



Herman Terry Hunt

September 28, 1936 - January 26, 2021

Herman Terry (Running Deer) Hunt of Sunset Beach, NC and Centreville, MD passed away on January 26, 2021 at his daughter's home in Centreville, MD after a 1-year battle with Lung Cancer. He was 84.

Born on September 28, 1936 in Lumberton, NC, he was the son of the late Robert Arley Hunt and Myrtle Chavis Hunt. Myrtle later remarried Jordan Maynor who was always referred to as Granddaddy. He played a great part in raising Herman. All parents were Lumbee Indian from Robeson County, NC. Herman was Lumbee Indian and took pride in his heritage. He attended Pow-Wow's regularly, participated in tribal programs, and served on the Board of Directors at the American Indian Center in Baltimore City Maryland. Herman was such an advocate for the Lumbee Tribe he even participated in fighting off the KKK at the Battle of Hayes Pond in 1958.

Herman received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a minor in Social Studies from UNC Pembroke and obtained a Master's Degree in Environmental Science at Tuskegee University. Herman also spent some time working on a Doctorate at American University where the research thesis was the effect carcinogens had on farmers. Herman was a skilled carpenter, but always felt it was his calling to educate others. For 41 years Herman molded the minds of generations. Herman began his teaching at Piney Grove at Lumberton, NC and retired his career at Dundalk Senior High School in Baltimore County. It was not uncommon for Herman to be referred to as "the coolest teacher" by students and educators.

Herman had a thirst for life. Often participating in anything outdoors. Some of the activities included canoeing, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and tennis. Herman played tennis 3x a week until he was 83 years old. He always had a fishing pole nearby just in case he stumbled on a pond that was calling his name, always catching, and releasing.

The greatest hobby Herman had was family. He adored his grandchildren, his children, but most importantly the love of his life; Janice Ann Hunt. If it were not for his wife, he would have never found his car keys and his pants would have been on backwards his entire life.

Herman met Janice in 1953. Janice's father (John Jennings) and Eli Chavis Jr (Uncle Deuce) introduced the two. The two of them ended up getting married in 1960 in Ellicott City, MD. They were the truest definition of soul mates. They made up for each other's flaws and grew more in love as every day passed. Their 61-year anniversary would have been 01/30/2021. Janice whispered to Herman on 01/26/2021 that their anniversary was today. He had held on for his soul mate and took his final breath.

Herman was a man of faith and gave his life to Jesus when he was a teenager. He lived his life for others, always putting their needs ahead of his own. Whether it was picking up a hitch hiker or giving someone money. He could and would, talk to anyone he encountered. So much so, the family had to think twice about bringing him to grocery stores. Grabbing a loaf of bread would turn into an hour conversation with strangers.

In the end, Herman was constantly surrounded by his grandchildren, children, brothers, family, friends, and his bride. He spoke about what a good life he had and how he had no regrets. Only worrying if his wife and family would be okay. The family, reassuring him they would be, Herman was at peace.

Herman is survived by his wife Janice Jennings Hunt of Sunset Beach, NC; sons Tony Hunt (Kathy Scott); Duane Hunt; daughter Tao Keller; grandchildren; Chelsea; Colby (Alex); Chase; Canyon; Chloe; Seth; adopted family; Spencer Coogle; Joey Steele; Brooke Mcgrath; great grandchild Jaxx; daughter in-law Beverly Hunt and brothers Craven Hunt and Glenn Maynor.

He was predeceased by two brothers Woodrow Maynor and Leon Maynor. A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 2-4 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD. A second visitation will be held on (Feb 4) at (1-2p.m.) at Revels Funeral Home in Lumberton, NC. A burial in Burnt Swamp Cemetery will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
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info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Janice, I want you to know how much I've thought about you and Herman all these years. This evening I was reading a Sierra magazine.

I found an article. It talks about a book written by Ryan E. Emanuel ON THE SWAMP, Fighting for Indigenous Environmental Justice. (I plan to read his book) It says Emanuel is a member of the Lumbee Tribe. Perhaps Herman knew him. I remembered that Herman belonged to the Lumbee Tribe. I went to Google in hopes of finding where Herman lives and getting in touch. I am so sorry and sad that Herman passed in 2021 I would have loved to talk to him again. His obit describes the man I knew!! He was a wonderful man and I remember he was always “teaching” Herman really was considered the coolest teacher at Dundalk.

