

Sumner, Mintha Doris (DeBorde)

1931-2021

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Mintha Doris Sumner

Mintha Doris (DeBorde) Sumner, 89, of Itasca entered into Heaven on Jan. 19, 2021. She was born to Roland and Mintha DeBorde of Lancaster May 29, 1931, the youngest of five children. After graduating from Lancaster High School, she received a teaching degree at North Texas University in Denton and came to Itasca to teach school.

She soon met Jack Sumner, and within a few months, they were married Feb. 27, 1954. Their daughter, Joyce Diane, was born in 1955 and then another daughter, Beverly Jan, was born in 1956. Doris returned to teaching when her girls were in school and taught junior high language arts, high school speech and directed the one-act play, for a little more than 20 years. After retiring, she served on the Itasca School Board for several years.

She was dedicated to her Lord and Savior and His church. As a member of First Presbyterian Church of Itasca, she served as Sunday school teacher, held every office in the Presbyterian women's group, served as a deacon and was ordained as an elder.



Doris loved traveling, all sports, playing 42, Skip Bo and other games. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doris Sumner was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Sumner; her daughter, Jan Sumner Whitfield; her parents; her brothers; and sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Sumner Barnes and husband, Charles, of Itasca; grandsons Brian (and Amanda) Knox, James (and Kerrie) Whitfield and Michael Whitfield. She is also survived by one granddaughter, Rebecca (and Jason) Billingsley; and seven great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held on Jan. 23.