



John W. Hunter

January 11, 1956 - May 12, 2014

John W. Hunter, age 58 years, a resident of rural Makanda, passed away Monday evening, May 12, 2014, at 10:03 PM at Southeast Missouri Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

John was born January 11, 1956 in Marion, Illinois. He was the son of Watson Hunter, Jr. & Hazel Mae (Lollis) Hunter.

John was united in marriage to Delores J. Lucher in 1973 by Judge Robert B. Porter in Vienna, Illinois. She survives.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by: his mother – Hazel M. Hunter of Vienna; his children – Angela Hunter of McClure, Steven Hunter of Makanda, and Christina Hunter of Vienna; 3 grandchildren – Nathan Honey, Emilyn Hunter, & Louis Van Muylder; 2 brothers – Joe Hunter and Jim Hunter both of Vienna; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

John was the owner and operator of J.W. Hunter Logging Company. He was a “jack-of-all trades” and was good at everything he did. John lived to be in the outdoors. In addition to his logging business, he also farmed, enjoyed doing mechanic work and operating heavy equipment.

John was devoted to his family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning, May 15, 2014, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, near Makanda.

Visitation will be from 6 PM – 8 PM Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or to the Southeast Missouri Regional Cancer Center, 789 S. Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hebron Cemetery

Mt. Hebron Road
Makanda, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Hunter*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Its been almost a year I have never missed someone so much.*

Shawn Lesley - February 02, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *We were very sorry to hear about John passing away. Tim was very fond of him and thought alot of him. We were very sorry to miss the visitation. It was over before we knew it. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Tim and Crystal West

crystal west - May 19, 2014 at 09:34 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to all the family. You will all be in our prayers.*
Dave & Lynn Dibble

David & Lynn Dibble - May 16, 2014 at 02:02 PM



DS

“ *Debbie (Gillespie) Sikorski lit a candle in memory of John W. Hunter*



Debbie (Gillespie) Sikorski - May 16, 2014 at 10:45 AM

DS

So sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories growing up with him and the family. My prayers are with you all.

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Debbie (Gillespie) Sikorski - May 16, 2014 at 10:50 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for the loss to the Hunter family and all of John’s friends.



John was like a big brother to me when we were kids. We rode bicycles, mini-bikes, and tractors all over the Hell’s neck area South of Vienna. We occasionally made mischief with matches, cattails, ropes, and car windshields. As we got a little older we still did all those things, but we had a 2 boy hay hauling crew for our neighborhood farmers. John was a tough guy – fearless, strong, and committed. The job was not over until all the hay was in the barn regardless of how heavy the bales and how hot, tired, dusty, and thirsty the situation was. From an early age, John was competent at anything he did and was extremely confident in his decisions. John was a man of extraordinary character.

Jerry Hawkins - May 15, 2014 at 09:45 AM

J(

yes he was. I remember you, me, and John under Wildcat bluff starting a campfire with gasoline and a match. Flying down Hawkins Hill so fast our bikes would feel like they were shaking apart. We wrestled, boxed, and raided my neighbors apple tree. I was very sorry to hear about John. and posted this as soon as I heard

James L Thomas (Buddy) - May 23, 2014 at 11:28 AM

MG

“ We are very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. We purchased land from John near Johnston City several years ago and John was a great guy to meet. He will be missed by all.

Mike and Karyn Gollither
Johnston City, Il

Mike Gollither - May 14, 2014 at 09:52 PM

JR

“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of John W. Hunter



James & Diane Rainbolt - May 14, 2014 at 01:08 PM

MM

“ Hoping that John and all the family find peace during this time.
Marty & Deb McMorrow

Martin McMorrow - May 14, 2014 at 12:51 PM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Annie & Jim Barborinas

Ann Barborinas - May 14, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ We are praying for your loss and for your family during this time. John was a great guy and will never be forgotten in our family. He was a true friend to my dad and always brought joy to those around him. I no he was always sincere and cared for everyone he met and most of all his family. Let us know if there is anything we can do or if your family needs anything during this time. Again, so sorry for your loss. God bless you all and bring peace to your family.

love,
The McBrides

Laura Mack Hicks - May 14, 2014 at 10:54 AM

AM

“ 7 files added to the album John Hunter Family



Amy - May 14, 2014 at 10:12 AM

ML

“ Thinking of you all during this time. Hope you all find Peace soon.

Molly Lundy - May 14, 2014 at 09:41 AM

DH

“ Doug And Josie Herring lit a candle in memory of John W. Hunter



Doug and Josie Herring - May 13, 2014 at 08:49 PM

RH

“ John was one of the Best men I have ever known. The word Friend is not a word I use lightly. John was my Friend. He was allways good to everyone he met. When I was laid up after a wreck John spread a load of Gravel on my driveway for me at no charge of coarse. Just How he was. I am there for your Family John. See you on the other side.
Rob

Robbie Hancock - May 13, 2014 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ Jane And Charlie Baker lit a candle in memory of John W. Hunter



Jane and Charlie Baker - May 13, 2014 at 05:52 PM

JB

“ John, was the hardest worker we have known, a very good friend that would help you out in anyway he could, glad we got to spend time with you, Delores, Steven and his family the weekend before last. You sure are going to be missed, but I am glad you are not suffering anymore. Charlie and Jane Baker

Jane and Charlie Baker - May 13, 2014 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ Billy & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of John W. Hunter



Billy & Nancy Belford - May 13, 2014 at 05:24 PM