Armored Division, the 41st Cavalry Recon Mechanized Division. In December, he was stationed at Camp Kilburn, New Jersey before going to England for about 3 months. From there he went to the Bastogne area of Germany. Later, he was transferred to France and later while stationed in Austria, he was in charge of the general's horses and a riding stable. Later, the 11th Armored Division disbanded and Harold was transferred into the 90th Infantry in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Harold was discharged from Ft. McCoy, December 30, 1945 with the rank of Corporal. He received a Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, European-African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, and 45 Victory Medal. Harold was involved in campaigns and battles in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Harold is a life member of the VFW Post 5247 and the American Legion Post 177. He traveled the state over 50 years proudly marching in the Dawson Drill Team and served on the VFW Firing Squad. He served as Post Commander and many local club board positions, as District Commander, and District Quarter Master for 20 years.

Harold had the privilege of traveling to Washington, D.C on The Honor Flight in September 2011. Accompanied by his son, Tim, they were able to visit many historical and memorial sites.

For many years Harold served on the County Planning and zoning board. He was the Maxwell Township's Assessor for 32 years and director on the Farmers Elevator Board in Boyd, MN. He served on the Dawson Cemetery Board for many years.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, serving in many varied positions on the church board, and also as an usher.

Harold attended a one room country school, District #72, through 8 grades when he needed to leave school to help his father on the farm.

Harold started farming in 1946 with his brother, Glenn on his father's farm. In 1951 he moved 3 miles east of Dawson and continued farming there. He purchased a farm 4 miles West of Boyd in 1954 where he still resided all but his 38 months in the Army. He was proud of having received the Conservation Farmer Award in the 1990's. After retiring from farming he spent time working in the garden, weaving rugs which he showed at the County Fair and craft fairs in the surrounding area.

Harold was united in marriage to Marcella Fousek on November 2, 1947. There were five children born to this union.

Harold is survived by his daughters, Linda (Doug Dahl), Barbara (Stephen Turner), Arlene (Sidney Johnson), and Joyce; son, Timothy (Ruth); 18 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; wife Marcella; brothers Gerald, Kenneth, Merrill, Glenn; and sisters, Gladys, Verlan and Leone.

Harold D. Sumner, of Boyd, died Monday, December 7, 2020 at Johnson Memorial Care Center in Dawson at the age of 99.



Celebrating The Life Of Harold Sumner

April 2, 1921

December 7, 2020

The Road to Eternity

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road

To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,

Different paths along the way,

We all were meant to learn some things,

But never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place

Far greater than we know.

For some, the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,

We'll claim a great reward,

And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord



Harold Darrell Sumner

A TIME OF GATHERING

It is appointed unto all once to die. There is a time to be born and a time to die. One generation passes away and another comes. All flesh is as grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flowers fades; the Word of our God stands forever

HYMN OF FAITH: This is My Father's World

PSALTER: Psalm 23

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of life and death, we acknowledge you in all our ways and in all the events that befall us. In quietness and confidence we have gathered here for these last rites of faith and love. Lift us above the shadow of mortality into the light and comfort of your presence. Raise our thoughts from this changeful life to the calm eternity in which you dwell, and to those things which know no change save from glory to glory. Amid the decay of visible things draw nigh to us, Holy Comforter, and speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:10

Revelation 21:9-27

SPECIAL MUSIC: Amazing Grace

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HOMILY: Extra- Step Disciple

Holy One, before whom generations rise and pass away, we praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Today we thank you for your servant *Harold Sumner*, whose baptism is now complete in death. We praise you for the gift of his life, for all in him that was good, kind and faithful, for the grace you gave him, that kindled in him the love of your dear name, and enabled him to serve you faithfully.

We thank you that for *Harold* death is past and pain ended, that he has now entered the joy you prepared; through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

APOSTLE'S CREED

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Harold*. Acknowledge we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of life. AMEN

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF HOPE: How Great Thou Art

BLESSING: The Road to Eternity

POSTLUDE:

Officiant: Rev. Herbert Rotunda