



Lawrence 'Jeep' Hunter

December 15, 1925 - March 8, 2017

Lawrence G. "Jeep" Hunter, Jr., 91, died on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, surrounded by family at Duke University Hospital. Jeep was born on December 15, 1925 in Charlotte, NC, to the late Sadie Manning Hunter and Lawrence G. Hunter, Sr. He went to Harding High School in Charlotte, NC and served in the US Navy during World War II. After earning his degree from Baltimore Institute of Photography in Baltimore, MD, he spent the next 41 years as a staff photographer for The Charlotte News and The Charlotte Observer. He was twice named Southern Photographer of the Year at the Southern Short Course in News Photography. He was also elected to the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame at UNC-Chapel Hill. He has photographs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Baltimore Museum of Art in Baltimore, MD. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC. Jeep was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Margaret Hunter Shaw; and daughter, Laurie Gail Hunter. Jeep is survived by Pat, his loving wife of 64 years, their son Larry and wife, April of Durham, NC, their son, Lee and wife, Elaine of Mooresville, NC, and their daughter, Leslie Hunter Brown and husband, Speed of Mooresville, NC. He also had four granddaughters, Shawn Hunter Briscoe, Dana Hunter Rosa, Kat Hunter and Laura Hunter. He was blessed with three great grandchildren, Lawson, Alesso and Faye. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Gail Kennedy, nephew, David Kennedy and wife, Judi, niece, Beth Kennedy Wicker and husband, Tom and their children, Hunter, Kennedy, and Jack. He loved the Lord, his

wife, his children, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his church, his porch swing, the lake and his dog, Meme. YOU CAN'T ASK FOR MORE THAN THAT! A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 11 at First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, with Rev. Dr. David Rockness officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church parlor. Memorials may be sent to Holy Angels of North Carolina, 6600 Wilkinson Blvd, PO Box 710, Belmont, NC 28012. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Hunter family. Condolences may be made to the family at [ww.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence 'Jeep' Hunter*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lawrence 'Jeep' Hunter*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Lawrence 'Jeep' Hunter*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Hi Leslie. I just heard about your Father and I'm so sorry for your loss. Although I had the pleasure of meeting him just once, he was extremely kind to me. I wish I'd been given the opportunity to know him better. Call me sometime and let's "catch up" 704 706 7188. Love ya, JB*

Jeff Brown - August 19, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *I am thankful I knew Jeep and was able to experience his kindness, great sense of humor and care for others. Being friends with you, Leslie at Porter's and times spent with you and your parents are memories I will always cherish. Ted and I extend our sympathy to all of you.*

Nicole Campbell - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I had the great pleasure of knowing Jeep when he was a key part of the dream team of photographers at the Observer/News. Jeep was a photographer at a time in photography which shooters did not and could not rely on a computer to make their pictures better. No Photoshop, just an eye for the perfect moment captured on film.

jack king - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Hunter, Larry, and Family, Like so many others, I have fond memories of Mr. Hunter from my childhood and high school days. Hanging around in the neighborhood (usually looking for Larry and his cronies) always brought kind words, a cheerful wave, and a smile from Mr. Hunter! Such a kind and talented man who will be deeply missed by many. May God give you strength and comfort as only He can during this time. Karen Boger Holder

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March 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Thw world has lost a great person , He was special. May God comfort and sustain you .

Ida Lockey Helms - March 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ As a sports writer for the Charlotte News, 1959-1985, I went on numerous assignments with Jeep. Jeep knew what we wanted to photograph more than we reporters did. He was always fun to work with. I enjoyed our friendship. May God bless Pat and the family. They should be justly proud of who Jeep was and all of his accomplishments.

Bob Myers - March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry, Lee, and Leslie, I have such fond memories of your Dad out at Porter's. He was such a kind, charming, witty, warm person! I know you will miss him so much! I'll be thinking of you all today and hope to see you soon! God bless and love, Sandy Braswell Ibach

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March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I've been blessed to be Pat & Jeep's neighbor since 2011. His passing has left a hole in my heart. I will miss our weekly visits as I tried to help him maintain his household. I was lucky to be able to help him and will continue to support Pat in the future.

Richard Tabler - March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Heaven is a sweeter place today. I have so many fond memories of Mr. Hunter coming to your house as a child, and the pictures he took of me later in life. He will be missed terribly. I never knew a nicer person. Boy did he have some patiences. Hoping and praying that your wonderful memories will be a constant comfort for each of you. God bless you all.*

Grace George Stanley - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie prayers are with you and your family. God Bless at this time.*

North Carolina

March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *As a Charlotte native, I grew up viewing and enjoying the excellent work of Mr. Hunter. Thank you for a life well lived and for your many contributions in making Charlotte a wonderful place to grow up! God bless your family and friends with peace,*

Michael - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I cherish the many wonderful memories of being in the company of Jeep and Pat. Jeep had an endless supply of interesting and entertaining life experiences and stories. They welcomed everyone into their circle and treated them as family. Jeep was the epitome of the Greatest Generation, a fine example of living a good life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jon Bishop - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. You can be assured that God feel your pain. You can call to God in your distress and he answered you. (Psalms 120:1) May you trust in God at all times and pour out your heart before him. He will hear your cry for help and give you comfort. Your family and friends have my deepest condolences.

March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Pat and family, Carl & Margaret Rooks and our family are very sorry for your loss of Jeep. Great Starclaire memories with the Hunters', Rhinos', Bridgewater's'. Thoughts are with you and your family. Love and God Bless.Carla Rooks, Jacksonville FL

March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Larry and April, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. He was so well respected. What a beautiful picture and man..Love to your family ann sykes

ann mccray/sykes - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry, So sorry about your dad. He was so kind and special to all us neighborhood boy's. Prayers to you and family!!!

March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire family I'm so sorry for to hear of Jeep's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was such a great man.

March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ The ultimate gentleman, the epitome of a kind-hearted soul, and a faithful disciple of Christ . In 3 decades of knowing him never once a cross word, never once a sour disposition, never once lacking a smile and friendly word. Modeling one's life after Jeep; how could one go wrong???

Gene Vaughan - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry, I just heard about your dad! he was a wonderful man! He was so good to me and the entire Rhino family! I can't believe he was 91! What a blessing!! I would have called you but didn't have a number! Please call me when u get a chance! 7708235391

Randy Rhino - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was lucky enough to work with Jeep at the Observer years ago. He was truly one of the Greatest Generation -- always optimistic and loving his work, and an outstanding photographer. I'm glad that he appears to have had a long and happy retirement. Rest in peace.

Bruce Henderson - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM