



## David F. Hunter

April 26, 1921 - July 23, 2019

David F. Hunter 98, of Bloomfield, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at his residence.

Born April 26, 1921 in Calverton, he was the son of Winifred and Elsie (Huffman) Hunter.

He served his country in World War II with the United States Navy. He was the Founder, Owner and Operator of Hunter's Drive Inn in Bloomfield, which he started in 1957. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield, The American Legion, Elks Lodge and the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving relatives include: his wife, Lydia Norris; children, Judy Ketchem (Ed), Clark Allen (Kay), Marilyn Royal, Carolyn Horn (Jerry), Chris Hunter (Joan), Theresa Espeseth (Paul), Mark Norris (Deanie), Matt Norris (Kelly) and Michael Norris (Kara); twenty-three grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Juanita Hunter, his second wife, Mary B. Hunter, siblings, Ona, Ruby, Mary Belle, Audrey, Evelyn, Inez, John, Ward and Don and his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the

Bloomfield First Baptist Church, with Rev. Nathan Brooks officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview cemetery in Bloomfield.

Public visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the Bloomfield First Baptist Church. Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Bloomfield First Baptist Church.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

Bloomfield, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bloomfield First Baptist Church  
500 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

## Service

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I have made a donation to the Diabetes Association in your Fathers name. I know you have wonderful memories that will help you and your family at this time

Alice Waggoner - July 27, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Norris - July 26, 2019 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ So sorry that we cant attend the service. Long car trips are too hard these days but wish we could be there!! Theresa we sure miss seeing you in FL & the hospitality you always extended to us. Haven't been able to come for a couple of years and sure miss it. Uncle Dave was a great & fun man!-- always enjoyed so much visiting him!  
Max & Luana Brougher



Max E Brougher - July 26, 2019 at 10:04 AM

GH

“ *I send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dave. Dave was so much a part of the people of Bloomfield and surrounding communities with his development of Hunter's Drive Inn. A legacy that will endure for many years. Rest in peace and may God Bless.*

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**Gene Haskett** - July 26, 2019 at 09:15 AM

“ To the Dave Hunter Family,

*I am sorry but I will not be able to attend the funeral.*

*I was only four years old when we moved across the street from Dave on North Seminary Street. As a child Dave took me with him when he ran errands. Growing up Dave was always there, sometimes in the background, but there.*

*He was the last person left of all of those that lived on Seminary Street when we moved there.*

*Christmas and special events through the years, Dave was again in the background. I was in their house so many times growing up. Dave and Mary were like parents to me. I can still see him and Mary when they attended my wedding.*

*One time my father was talking about a person not too smart and said "He is about as smart as my dog Frisky." Dave immediately shot back with his wonderful wit "Why belittle Frisky??!!!"*

*In reading the comments of others, you can see how he touched and enriched so many lives and really made a difference. I feel I have lost a very important link to a cherished past. It is hard to write when there is a sea of tears.*

*The last time I saw him, I hugged him and told him I loved him. Learn from this, give your flowers to them while they are alive. He truly was loved by so many. He lived respected and died regretted. I count myself lucky to have known him.*

*Love never, never, never dies. It transcends the grave.*

*Thank you all for being a part of my life and may God be with all of you now and in the days to come. Let the memories be happy ones.*

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**Roger Axe** - July 25, 2019 at 10:57 PM

LS

*What a beautiful post Roger. Thank you so much for sharing your precious memories.*

**Lisa Byers Stieglitz** - July 29, 2019 at 11:18 AM

KA

“ *Chris, so sorry for your loss. Always liked your Dad so much. Comfort to you...many hugs.*

*Kay Wright Kaiser*

**Kate** - July 25, 2019 at 08:43 PM

SS

“ *My sincerest condolences on your loss. May our mighty Lord comfort this family during this time and always. Sue Starkweather*

**Sue Starkweather** - July 25, 2019 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ *The Hentrup Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of David F. Hunter.*



**The Hentrup Family** - July 25, 2019 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ Jeff Brougher purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of David F. Hunter.



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**Jeff Brougher** - July 25, 2019 at 11:52 AM

LS

“ Lisa Byers Stieglitz lit a candle in memory of David F. Hunter



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**Lisa Byers Stieglitz** - July 25, 2019 at 07:03 AM

LS

“ Uncle David was a beloved member of our family. He was loving, compassionate, kind, very intelligent, had a sharp wit and keen sense of humor. He could make me laugh until tears flowed down my face. I am thankful that the last time I saw him I had the opportunity to tell him how much I loved him. My late grandfather, Don, told me many great stories of himself and Uncle David as boys, having fun, pulling pranks, and running around Calvertsville. I will never forget those stories and love picturing them young, carefree and happy. Uncle David touched countless lives and employed many teenagers at Hunter’s who fondly remember their first jobs. He was a great man who made a huge impression on my life. I loved his hilarious stories including one of the best about how he ran away and joined the circus and was a monkey handler. He hated those monkeys and said they hated him, tormenting him until he begged to change to training the circus dogs. Once when I had a wig salon in Bloomington, I attended a Black Culture Festival in Karst Park where I was a vendor. Uncle David and Lydia stopped by my booth and told me they would man it so I could take a break and get something to eat. When I returned to my booth there was Uncle David sporting a huge Afro wig selling my merchandise like a pro! I laughed like crazy at the sight of him in that wig and he said “Hey, I had to get their attention and it worked!” I loved him like crazy and will never forget him and his ability to recognize my strengths (and everyone else’s) and encourage me and make me feel loved. May his beautiful soul rest in peace and I am looking forward to seeing him again in heaven. I am remembering Lydia, his children and grandchildren in my prayers. Uncle David beamed as he spoke of his children and grandchildren. They made him so happy and he was proud of each one of them. God bless them and all who are suffering the loss of Uncle David. He was truly one of a kind. 💕

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Lisa Byers Stieglitz - July 25, 2019 at 06:59 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of David F. Hunter.*



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July 25, 2019 at 01:19 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Dave Hunter*



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**Hunter Royal** - July 25, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ *Marilyn Jill Hannah Andrew Hunter Sandy Danielle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David F. Hunter.*



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**Marilyn Jill Hannah Andrew Hunter Sandy Danielle** - July 24, 2019 at 11:58 PM

NB

“ Dave sat close or by me at Church throughout time. When he turned 92, he told me he felt like the Titanic that he was sinking little all the time. I replied that I didn't think he would sink for several years. Then as time passed he was still driving to church and mowing his lawn. I thought, oh my that back yard was little too sloped for him to be mowing. I really enjoyed our chats prior to church service on Sundays. He would tell me about his children and just beam.

*My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. He was such a good person and lived a good life. I really hate it that his Titanic finally sunk. I will miss him!*

*Nancy Stone Brinson*

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**Nancy Brinson** - July 24, 2019 at 09:12 PM

WW

“ Dave Hunter was a mentor and a friend. I give him partial credit for anything positive I have accomplished in life. My thoughts and prayers are with his children, some my friends, and his grandchildren who are blessed to have gotten to know him.

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**Wendell Walls** - July 24, 2019 at 09:00 PM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. It doesn't matter how old your Dad is....you are never ready. Big hugs!

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**karen Sharr** - July 24, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *David F. Hunter*.



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July 24, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dave Hunter*



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**Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc.** - July 24, 2019 at 03:27 PM