

Order of Service

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Lewis Lowery
Musical Prelude..... “My Endless Love”Lionel Richie & Diana Ross
Processional.....Ministers & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends..... 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Call to Worship.....Rev. Lewis Lowery
Selection.....Choir
Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 23Daniel Cunningham
New Testament Reading.....Rev. Donald Leslie
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Lewis Lowery
Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”Gospel Images
Obituary Reading/AcknowledgmentsJoyce McClain

Remarks.....Lewis McLean, Rock Hill United Methodist Church
Jerry Nixon, Newbold Alumni Association
Thomas Morrison, Personal/Professional Friend
Daniel Cunningham, Graham Family
Stacy Hunter, Hunter Family

Selection..... “He Knows My Name”.....Gospel Images
Eulogy.....Rev. Dana Pate
Recessional..... “My Endless Love”

Committal/Interment
Rock Hill/Gold Hill Church Cemetery
Stanley, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Lanair Brooks Valerie Chaney
Jacqueline Herbert Sharon Holmes
Chana Hunter Lindsey Hunter
Lynn Hunter Dawn Lynch
Pam Nixon

Honorary Pallbearer
Ernest William Graham

Pallbearers

Jeep Hunter Isaiah Lindsey
Jamie Tinsley Stephon Pope
Steve Brooks Jermaine Smith

"I'M FREE"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

Acknowledgement

The family of Harold Robert Hunter Sr. wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.
May God forever bless you.

Service of Comfort Provided by:

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“Dedicated To Those We Serve”

Celebrating A Life Well-Lived HAROLD ROBERT HUNTER SR.



A Gift Given
August 6, 1940

A Gift Returned
April 6, 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025
1:00 P.M.

Rock Hill United Methodist Church
Stanley, North Carolina
Rev. Dana Pate, Pastor



Remembering the Life and Legacy of Harold Robert Hunter Sr.

On any given day, Harold Robert Hunter Sr. could be found in his garage, tinkering with his cars, his tractor or his gadgets. The loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, and loyal brother and friend, enjoyed making things work, tick, run, and move.

And he was good at it. He could fix, build or improve just about anything mechanical. Once, he even built a tractor from scratch.

Intelligent, quiet, and soft-spoken, Harold was a skilled craftsman whose talents took him far.

After serving in the U.S. Army, he learned welding and auto mechanics at Gaston and Central Piedmont community colleges and eventually worked at Pneumafil Corp., Union Carbide, and later, Duke Energy. He spent 25 years at Duke's McGuire Nuclear Station, welding and making complex repairs at the facility. He loved his job.

But Harold enjoyed his family much more. He and Ernestine, his wife of more than 60 years, were inseparable. They spent retirement attending church, taking Sunday drives, watching their favorite TV shows, and listening to music. "Endless Love" by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross was their favorite song.

Harold and Ernestine raised three children and adored three grandchildren. Harold worked hard -- at one point, holding down three jobs -- to give his children good lives and put them through college. And when the grandkids would visit, he and Ernestine watched cartoons with them and took them shopping.

Harold was a devoted member of Rock Hill United Methodist Church, serving as a trustee for many years and singing in the choir. A natural leader, he also found joy as vice-president of the Newbold Alumni Association and president of the Benjamin Frank Hunter Reunion. He looked forward to attending Tucker's Grove Camp Meeting, often entertaining everyone with funny stories about the military, Duke Energy, and his part-time job at Walmart as a greeter.

His church, his family, and his community saw Harold as someone you could count on. A sweet man with a heart of gold. Words can't describe how much he'll be missed. No doubt he's in Heaven right now, tinkering in a garage and telling bad jokes with Harold Jr.

Father and son, together again.

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Born to the late Johnson Hunter Sr. and Wilma McCray Hunter in Lincoln County, North Carolina, on Aug. 6, 1940, Harold's sunset from this earthly house took place at Novant Health in Huntersville, North Carolina, on Sunday, April 6.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his son, Harold Robert Hunter Jr.; five siblings: Johnson Hunter Jr., Paul Hunter, Linda Kaye Hunter, Leroy Hunter, and Alvo Davis; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ernest Graham and Hattie Mae Graham. He leaves fond and loving memories to: his wife, Ernestine Graham Hunter, of the home; two daughters: Shirley Hunter Moore (Isaac) of Denver NC, and Tammy Hunter Thompson (Terry) of Charlotte, NC; one brother, Stacy Hunter (Gail) of Denver, NC; four sisters: Mary Emma Young (Rudolph) of Stanley, NC, Betty Frazier, Geneva Tinsley, and Janice Lindsey (Larry), all of Denver, NC; three grandchildren: Evan Maxwell Moore, Bailey Elise Thompson Perez (Sebastian), and Portia Anissa Moore; sisters-in-law: Linda Cunningham (Daniel), Callie Sue McDowell, Gloria Graham, Lillie Anderson, Mary Frances Hunter; brother-in-law, Ernest William Graham; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

