



Leonard Nathan Hunter

June 22, 1928 - April 5, 2016

Leonard Nathan Hunter was born in Coweta County to one of its historic families on June 22, 1928. He was the son of the late Charlie Nathan and Ella McArthur Vick Hunter. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings Richard Edmond Hunter, Barnell Hunter Vick and Lillian Hunter Evans. Born into a family whose roots were deeply entrenched in making a living off the land, he had a great appreciation for the good earth and up until just before his death, he was tilling the earth in anticipation of the planting season for himself and his friends. His appreciation for the opportunities his country had given him led him to serve in the United States Army, Fourth Division in Germany. The young man who would come to be known as “Babo” was a person who early on discovered he loved baseball. It was a sport he pursued throughout his life in the Tri-County League and at age 50, he played softball on senior teams. This pursuit took him all over the country. Only when he sustained a ham string injury at the young age of 79 did he realize it was time to lay down the bat. He loved the comradery of the game. Always competitive, he insisted on fair play and fair umpiring. He was known to vigorously discuss certain calls with the umpires! Babo worked for Southern Mills, The Georgia Stove Company and retired from Coweta County. He was instrumental in the operation of the first animal shelter for the county. Throughout his working career, he was an active farmer and cattleman. He was a man of quiet but abiding faith and a loyal member of White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church where he had served as a deacon.

He expressed his faith simply, "I have been blessed. The Man Upstairs has been good to us". His meditations were carried out in the fields and pastures he so lovingly tended and which he saw as a method of stewardship for being entrusted with their care. Leonard Nathan Hunter was a devoted and caring husband to his wife Anna Sue Young Hunter whom he married on August 19, 1956. He was an exemplary and diligent father to his daughters Susan Lynne Hunter Dodds and her husband Mark David Dodds and Lisa Grace Hunter Houston and her husband Michael Patrick Houston. He was loved by his grandchildren Nathaniel David Dodds and his wife Carly, James Nicholas Dodds, Zachary Michael Houston and Gregory Michael Houston. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where the family will receive friends on Thursday, April 7th between 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. His life will be celebrated at a service to be held at his beloved White Oak ARP Church on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Tom Shoger, Reverend Mackey Smith and Reverend Winston Skinner officiating. Interment will be in the historic church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund 2796 Gordon Road Senoia, Georgia 30276. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road
Senoia, GA 30276

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
2796 Gordon Rd
Senoia, GA 30276

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Houston. My family and I will pray for you. "Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more that a thought apart. For as long there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts." - Author Unknown

Stormy Williams - April 12, 2016 at 09:46 AM

TM

“ Ms. Hunter, Lynne, and Lisa I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and father. I hope God gives you much comfort during your time of grief.

Tim Massengale - April 10, 2016 at 09:06 AM

GW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Mr. Hunter. Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.

Geraldine and Bobby Welch - April 08, 2016 at 09:02 AM

JH

“ Mrs. Sue and family, You are all in my prayers. This county has been blessed to have such a loving family here. Know you will always have a special place in my heart. Love, Joan Smith Hanson (Smith twins)

Joan Smith Hanson - April 07, 2016 at 07:51 PM

MI

“ *Mrs. Hunter and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Mike and Deborah Ivie*

Mike Ivie - April 07, 2016 at 02:26 PM

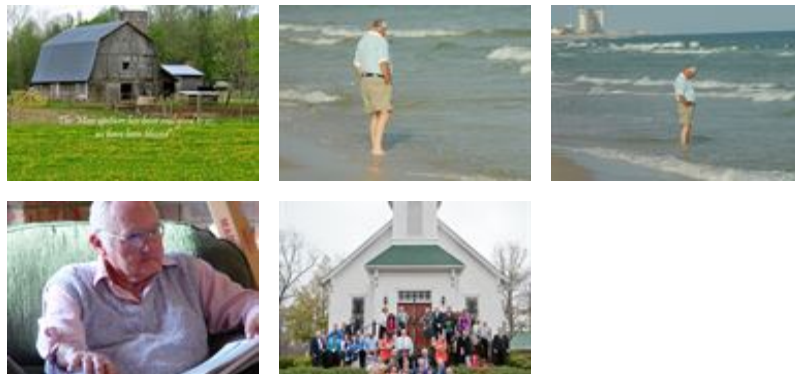
BS

“ *It was my pleasure to meet Leonard way back in the 70's when he was running the animal shelter and I was the photographer for the Times-Herald. I would run in, always in a hurry needing a photograph for the "Pet of the Week". I would always wind up spending more time talking to Leonard than photographing the animal. He had great stories that I could not leave before hearing. Years later, when I got into the studio business, Sue was my contact at ECHS for the yearbook. I believe I also photographed one of the girl's weddings as well. He was a great guy who could always make me laugh..I will miss running in to him around the county. RIP my friend.*

Bob Shapiro - April 07, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - April 07, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Nathan Hunter.*



April 07, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Aunt Sue, Lisa, Lynn and all family of Babo. We were so sorry to hear the news about Uncle Babo. We loved him very much and will always remember how funny he was and what a sweet person he always was to our family and my children. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to you all. Karen Perkinson Bowman and Wally Bowman*

Karen Bowman - April 07, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Mrs. Sue, Lynn, Lisa and family,
We are sad to hear of Babo's passing. He was a man who lived so as to be missed - and we will definitely miss his gentle, funny personality.
Praying for y'all!
Joni, Lee, and Neidin Shelnut*

Joni Shelnut - April 07, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Susan and Ronnie Whatley*

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - April 07, 2016 at 08:58 AM

LR

“ Mrs. Sue,
Janet and I were very sorry to hear of Mr. Babo's passing. He was a great friend who always had a smile and kind word whenever you saw him. I have many, many fond memories of competing with Babo on the ballfield and talking baseball and softball whenever we met. He was a great man who will be missed by all who knew him. May the peace and grace of our Lord and Savior be with you all during this time. Peace be with you all.

Larry and Janet Robertson

Larry Robertson - April 07, 2016 at 08:18 AM

RC

“ Babo always loved to tell a joke! He'd say, "Hard Rock,.....". I know he will be truly missed by all that were blessed to have known him for he was a friend to many. Your family is in our hearts and prayers.

Roxie Clark

Roxie Clark - April 06, 2016 at 04:01 PM