I was Sam Dixon's wife (Evelyn). You visited Sam and I in Williamsport, MD. I'm not sure of the year, but probably in the mid 1980's. You brought a beautiful Noah's Ark for my daughter Marcie, she was 4 or 5!!

Sam and Herman taught together at Dundalk. I respected Herman and really considered him a friend.

Herman came up to Williamsport a few years later and set up camp on our property and spent the night. I realize now I never went down to his encampment. What a loss for me. Herman showed and taught Marcie, who was in middle school, many wonderful things about wildlife and nature!! I remember he showed her owl scat and showed her what the owl had eaten. She was amazed and so happy that “ Mr Herman” spent a few hours talking with her.

I wish Herman would have known that Marcie became a wildlife biologist and works for US Fish and Wildlife as a manager. She worked in the Everglades, Santee National Wildlife Refuge (SC), Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge (Iowa) and now Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge in VA.

She still talks about Herman and how he influenced her to think about nature, wildlife, environments and respecting our lands.

I will be telling her tomorrow that I found Herman's obit and wrote to you.

Sam passed in 2015, 11 days before his 90th birthday. He had

Parkinson's.

I live in Venice Florida. If you would like to talk or get in touch with me I would love to hear from you.

My address is 530 Clubside Circle Venice FL 34293. My cell # is 352-464-1482

My email is evie3549dixon@gmail.com

Lots of hugs Janice!! I hope this note finds you well. 🤗🤗

Evelyn Dixon (a friend from Dundalk HS - October 03, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *Herman Terry Hunt*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Herman Terry Hunt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Herman Terry Hunt*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I asked Herman to speak at my father, Carl Durkee's, funeral. They became friends through their love of the outdoors and Native American rights advocacy. He was an incredibly caring man and eloquent speaker.*

Christina Bell - February 18, 2022 at 06:38 PM

EF

“ My name is Edwina Brown Flanagan. Mr. Hurt was my biology teacher at Dundalk high School. Best teacher ever we always went on trips. He loved to teach. And believed that young people should be respected he didn't take anyone of us in class for granted. His teaching was captivating, and you always wondered what he was going to do next. After I graduated from Dundalk high and went back several times to see my favorite teacher Herman “running deer”Hurt. A honorable man indeed.

edwina flanagan - February 26, 2021 at 08:59 AM

RP

“ Herman Hunt and I worked together at the old Dundalk High school, He had the best jokes and laughs, Once he and I put a pig fetus in the girls bathroom toilet with some ketchup We got the best laugh as the police pulled it out of the toilet. Him, I and Richard Erhbaker had the best times there.

Roy Plummer, Dundalk MD

Roy Plummer - February 17, 2021 at 07:30 AM

TJ

“ Rest In Peace Mr Hunt, Class of 1983. You were a wonderful teacher and mentor! You will be sorely missed!! We talk about you when we bring up fond memories from high school. I am praying for your family and their loss!

Terri Goodman Jordan - February 07, 2021 at 08:02 PM

KB

“ Rest In Peace Mr. Hunt class of 1976. Prayers for your family 🙏🙏

Karleen Bynion - February 06, 2021 at 07:08 PM

JP

“ *May you rest in eternal peace dear Mr. Hunt. You were by far one of the very best teachers I ever had! You left me with lifelong lessons and ever lasting impressions of the earth, the world, and how good humankind can be. I will remember you forever. Fly high!!*
Janet George Pierorazio DHS Class of 78 💔

Janet Pierorazio - February 06, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JH

“ *Rest In Peace, dear Mr Hunt.*
Throughout my life since graduating from DHS, I recall his kind and reaffirming voice when I'm feeling challenged and vulnerable.
In many occasions he took the class out in the field for us to learn and absorb the real, physical knowledge of chemistry that surrounds us in nature.
For me he was the first teacher, a life mentor.
I am sure that I am only one of many who had been blessed with his insight and wisdom.
Mr. Hunt saw me, a timid but interested student whose immigrant background somehow limited me to fully participate in his class.
One day, in his cool, nonchalant manner he nudged me to step outside of the shell and challenge myself. I heard his reaffirming voice “ I understand you clearly.” and assigned me to record the narration of our field trip to a nearby park for the lake water testing lesson. I don't even remember how it all went down with my performance. But I knew that it changed me a bit.
As I moved on to the next grade and eventually to college, I have not seen him. But I kept this personal experience of him close to my heart all along.
My deepest sympathy to his family.
Jina Heo

Jina Heo - February 06, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ *May your wonderful spirit fly free. You were an amazing teacher and I think of you often.*

