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COL George Laster Lumpkin

BIRTH 4 May 1912 • Texas, USA

DEATH 15 Jul 1994 • Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, USA

BURIAL Restland Memorial Park • Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, USA

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George Lonnie Lumpkin (RIP July 15, 1994)

Dallas Morning News, (TX) - July 18, 1994

Deceased Name: Services today for George Lumpkin , 40-year member of Dallas police force.

Retired Dallas police Capt. George Lumpkin, 84, died Friday of cancer. Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas.

Mr. Lumpkin served for 40 years in the Police Department and played a significant role in the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, his family said.

"Dad was in the lead car of the motorcade," said his daughter, Maureen Stone. "He was also one of the first to reach the hospital when Kennedy was shot."

He also served 39 months in the Army during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star for taking part the capture of 30 prisoners, his daughter said.

"He captured them without killing them," Mrs. Stone said. "My father believed in not using guns unless necessary."

He retired as a colonel from the Army Reserves and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as commandant of the Dallas Area Army Reserve School.

Other survivors include his wife, Katherine Lumpkin; son Michael Lumpkin of Dallas; sister Mildred Bunch of Arlington; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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DPD Deputy Chief, George L. Lumpkin, drove the Pilot Car (1st car) in the Motorcade in which President Kennedy was assassinated, 11/22/63. Riding in the car were DPD Homicide Detectives Billy L. Senkel & F.M. Turner, Col. Whitmeyer of the 488th Military Intelligence Detachment (who had ordered the military to "stand down" along the parade route), and Jack Puterbaugh, a DNC official. Lumpkin was also a Captain in the 488th Military Intelligence Detachment - the spy unit in Dallas created and led by ex-OSS, Col. Jack Crichton and was the highest ranking officer in the 488th and Col. Whitmeyer's superior. About half of the 100 members of the 488th were DPD CIS (Criminal Intelligence Section) officers. Capt. Lumpkin was also one of the lead investigators following the assassination.

According to author and researcher Peter Dale Scott in his Dallas COPA (Coalition on Political Assassinations) address in 2010, the Pilot Car made one unscheduled stop along the motorcade route: "it pulled to the side of the road in front of the Texas School Book Depository and Capt. Lumpkin talked briefly to one of the three police officers assigned to traffic duty at that intersection (Houston & Elm), sixty feet below the Sixth Floor sniper's window. Except there is no mention of this stop or what was conveyed to the cops in the



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official reports."

Upon arriving at Parkland Hospital after the assassination, Lumpkin immediately suggested surrounding the Texas School Book Depository and returning to search it even before anyone knew where the shots had come from. He and the passengers of the Pilot car, DPD Homicide Detectives Senkel & Turner, the 488th's Col. Whitmeyer, as well as Dallas FBI SAIC Forrest Sorrels, returned to the Depository in the Pilot Car and helped in the early search of the building.

During this time it was Dep. Chief Lumpkin who urged the TSBD manager, Roy Truly, to inform Capt. Fritz that Lee Harvey Oswald was the "only" employee missing from the roll call - singling out Oswald early on, even though a number of employees were actually missing.

Capt. Lumpkin was also present in the DPD basement standing at the right front corner of the unmarked patrol car that was backing into place to pick up and transfer the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, when Jack Ruby shot him.

Family Members

Spouse



Katherine Evelyn Lumpkin*
1915–2016

Children



Michael Laster Lumpkin*
1935–2001

*Calculated Relationship

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