



Claude G. Hunter Jr.

August 29, 1934 - July 23, 2017

Hunter, Jr., Claude , 82, went to be with the Lord on July 23rd 2017. He was born August 29th, 1934 to Claude Hunter and Christine Copelan Hunter. He attended Princeton Elementary and Memorial Junior High. He graduated from Orlando High School in 1952, where he was a track (100, 220) and football (running back) star. Claude attended University of Florida, where he was the in the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and became a die hard and lifelong fan of the Florida Gators. Claude moved to Jacksonville to work at an insurance company. While there, he met the beautiful Gloria Griffis from Birmingham, Alabama. During their courtship, Claude served in the Army before moving back to Orlando and marrying Gloria on July 13th, 1958 at First Baptist Church. Claude opened his own business, Hunter Insurance Agency, which he ran until he retired. Claude was active in the community and was a member of the So. Orlando Kiwanis Club, Orlando Remembered, Regional History Center, Orlando Old Timers, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Miss Florida Pageant Board, Citizens Police Program, and the Downtown YMCA Board. Claude was a member of the Downtown YMCA for approximately fifty years, where he was a founder of the YMCA Handball Tournament (later named Claude Hunter Handball Tournament) and became an award-winning handball player, known for "Best Serve." Even after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, he continued to participate in tournaments until he was approx 79. Claude was a true friend to all he met. He loved adventure. He was a lifelong member of Downtown Baptist Church and First Baptist Church.

Claude is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Gloria Griffis Hunter, his daughter Kimberly Chris Hunter, his son Michael Claude Hunter, his two grandchildren Amy and Michael Alliman, his brother Fred Copelan (Ann) Hunter, nieces, nephews, and cousins. There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, August 6th, 2017, at 3pm at Downtown Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations be made to the Downtown YMCA Scholarship Fund and Downtown Baptist Church..

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Downtown Baptist Church
120 East Pine Street
Orlando, FL 32801

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Gloria,

I knew Claude from the Downtown YMCA. For decades we saw each other, greeted, discussed business opportunities and enjoyed each other's company. Even when he got sick and his mobility became a challenge, he never stopped saying hello and acting as if he was just fine.

Claude was everyone's friend and there are few people who can say that.

I will miss him.

Rick Sickles

Rick Sickles - July 31, 2017 at 06:28 PM

NH

“ Dear Gloria, We are John and Nancy Hunter from Orl. We have never met Claude but I have heard wonderful things about him from Mrs. Chamberlin who worked with Claude. I work at Publix and when I worked in the photo lab I developed her photos of the cabin. My husband and I have been going to the cabin since 1996 through Fred once a year or everyother year. We write in the book each time and have read wonderful things from your family and friends. Dating back a bit, John's father, Jack Hunter worked with Fred at Martins. Jack and Carolyn rented the cabin in the late 60's and early 70's. Then John's first wife and children went there in the 70 and 80's. Two years ago we took my daughter and her husband for their first time and this year in April, they went on their own. We Thank the Hunter family for sharing such a peaceful, relaxing, cozy place to vacation. May peace be with you and your family. Love, John and Nancy Hunter



Nancy hunter - July 30, 2017 at 03:53 PM

CM

“ Dear Gloria -
Claude was true gentleman, businessman and loving husband. An impressive Jaycee leader who showed the way to many of us with his community service, humor and humility, all in God's name. I am a better man for having known him. We will miss him but rejoice that he has entered into eternal joy with these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May God bless you and your family,
Chuck & Gail Mclaughlin

Chuck Mclaughlin - July 30, 2017 at 11:52 AM

HC

“Gloria our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your loss. We ill miss Claude at the gatherings. May your good memories sustain you in the days to come
All our love
Herb & Delorse



Herb & Delorse Cohen - July 30, 2017 at 11:20 AM

LJ

Gloria, my thoughts and prayers are with you. It is hard to loose a husband. We go back a long ways and even though I haven't seen you for some time, you were always in my heart. Claude was a fine person and one who was admired by many. God Bless you and your family.

Lottie Junkins - July 31, 2017 at 08:21 AM



If anyone sees this please call 321-278-3085 concerning the cabin. Chris Stua Alex neighbor.

Chris Stua - January 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM