



## William H. "Bill" Hunter

January 10, 1941 - January 12, 2021

William H. "Bill" Hunter, 80, was born on January 10, 1941 in Junction City, Kansas and went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in Searcy, Arkansas. Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Jane Hunter and their children, Kim and Clint Magness of Dallas, TX; Todd and Cindy Hunter of Searcy, AR; Amy and Tracy Bowman of Rogers, AR; and John and Christy Hunter of Arlington, TN. Bill's pride and joy were his eleven grandchildren, Marideth and Julian Firman of Cabot, AR; Allyson and Brandon Dodds of Searcy, AR; Krista Magness of Dallas, TX; Megan, Kyle and Lance Bowman of Rogers, AR; and Leah Reed and Abby and Reuben Hunter of Arlington, TN. Bill also adored his three great-grandchildren, Devin and Karli Firman and Avyn Dodds. He is survived by one brother, David Hunter and his wife, Marianne of Dallas, TX and well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill came to Harding in 1959 on a music scholarship and to play football. He sang in Harding's Acapella Chorus and was on the legendary 1959 inaugural Harding football team. Bill and Mary Jane lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas for 44 years and raised their family there. Bill spent 16 years in education and worked for Weyerhaeuser for 4 years before opening his own insurance agency, Hunter Insurance Agency, which he had for 25 years before he retired in 2006. Bill loved music and led singing at church most of his life. He sang with a barber shop quartet, a praise group and at weddings and other events. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed boating, fishing and floating the Buffalo with his family. Bill was a Godly man who loved the Lord with all his heart and

served Him every day of his life. If you knew Bill, you loved him as he had a kind and giving spirit and a huge smile and warm hug for everyone he met. Special thanks from his family to caregivers. Misty Nichols and Renee Neal and to Emily Stewart and the other Hospice nurses. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paragould Children's Home in Paragould, AR at [www.childrenshomes.org](http://www.childrenshomes.org).

Visitation is Saturday from 10:00 until 11:00 am. at Powell Funeral Home.

Funeral services are Saturday at 11:00 am at Powell Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will be at Honey Hill Cemetery.

Due to the most recent COVID-19 directive, attendance is strictly limited to 100 people and face covering must be worn at all times.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Honey Hill Cemetery

Honey Hill and Country Club Rd's.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

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JAN 16 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of William H. "Bill" Hunter



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 16, 2021 at 10:12 AM

JG

*We will all miss Bill so much. He always had such a sweet smile and a hug for everyone, and he chose such a wonderful sweet Christian person to spend his life with. You both were such a great example of how Christians should live their lives. I know you and your children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren will miss him terribly. I have so many memories of visiting Grandpa and Grandma Millard on the farm and playing with all my cousins. It's hard to think of just one memory, but they were all pleasant times. Often we would come out from Wichita and go to church at the old Trenton church and later Kingman church. Then home to Grandpa and Grandma's. Grandma and Aunt Naomi, would fix a Sunday dinner fit for a king. Then we kids would run outside and play together after dinner.*

*We look forward to being with him again soon. You and your family are in our prayers. I wish we could be with you and your family today. We love you all and are praying for you and your family!!*

JANICE GEARHART - January 16, 2021 at 11:51 AM

BR

*Your loving tribute to Bill was appropriately fitting for the man he was in his walk through life for his God, family and friends. We will miss him greatly but are very thankful to have shared many happy times together. Wish we could have been with you in person this time. May God bring you His sweetest comfort in the days ahead. Your forever friends,  
Jack and Brenda Richardson*

Brenda Richardson - January 16, 2021 at 01:36 PM

VW

*Prayers for comfort during this difficult time, but there is peace knowing that Bill is in a better place and singing with the angels. Lots of memories of worshiping together in Hot Springs.*

**Virginia Wolford** - January 16, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William H. "Bill" Hunter*



**Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 15, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *I loved his smile and wonderful sense of humor. He often reminded me of my grandfather, Mark Millard and my uncle Gene Millard. I enjoyed singing with him as he would often get everyone to join in a sing-a-long at family reunions. I will miss him greatly as he was a fine man and was one of a great generation.*

**Sonya Shepherd** - January 16, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Mary Jane, Charles and I cherish the wonderful times that we shared with you and Bill and your family. Although we cannot be with you in person today, we want you to know that our hearts and our love are with you. Although we are all sad to lose Bill, we can find peace in knowing that he is happy. We love you and your family.*

**Paulette Berger** - January 16, 2021 at 12:01 PM

SF

“ Sam and Cindy Firman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William H. "Bill" Hunter.



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Sam and Cindy Firman - January 15, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Hunter.



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January 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

HD

“ Mary Jane, we were fortunate to meet you all a few years ago. It was a business arrangement (Ida and Half Mile Alley) and we learned much from you two. Your generosity of experience is still helping us. You and Bill presented such a wonderfully united, loving couple. I know you will miss him greatly, but at least you have the comfort of your family to share your memories and help you into the future.

*Best regards,  
Hilarie and Tony Dziaott  
Hot Springs*

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HILARIE Dziaott - January 15, 2021 at 10:41 AM

NI

“ our Hearts are sad in this time of loss ..He will be missed....RIP Bill  
We will see you again someday...

nita - January 14, 2021 at 08:01 PM

 Diane  
Hilburn

“ Mary Jane, Todd & Cindy, Amy & Tracy, and all of Bill's Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Bill. Take comfort in knowing he is at  
peace now after a life well lived. I will miss seeing him at church  
with his great smile and wonderful hugs. You are all in my thoughts  
and prayers.

Diane Hilburn - January 14, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GB

Mary Jane we go back a long ways. We went to Richard Street Church  
of Christ in 81 to 83. My son Kevin Barley were best friend with Todd.  
Just wanted you know we are thinking of you and in our prayers.  
Glenda Barley, Drasco Ark. Tell Todd hi for us. Prayers for all the  
family. Clinton grew up with my boys Kevin and Keith in SE Arkansas

Glenda Barley - January 15, 2021 at 02:24 PM

KP

“ Kimberly (KIm) Parizek purchased the Lavender  
Reflections Spray for the family of William H.  
"Bill" Hunter.



Kimberly (KIm) Parizek - January 14, 2021 at 04:58 PM