



David R. Hunter

March 8, 1936 - January 10, 2024

David Russell Hunter was born on March 8, 1936 in Louisiana, Missouri and lived in the community all of his life until his passing on January 10, 2024 after an extended illness. He was a retired science teacher in the Louisiana R-II School District having obtained a Master's degree early in his career. He was a true Renaissance man with many interests and experiences locally as well as globally. He was proud of his agrarian roots and managed his family farm for nearly seven decades, the same property granted to his direct ancestor Captain Robert Jordan for his service in the Revolutionary War.

He was a veteran of the Marine Corps Reserve. He participated in the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program which predated the Peace Corps and spent a year in India and Pakistan helping to bring modern farming techniques to rural areas in those countries. This experience sparked a love for travel and over the years he visited over 40 countries on six continents. At the age of 57 he summited Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter and a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. After obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, he spent the next 50 years volunteering his time to the organization at the local, district, council, regional, and national levels and was awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver for his efforts. He counted his memories in scouting as some of his most precious. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana and had served as an Elder for several terms.

He was preceded in death by his parents Russell Boyd Hunter and Russie

Mae (Fry) Hunter.

He is survived by his wife Wanda Kay Hunter, his son David Robert Hunter, his daughter-in-law Debra Branstetter Hunter, his granddaughter Lauren Hunter Haskins, his grandson-in-law Bryon Jacob Haskins, his brother-in-law Fred Bridwell, sister-in-law Phyllis Bridwell, and niece Malia Bridwell.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana, MO. Julie Leverenz officiating.

Burial with military honors will be at the Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until time of service on Saturday, Jan. 20th at the church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery

Pike 251
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ RIP Mr. Hunter 🥹

Teaching the way it was meant to be. 📖 📱 🖋️
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Scott Wenger - January 20, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David R. Hunter.



January 18, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Michael McHugh, Solis & SunCoast Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David R. Hunter.

Michael McHugh, Solis & SunCoast Team - January 18, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Janet Luck lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter



Janet Luck - January 16, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David R. Hunter.*



January 15, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



Cindy poyser Osborne - January 14, 2024 at 06:25 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of David R. Hunter.*

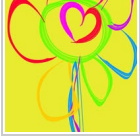


January 13, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ *My dad and me went rabbit hunting at Mr hunters place one time when I was on my teens Dave went with us and we had a blast.*

Gary Love - January 13, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



Donna Korte Wiss - January 13, 2024 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ *Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



Denise Brown - January 12, 2024 at 06:42 PM

JE

“ *Mr Hunter was truly an icon at LHS. He was extremely demanding but always fair. To this day, everything I know about science I can trace back to his classes! After graduation and through my lifelong friendship with son Rob, I learned that Mr Hunter was also a kind and generous soul with a great sense of humor. I will miss him enormously, and will always cherish the positive ways he influenced my life and mind. Thank you and rest in peace, Mr H.*

John Eipper - January 12, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TJ

Mr Hunter was my science teacher in 8th grade. The projects he assigned were fascinating. Planaria regeneration, growing grass to see what effects fertilizer (or lack thereof) had on them, etc. we lived across the street from the Presbyterian church and I used to see him on Sundays and it made my day. He was loud enough. The best teacher I ever had. Rest in peace, Mr. Hunter.

Thomas Jennings - February 21, 2024 at 07:16 PM

TJ

That was a typo. It was supposed to say he was without a doubt the best teacher I ever had.

Thomas Jennings - February 21, 2024 at 07:18 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Hunter taught many of the science classes that I took while at LHS. He could be challenging at times, but I developed a great respect for him. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.*

Duane Barton - January 11, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DH

“ *David hunter was a fellow teacher when were both at LHS. A great guy and teacher. Prayers go out to all of the family*

Don Hamilton - January 11, 2024 at 10:24 AM

SV

“ *Condolences from Jr and Sharon VanHooser*



Scott VanHooser - January 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DD

“ Please accept my condolences to the family of Mr. Hunter(David), He was one of my fellow teachers, who was a mentor and “cohort in crime.”

May he rest in peace, and may our process Lord wrap his arms around those of you who loved him so. May the memories you share help you through the times when you miss him so.



Delores Davis - January 10, 2024 at 09:30 PM

CS

“ Carrie Sleet lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter



carrie sleet - January 10, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JA

“ Mr. Hunter was invaluable in my high school education and very influential in my decision to attend Washington University. This all lead to my ultimate goal of becoming a physician. For that I am eternally grateful. My condolences to the family. I am truly saddened to hear of his passing.

Jeff Alexander

Jeff Alexander - January 10, 2024 at 07:03 PM

WA

“ *William Anderson lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



William Anderson - January 10, 2024 at 06:32 PM

LC

“ *Lori Campbell lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



Lori Campbell - January 10, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JE

“ *Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



janet Elliott - January 10, 2024 at 05:33 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of David R. Hunter*



Cindy poyser Osborne - January 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss I had him in boy scouts and also in highschool

Sammy meyers - January 10, 2024 at 06:46 PM



Sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers to the family . Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - January 11, 2024 at 08:57 PM

GB

Prayers to all. May you find peace in God and knowing that David is with God and heaven.

Gail Branstetter - January 11, 2024 at 09:23 PM