Dianna Stugen - February 06, 2021 at 12:31 PM

TS

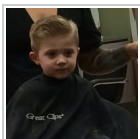
“ *RIP Running Deer! Your passion & love was immeasurable & I remember sitting in other classes just wanting to get to your class! DHS class of 1978 Wildlife Biology. Life changing!*

Tammy Carroll Sandridge - February 06, 2021 at 09:13 AM

AD

“ *Than you for being a teacher I will never forget. I still remember the hurt cardinal you found at the school and tried to save. You were a kind man and a great teacher. Dundalk High Class of 81*

Alison Dimick - February 06, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ *All time favorite teacher. Rest in peace Mr. Hunt. DHS class of 74*

Patricia Stumpf - February 06, 2021 at 05:48 AM

JF

“ *Mr. Hunt but known as Running Deer was a true treasure when it came to teaching. He made learning an adventure and a gift. Thank you for the memories. You will be greatly missed.*

Julie (Eichelberger) Ford - February 05, 2021 at 09:22 PM

JF

My maiden name was Eichelberger

Julie (Eichelberger) Ford - February 05, 2021 at 09:24 PM

JP

God's Speed Mr. Hunt. You were my favorite teacher and made learning physics fun. You taught us about life as well the historic aspects of the game of lacrosse. Running Deer, it was an honor to be your student and friend! Jim Perouty 74

Jim Perouty - February 06, 2021 at 11:00 AM

TH

“ What an amazing teacher and mentor to all his students. Mr. Hunt knew how to reach his students on a personal level and make them believe in themselves. It is amazing to read all the stories shared about him. He will always be in our hearts. Tina class of 99’

Tina Hoffman - February 05, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CS

Mr . Running deer Hunt was an inspiration to everyone at DHS. His huge heart , love of life, love for his students and exciting teaching methods were matched by none. He perfected his snow and snake dance for all to enjoy. He was an amazing man! I'll never forget him. RIP Colleen Spivey-Ireland

colleen Spivey-Ireland - February 07, 2021 at 07:23 PM

KP

“ I never knew Mr Hunt's formal name. He was “Running Deer” to those of us who had him for chemistry. Forty years later, I often think of him fondly. From the weekend camping/canoe trip to my lab partner and I always blowing something up! Truly one of a kind. May he fly with the eagles

Karen Sinnott Pizza - February 05, 2021 at 07:15 PM

FK

“ I am very saddened to see this news. What makes me feel even greater remorse is that years ago, I had tried to locate Mr. Hunt, but was later told that he had passed away. As Chemist is my profession, I wanted to let him know what a positive impact he had on my life and how blessed I was to have him as a teacher. I'm sorry I never got the chance to thank him in person. I am happy to know that he lead such a wonderful life and was blessed with a great family. He certainly deserved those blessings. I am very thankful for you, Mr. Hunt. My condolences to your family and friends.

Faroque Khan - February 05, 2021 at 06:13 PM

SE

“ I was among a group of DHS students that Mr. Hunt took on a weekend canoe trip on Deer Creek in the early 80s. Just an overnight trip, but one of the most memorable events of my life as he tried to take a moment with each one of us to instill some life skills. At the end, he presented each of us with a Hawk feather with decorated quill wrapped in colorful red and yellow string. I still have it and share the story with my kids.

Steven Erat - February 05, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CI

“ Words will never be able to express the love and friendship a lot of us from the Class of 1980 had for you Running Deer. The teaching, the making of ice cream and of course the many canoe trips on the rivers of Maryland and Virginia. You were the very best and will be greatly missed... Thanks for the many great memories and GODSPEED !!!

Clayton J Myers II - February 05, 2021 at 10:16 AM

KB

“ *REST IN HEAVEN RUNNING DEER!!! You were always a great man, teach, positive influence to all of that had you at DHS! YOU will be missed by all of us. Thank you for always being there for so many of us!*

Khherri Seidel Bilbro - February 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM

JH

“ *My all time favorite teacher...you left a mark in my heart and will forever be missed. You and your daughter, when she was a student teacher...I will never forget both of your kindness. Also how you used to ask about my grandfather all the time "how is Grandfather Bullard"? because you shared the same heritage. May you rest in peace Mr. Hunt. My condolences to your family.*

JamiLynn Huffman - February 04, 2021 at 07:19 PM

TM

“ *How sad to hear of such a great loss. Mr. Hunt was one of my favorite teachers at DHS, and he was generous enough to welcome me into his home when I befriended a foreign exchange student staying with his family. He was quick with a smile and laugh, and even quicker on the courts during his guest appearances at tennis practice. My high school days and life beyond have been better for knowing such a caring and inspiring person.*

