



Charles Richard Hunter

February 11, 1936 - August 5, 2020

Charles Richard “Charlie” Hunter, Sr., age 84, of Middleburg, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Ray City, Georgia (near Moody AFB) and grew up in Waycross and Manor, Ga. At a young age Charlie discovered he had a high aptitude for all things mechanical. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served as a mechanic, maintaining and repairing jet engines and ejection seats on fighter jets. Following his military service he returned to Georgia and met and his wife to be Betty Jean Strickland in Patterson, Ga. Charlie and Betty married and raised a family of four children in Jacksonville and Clay County. He owned and operated service stations including Texaco and Exxon in Jacksonville, and opened a Firestone Service Center on Lane Ave. in Jacksonville. The last station he owned was the Gulf Station in Green Cove Springs. Charlie was a hard working, smart businessman and was a good provider for this family. In his retirement he continued to work, driving a truck for Florida Rock. He logged over 3 million miles in his Mack truck without an accident and was awarded a gold watch at his retirement. He also helped his son Steve at his shop, KARR Doctor for many years. Charlie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many and he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Hunter of Middleburg; sons, Charles Richard Hunter, Jr. (Lauri) of Middleburg, Steve Hunter, Sr. (Hope) of St. Augustine; Michael Robert Hunter (Kerry) of Middleburg; Sisters, Sue Roberson of St.

Marys, Ga., Diane Hunter Guy of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Andy, Billy, Leslie, Stephen, Sarah, Michael, Krista, Zachary, and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Hunter.

A memorial service will be held at 4 pm on Monday, August 10, 2020 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Bill Clayton officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlie's memory can be made to: Vitas Hospice.

In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines every attendee must wear a mask and the number of attendees may be restricted. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019> .

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, FL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 SR 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084
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<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Richard Hunter*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2020 at 05:28 PM

CJ

Beautiful videos 🌍

Charles Hunter Jr. - August 09, 2020 at 07:41 PM

DG

A very wonderful collection of family pictures! I so enjoyed seeing them.

Diane Guy - August 09, 2020 at 10:37 PM

KD

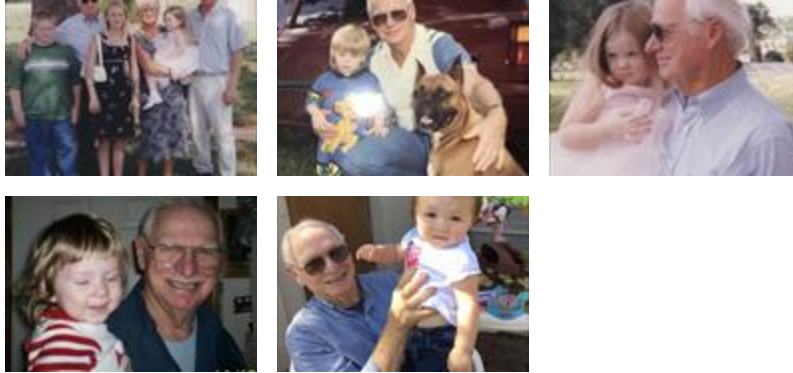
“ *Charlie was the best neighbor ever & will be greatly missed. Sincerely Edith Dressel*



Karen Dressel - August 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM

Kerry
Hunter

“ We love you dad/Paw-Paw ❤️, Mike, Kerry, Michael & Destiney, Krista, Zackery, and Ashlynn



Kerry Hunter - August 09, 2020 at 09:36 PM

BR

“ Uncle Charles has always held a very special place in my heart. You will be greatly missed. Your selfless spirit will live on. Words cannot thank you for the wonderful memories you provided me as a teen - I will always cherish the times and opportunity you gave me to live my dream of having a horse! I am glad you are rest. You will be missed. Give my daddy a BIG hug... <3

Brenda - August 09, 2020 at 08:27 PM

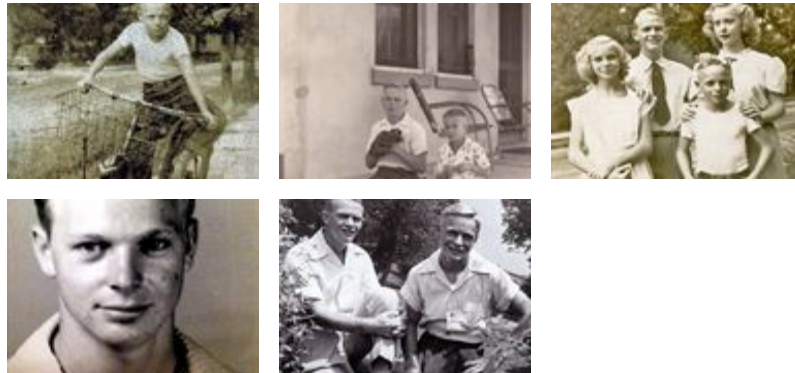
DG

Brenda, this is truly a beautiful tribute to your beloved Uncle Charles.

Diane Guy - August 09, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2020 at 05:22 PM

FD

“ From your sisters, Sue & Diane (Suzie Q & Diner). purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Charles Richard Hunter.



From your sisters, Sue & Diane (Suzie Q & Diner). - August 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM

PS

“ Patti Scaramozzino lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard Hunter



patti scaramozzino - August 09, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Jeff Saldana lit a candle in memory of Charles
Richard Hunter



jeff saldana - August 09, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Mr. Charlie,

Thank you so much, for being so kind, caring and a loving man. Although I did not know you well, you were my Pawpaws buddy(JR). I always loved calling my pawpaw and hearing him tell me about your adventures to the gym, or to get gas, or to the good ol taco bell. You two were the definition of best friends, you two cared about each other despite your different views or politics. I had the pleasure of meeting you a few times from visiting, and those times I will cherish as you were so warm and welcoming and not afraid to talk. But most of all mr. Charlie I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for being my pawpaws best buddy, for helping him out, for just simply being you. So blessed and grateful your paths crossed and blossomed into a beautiful friendship filled with cherished memories. Take care Mr. Charlie, fly high and look over all of us. Rest Easy Sir.



Sincerely,

*Amanda & Tony May
Jr & Cindy GrandDaughter*

Amanda May - August 08, 2020 at 08:34 PM

SH

Thank you so much for the kind words! And sharing JRs fun times with dad! They were like the dynamic duo! Great friends!

steve hunter - August 08, 2020 at 11:51 PM

DG

Thank you Tony for your wonderful and kind words regarding my dear brother. I always enjoyed hearing Charles speak of his buddy, J.R., and their adventures. One day not so long ago, he called me and said, Guess what I did today? Then he told me about driving J.R.'s truck around the neighborhood. That meant the world to him as he missed driving his own truck. And he also told me that J.R. had come over and fixed breakfast for him. What a great friend he was to Charles. And I thank him too for cutting his grass.....Charles appreciated his friendship & help so much.

Diane Guy - August 09, 2020 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ *Jr & Cindy Saldana purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Charles Richard Hunter.*



Jr & Cindy Saldana - August 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ *Jr & Cindy Saldana lit a candle in memory of Charles Richard Hunter*



Jr & Cindy Saldana - August 08, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Hope Hunter - August 08, 2020 at 06:09 PM