



Melvin Emory Lee Hunter

April 20, 1940 - May 17, 2016

For Melvin Hunter, being an EMT meant dedication, loyalty, respect, suffering, pride, and enjoyment. Dedicated to providing a much needed service, loyalty to his patients, respect for those with whom he worked, suffering with those for whom he cared, pride in his professionalism and great enjoyment out of a job he loved. For all of his adult life, he had dedicated his career to helping those in distress. That chapter in Melvin's life came to an end on the evening of May 17, 2016 when illness finally waged a war he could not win. While Melvin's earthly life may have ended, his influence will go on for generations in the many lives he touched as he trained young professionals in the career for which he had such a passion. At the young age of 16 he began working at McKoon Funeral Home back in the days when the funeral home ran an ambulance service. He later worked for the Sheriff's Department with Lamar Potts. From 1967- 1971 he operated a private ambulance service called American Ambulance in Hapeville and College Park. In 1971 he knew it was time to come back home to Newnan and provide that service for his community. From 1977 until 1991 Coweta County operated its own ambulance service through Coweta General Hospital. The county made the decision to have a private enterprise provide the service and thus became Vital Care – Melvin's own creation. Those white green and yellow ambulances became a constant presence in the community for many years. One always knew that help was on the way and there would be a compassionate team onboard to handle any emergency. In 1993 Melvin was named EMS Director of the Year.

Melvin was born April 20, 1940 to the late Reese Lee Hunter and Willie Ora Plant. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson Luke Holloway. Melvin is survived by his wife and co-worker of 34 years Renee Moore Hunter. His children are Cathy Hunter, Lisha (Danny) Justiss, Chris Hunter, Dawn (Angie) Hunter, Melanie (Brad) Brimlow. His grandchildren are Jennifer (David) Humphries, Joey (Lindsay) Justiss, Cameron Hunter, Katelyn Hunter, Hunter Holloway, Landon Holloway, Carson Holloway, Graham Brimlow, D. J. Harris. Melvin's great grandchildren are Kloie Humphries, Dalten Humphries, Walker Justiss, Emma Rylee Justiss. Also surviving is his mother-in-law Sandra Horton, a special brother-in-law William (Jeanie) Moore, Sisters-in-law Carol Williamson-Jackson and Patti Ferguson. There is a large family of nieces and nephews. The extraordinary life of Melvin Hunter will be remembered on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM in a service at Mills Chapel Baptist Church that will be led by Pastor Jeff Smith, Pastor Kevin Couch and Sheriff Mike Yeager. Visitation with the family will be at McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street on Thursday evening between 5:00 Pm and 8:00 PM. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mills Chapel Baptist Church
85 Country Club Rd
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-7967
<http://www.millschapel.com>

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss. May God be with your family. Melvin will be missed by many.

Michael W. Aldredge - May 24, 2016 at 11:49 AM

NW

“ Mr. Hunter was a good person to the community. I appreciated all he did for us. He will be missed. Blessings to the family.

Nora Ann Wood - May 21, 2016 at 03:46 PM

ED

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Hunter family. Melvin was the kindest, most generous man I've ever worked for. The EMS profession has lost an icon but his legacy lives on.

Elizabeth Dunn - May 20, 2016 at 09:15 PM

GG

“ Sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Melvin gave me my first job right out of EMT school and I'll never forget that and his caring attitude. Melvin was one of the best employers I ever had. I am sorry that I didn't hear about his passing in time to make it to the funeral. Please know that if I had of known about it in time I would have been there for sure. My condolences to you all, Glenda Gardner Carrollton, Georgia

Glenda Gardner - May 20, 2016 at 04:40 PM

RA

“ Jennifer and Jr, We are so very sorry. Yall are in our prayers. Love,
Doug and Rachel.

Rachel - May 20, 2016 at 12:57 PM

DG

“ My husband, Ron, & I have my cousins in our thoughts and prayers. May it comfort each of them to know that others care. With our love,
Denise Whitlock Grove



Denise Whitlock Grove - May 20, 2016 at 10:24 AM

EP

“ Sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. Please know my heart is with you at this time. Although we haven't been in touch in a while, I do remember the love of our younger years. Our prayers are with each of you for comfort at this time. Elaine Bowden Powell, Lookout Mountain, GA.

Elaine Bowden Powell - May 19, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Emory Lee Hunter.



May 19, 2016 at 03:55 PM

LG

“ *Melvin was one of the best people in the world you could hope to work for. I am so sorry that I won't be able to attend the funeral but know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.* ”

Libby Griffith - May 19, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Emory Lee Hunter.* ”



May 19, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Hunter he was always so kind when there was a need for EMS services . You are all in my prayers*
Karen Hubbard ”



Karen Hubbard - May 19, 2016 at 12:28 PM

WP

“ *Whitney Williams Porter lit a candle in memory of Melvin Emory Lee Hunter* ”



Whitney Williams Porter - May 19, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ Chris Hunter and family I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad, Grandfather, Friend and faithful public servant. I know his legacy will live on through all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



Jamie Hixson - May 19, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ 112 files added to the album LifeTributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 19, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Our prayers are with all the family. We are sad to hear about Mr. Hunter.

Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - May 19, 2016 at 08:59 AM

CC

“ Working for Melvin for several years I came to know him as a very caring person who would do anything he could to help anyone he could. I know he will be missed by not only his family but by any who could call him a friend. I pray that The God of peace will be with the family. Chester Cannaday

Chester Cannaday - May 19, 2016 at 08:52 AM

CD

“ My Condolences to the entire family on your loss. Melvin may you rest in eternal peace.

Chris Decker - May 19, 2016 at 08:41 AM

MG

“ Prayers of comfort for all of you. Melvin was a great man that will be missed this side of Heaven.

Marcia Gray - May 19, 2016 at 07:57 AM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear that a great man and caring man went to heaven to be with the lord. The Hunter family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms arm each and everyone to comfort you during this time. Love you all.

paul chaknis - May 19, 2016 at 07:52 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - May 19, 2016 at 07:23 AM

LK

“ *Such a kind, sweet, gentle soul. We will miss him. Much love to the entire Hunter family.*

Lisa King - May 19, 2016 at 06:51 AM

VS

“ *Vedonna S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Melvin Emory Lee Hunter.*



Vedonna S. - May 19, 2016 at 04:30 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear the sad news, Hoping that the arms of peace and comfort are gently wrapped around you in the coming days. Each of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*
Kathy Barnett

Kathy Barnett - May 18, 2016 at 10:03 PM