



## Vernon "Mutt" Hunter

May 12, 1929 - May 19, 2017

Sidney Vernon "Mutt" Hunter, age 88, passed away Friday, May 19, 2017 at his home in Senoia, GA surrounded by his family. He was born May 12, 1929 in Turin to the late Sidney Richard Hunter and Nancy Young Hunter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years Sue Gantt Hunter and siblings Joseph Young Hunter, Mary Ellen Spearman, J.T Hunter and John Hunter.

Mutt was a mainstay in Coweta County and his fingerprints can be found on much of the progress of it. He proudly served Coweta County in several capacities for over 38 years. Mutt began his career with Coweta County as a correctional officer and retired after serving 26 years as the County Administrator. After retirement, he served as a County Commissioner for three terms and was the Commission Chairman several times.

The funeral service is Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM at White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian church with Dr. Tom Shoger and Rev. Winston Skinner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The visitation is Saturday evening from 5 PM until 8 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions can be made to White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 2796 Gordon Rd, Senoia, GA 30276.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include daughters, Pam Bedenbaugh and her husband Richard, Cindi Hunter; grandchildren, Sid and his wife Melissa Bedenbaugh, Rick Bedenbaugh; great-grandchildren, Hunter Cannon Bedenbaugh, Sydney Taylor Bedenbaugh, and Anderson Gantt Bedenbaugh; sister, Betty Rogers; numerous nieces and nephews.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 21.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Cindy, I am very sorry to learn about the passing of you father. My heart and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Angela Rogers*

*(Serenity Suites Salon)*

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**Angela Rogers** - June 12, 2017 at 08:28 AM

AR

“ *Mr. Hunter will be Greatly missed by his Charter Bank Family! Especially Angela! He always greeted us with a big warm smile & encouraging words!!!*

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**Angela Reid-Hudson** - May 25, 2017 at 02:33 PM

“ As Administrative Assistant (Secretary) at The Hunter Complex, I am very proud to have gotten to know Mr. Mutt and Miss Sue and some other members of his family including his grandsons - Sid and Rick. When i interviewed for my job to be "Sectetary / Receptionist" at The Hunter Complex, Mr. Mutt was asked by my boss Carl McKnight, if he knew me and Mr. Mutt didn't recall knowing who I was. I also must mention a lovely lady and friend, Miss Annette Perkins, that encouraged my employment with the Recreation Dept. when i had my interview. My husband n i new who Mr. Mutt was, and he was our commissioner. As I learned later, it was a "plus" that Mr. Mutt didn't recall who I was, as it was mostly those that had become a bit of an "aggravation" that stuck in his mind. Mr. Mutt and I got to know one another better after I became an employee, and I feel so very fortunate to have had that opportunity. Once he helped my family with a situation concerning our Road name that happened to get misspelled once one of the road signs disappeared. I called my boss, Carl McKnight and told him about the situation and explained how it was important to our family because the road was named after my husband's father and the road name was misspelled when the sign was replaced. Carl immediately called Mr. Mutt and Mr. Mutt immediately contacted whomever necessary and almost immediately our family road name was corrected and has remained correct. We were very appreciative to get this corrected and I acknowledged it, although it may have not seemed important to others, Carl and Mr. Mutt realized it was to us and we were grateful. I always enjoyed visits with Mr. Mutt as time went on and we got to know each other better. I know he missed Miss Sue desperately, and although I will certainly miss Mr. Mutt, I'm comforted, as i hope his family is, to know he's in a better place and with Miss Sue and other loved ones now. It is my hope that I had a small part in making Mr. Mutt proud of The Hunter Complex, which has certainly served many youth and adults over the years, and hopefully will for years to come.



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Juanita Linch - May 23, 2017 at 12:51 AM

“ I just want to say that I have known Mr. Hunter since the late 1960's when I played sports at East Coweta. His daughter Pam was active in cheerleading. Mr. Hunter and Ms. Sue were always there at the old high school at every event (the middle school) I have always called him Mr. Hunter just because of the respect that I have for him. Later on, Mr. Hunter started doing business with me, my dad, and my granddaddy buying supplies from our fertilizer company. One day, he said "son you come from a respectful family, you don't have to call me Mr. Hunter all the time, you can call me Mutt. So from that point on, I called him Mr. Mutt. Mr. Mutt had a running joke about new vehicles. He used to drive a 1956 International. Whenever he would come down to our business, the truck didn't seem to be that old back then. It was always a running joke between he and my dad about his old truck. Somewhere in between tearing down the old county jail, I think he might have gotten a raise according to Paul McKnight Jr. He said I believe mutt got a new truck. I believed my dad, but I wanted to see it for myself, so I drove to Turin and rode over to his place and saw it for myself. There it was. A brand new truck!!!