Tonia Morssink - February 04, 2021 at 06:02 PM

CL

“ Our sincerest Condolences, Mr. Hunt was the best teacher ever, and a great person. He taught me things about school and life. We went hiking / camping with a group from school, got caught in a blizzard and someone siphoned our gas. We were stuck in the mountains during a blizzard, but Mr. Hunt, kept us safe and sound and got us out with a held held CB he had brought. I still tell that and other stories about him. I will greatly miss him

Chris leuba - February 04, 2021 at 06:00 PM

LR

I had Mr Hunt for chemistry, 1st period in 10th grade at Dundalk High School in 1974. Whenever he was late to class he would tell us it was snowing in the tunnel on his way to work. We laughed at that everytime. Mr. Hunt was a very cool teacher. We had alot of fun in his class while learning about chemistry. He also taught us alot about his heritage and told us his Indian name Running Deer. I will never forget him. I loved reading about his wonderful life on this page. My condolences to his family and friends.

Linda Kuhar Reuter - February 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM

CE

“ My condolences on your great loss of Mr. Hunt. He was a wonderful science teacher to me at Dundalk HS class if 1991. Prayers for your peace.

Christina Ewing - February 04, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JA

“ Rest in peace, Mr. Hunt! You definitely were a cool teacher and one of DHS' memorable. Condolences to your family and friends.

J. Aaron - February 04, 2021 at 03:31 PM

TL

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Hunt in the class room & on his canoe trips. He was a great teacher & a fine man. Rest in peace "Running Deer" !

Tommy Lau - February 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MW

“ Mr. Hunt was my all-time favorite teacher. I remember well his wildlife collection and the time when he let a small group of students tan a hide. I had the opportunity to meet the Hunt family on several occasions and want to express my deepest condolences. The world will miss a person like Mr. Hunt.

Sincerely
Michael Williams (DHS 78)

Michael Williams - February 02, 2021 at 06:48 AM

MC

“ "Running Deer" Hunt lived a life many would envy. He was many things, scholar, teacher, advocate, counselor, mentor, husband, hunter, outdoorsman, storyteller, historian.. and the list goes on. A man like this leaves behind many legacies, but in the end his greatest legacy is this...he loved and was loved. This my friends is perhaps the truest testament to this man's life well lived. We love you Herman Hunt, and will continue to love others as a reflection of the love you gave to all of us!

Melissa and Spencer Coogle - January 30, 2021 at 08:50 PM

MK

“ The children of Lee Otis Hunt (Marla and Kevin) are very sorry to hear of Herman’s passing. I believe our dad called him cousin Buddy. Our deepest sympathies are with Janice and all of the Hunt and Chavis families. Marla personally remembers Aunt Murt as we called her, and how she always would give big hugs and call her Sug. Herman was a great guy and especially helpful with all things Lumbee on Ancestry. He will be missed but is surely already enjoying his time in Heaven with our Savior and family! May God continue to bless your family as you mourn Herman’s loss.

Marla Hunt Kilbourne - January 30, 2021 at 01:12 PM

SK

“ My sincere condolences of the passing of Mr. Hunt. He was my science teacher at Dundalk High in 1972. He was a remarkable kind and patience human being. I will never forget that he challenged a few guys on the track team to a race. Needless to say Mr Hunt beat them by a long shot. Please know he was loved by students and faculty at DHS. Suzanne Hnatnick Kirby, Tucson, Az

Suzanne Kirby - January 29, 2021 at 01:18 PM

BT

Very sorry to read of Herman’ passing today, Beverly and i send our condolences to Janice and family members. Billy Thompson

billy thompson - January 30, 2021 at 12:25 PM

DM

Sending my Condolences to Mr. Terry Hunt he had a huge heart ❤️ gentleman of all times he and Mr. Vernon Turner are probably teaching the little angels in heaven. I see he passed the same day my uncle passed RIP 🙏 Diane Moss-Lewis class of 1977 Baltimore Md

Diane Moss-Lewis - February 05, 2021 at 01:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Herman Terry Hunt.*



January 29, 2021 at 12:46 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Herman Terry Hunt.*



January 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Blessings to the Hunt/Chavis family. Thankful for Herman's life & knowledge.*

J. Jacobs (Hampton VA) - January 27, 2021 at 10:28 PM