



Wayne Hunter

March 27, 1938 - February 5, 2021

On Friday February 5th Wayne Hunter passed away peacefully at the age of 82. Wayne was born on March 27, 1938 in Wister Oklahoma to John and Rosa Ann Hunter. At a young age his family moved to California and eventually settled in Visalia. Wayne attended grade school and high school in Visalia and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School with the class of 1956. Wayne married in 1957 to a longtime friend and neighbor Mary Lou Thompson. Later two daughters Kellye and Debra made their debut and life in Visalia was good. Wayne was adventurous and a man of many trades. He was a Fierce Marine, a Brave Firefighter, Skilled Electrician, and General Contractor. Wayne began his career with the California Department of Forestry the day after graduating, working in several counties in California. He retired 30 years later as Captain from the Sonoma Ranger unit in Sonoma County. Wayne was not idle after retirement using his many skills to lend a helping hand to all who needed help. In the 90's Wayne and Mary moved to Greenbrier Arkansas building a home on 126 acres and there he became a "Small" cattle rancher. Wayne and his little Maltese "Puddy" enjoyed riding on the tractor and 4 wheeler to check on the cattle. Six years later Mary was missing Kellye and Debra and grandkids so back to California. Wayne and Mary returned to Visalia to be near family and dear friends. Wayne was a man of god and attended Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Visalia. Wayne was known for his contagious smile, quick wit but most of all his warm and loving heart. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rosa Ann his

beloved Daughter Kellye, Sister Hazel, Wanda, Dovie, and Glenda and brother Earl. Wayne is Survived by his wife Mary of 63 wonderful years, Daughter Debra, Five grandchildren Tami, Robert, Nick, Michelle and Ashlye. 10 Great Grandchildren and his sisters Betty and Cathy as well as many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and many close dear friends. Wayne led an extraordinary life leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him. He will be forever in our hearts. As he journeys into heaven, we know he will be cherished there as much as he was here.

THE BOY, THE MAN, THE LEGEND

A Service Of Remembrance will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, February 27th, 2021 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia CA. A webcast will be broadcast during the time of service, and can be viewed by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com, and clicking on Wayne's obituary photo.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Service of Remembrance

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Hunter*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 27, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Hunter*



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JB

Excellent tribute for Wayne Hunter and thoroughly enjoyed everything said, and sung and the video and all the words from pastor about this man of God, brother Wayne you will be missed like everyone has said and Sister Mary and family the daily prayers will continue for your comfort and strength in the Lord Jesus Christ in the days ahead. Love you Bam Sister Judith Bryson, !! ❤️ 🙏 🙌 🕊️ 🌹 📖 🌸

Judith bryson - February 27, 2021 at 07:17 PM

CH

My sweet brother, life without you will never be the same. We had so much fun & laughter. You will never know how much joy you brought to me and the kids. How much I learned from you through the years. I would tell you God can heal anything, you would always say I know he can. You touched so many hearts, I gress God needed you in Heaven, to have taken you from me. I love & will miss you always. Your Sister Cathy Hunter

cathy hunter - March 05, 2021 at 08:46 PM

AF

“ *To Sister Hunter, and the family my heart felt condolences go out to you all. I just found out and I am truly saddened at Brother Hunters passing. I know he is resting in Gods loving arms. The friendship Brother Hunter and Sister Hunter have given my family is a very special one. And we hold them in our hearts. He became a close friend to me and we spoke several times. I even ask Bro Hunter for advice. He never said no and was always willing to lend a ear. I will miss my Brother very much. May we all keep the Hunter family in our prayers. God Bless.*

A Friend. - February 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM

SD

“ *Brother Hunter was always making jokes and making witty cracks at me at church. He always made me smile, even when it was just his contagious smile. A few times without him even knowing, he had changed my mood for the entire day just by being himself. He will never be forgotten, he will always be cherished, even in the least of us. May we meet again 🙏*

Shantala Doss - February 27, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DB

“ I had so much fun working with Wayne for Cal Fire in Santa Rosa. His wonderful sense of humor and kind heart will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

Deanna

Deanna Baxman - February 22, 2021 at 10:57 AM

MS

“ Uncle Wayne-----You will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved you! You were my favorite Uncle and always had me laughing everytime we got together. My memories of you are all good. You always treated your nieces n nephews the same---never picked favorites, I do believe you were everybodys favorite!! May you rest with the angels and its not goodbye its until we meet again. You were so excited when I told you I got a job working for the state---- we could have those STATE EMPLOYEE conversations in which I will miss beyond words! My deepest love and sympathy for Aunt Mary and Deb and Ashlye.

Marsha Sullivan - February 16, 2021 at 04:51 PM