I got close to Mr. Mutt in late 80's when he supported me to become the Recreation Director. I will never forget that opportunity. I remember the first year I had Ms. Annette Perkins as my secretary. We were fixing out the budget in 1993. After running a business, we looked for profit. I was so scared that we didn't have a profit that year. So Mr. Hunter at the time wanted all the Department Heads to come down to the county building. He wanted to review them and present the budget to him. I remember going in front in him that night. I was as nervous as a long tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs. When I got in front of him, I was explaining our budget. We didn't make a profit that year. There was a good bit of offset. 20% short to be precise. He had a few questions at the time. He looked at Mr. Gay and Mr. Powell. I had squirmed about eight to ten minutes, and was all red faced. He said look at me "son, you are in here to serve the citizens of this county, not to make a profit".

Then later on, the ice kinda broke. He was a real big supporter of East Coweta football, and we were on a roll. He would get on the bus and ride with us eating chicken wings and watching football games. I got to calling him "stepdaddy", that's what he felt like to me. I know he is in a better place, but I am going to miss him. He not only loved this county and the employees, but he especially loved the east side of the County. One of his favorite sayings was "the sun always rises in the East". Rest in peace Stepdaddy.

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Carl McKnight - May 22, 2017 at 02:53 PM

FF

“ My prayers are with Mr. Mutt's family. Coweta County lost a great one. I am sorry I did not know about this in time to attend the service for Mr. Hunter. I always loved that Mr. Hunter would speak out for what he believed was right. He helped me win my first Board of Education race in 2004 and I appreciated his support so much then and still today. Again, my prayers are with all of you during this time of loss.

Sincerely,  
Frank M. Farmer

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**FRANK M. FARMER** - May 22, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MA

“ I knew Mutt for along time, his name was one of the first I heard when I ask who you went to for help. I remember when I was the Chief in Senoia and a Strong Storm came across the city blowing down trees and blocking roads, I called Mr Hunter and he told not to worry he would send me help. It was not long I had two county trucks and several people with chain saws helping me clear the roads. The county has loss a good man and a friend to the county. Thank you for your years of service and your friendship. May God be with your family in this time of need.

Michael W. Aldredge.

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**Mike Aldredge** - May 22, 2017 at 07:33 AM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Mr. Hunter's passing. He led a long and fruitful life.



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - May 21, 2017 at 06:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernon "Mutt" Hunter.



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May 20, 2017 at 11:34 AM

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

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - May 20, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *47 files added to the album LifeTributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 20, 2017 at 09:34 AM

SY

“ *I to am proud to say Mr. Mutt was a friend. He cared so much for this county and its employees. Whether you agreed or disagreed he remained your friend and when it was all said and done you could sit down and have coffee, a meal or whatever and still be friends. I really enjoyed the times going in front of the board when he served, we could go at each other and just when you thought you had him he would crack that grin and make the motion to support you. I have missed him the last few years at the Moreland barbecue stirring that stew pot and talking of things in the past. My prayers to Cindy, Pam and the family but know he is with his Lord and his beloved Mrs. Sue. I will end with a phrase I heard him say to people many times, I wish you Godspeed my friend. Sheriff Mike Yeager and family*

Sheriff Mike Yeager - May 20, 2017 at 07:47 AM

TC

“ Me. Hunter hired me to work in the Building Deoatment back in 1986. He was a very strong minded man and knew what it took to run Coweta County. He really loved Coweta County and tried to make the best decisions for the county, which in my opinion he did! I really love Mr. Hunter and he will always be a big part of my life and who I am today! The last time I saw Mr Hunter was at a county Christmas party in 2015. He was sitting with Comissioner McGuffey and I went to talk to him. I asked him if he remembered me and he told me "Tina I might be old but I have not lost my mine". I believe he truly loved "his employees " and made sure he was there for us! Thank you God for letting Mr Hunter be a big influence in my life! I will miss you! To the family - be as proud as he taught you to be - I know I will!

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**Tina Ward Chamberlain** - May 20, 2017 at 04:38 AM

RC

“ I am proud to say that Vernon "Mutt" Hunter was a friend of mine. You always knew where you stood with him and he would always give you an answer - not necessarily one that you liked but one nonetheless. His fingerprints ARE all over this county and he served it well for many years. He was a proponent of Coweta County like no other. They don't make them like him anymore and the citizens of this county are worse off for that.....

*Thinking of Pam, Cindy and all your family at this time. Remember all the times he made you smile - that's what gets you through it.*

*Thanks for the memories, Mutt,*

*Roxie Clark*

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**Roxie Clark** - May 19, 2017 at 03:34 PM