



## Pastor Benjamin Hunter

July 9, 1926 - January 10, 2020

Pastor Emeritus B. J. Hunter of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Hitchcock, Texas made his transition from earth to heaven on January 10, 2020. Our beloved patriarch was the eighth child born to Benjamin and Ola Hunter on July 9, 1926.

He served as the pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church for 45 years prior to his retirement in 2006. Pastor Hunter was the founder and former president of the Hitchcock Ministers Association, and the former 3rd Vice Moderator of Independent District Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. He was a former member of the Board of Directors for Union Carbide Federal Credit Union; a Golden Life member and former executive board member of the Mainland Branch NAACP #6201; and he served on various other religious and community boards and committees. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a retiree of Union Carbide Chemical Corp. Pastor Hunter's name, love, ministry and legacy of service have been imprinted into the hearts of people throughout this great state and beyond.

He is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, five sisters, his wife of 53 years, Florine Armstrong Hunter; two daughters: Vanessa Hunter and Bennie Hunter; and two sons, Kenneth Hunter and Benjamin Jerome Hunter.

He leaves to celebrate his legacy of love, his loving and devoted wife of 18

years, Ruby Hicks Hunter; his children: Juanita Lestrack (Edwin), Walter Hunter, Jeffrey Hunter, and Mona Smith; his children through marriage: Deborah McCary (Steve), Shelia Owens (James), Marvin Hicks (Jackie) and Melvin Hicks (Alfreda); and his 3 generations of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, in laws, goddaughters, church family, and co-laborers in Christ and friends.

Pastor William Randall, Jr. will officiate the funeral service.

Burial at The Houston National Cemetery is pending.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church  
6333 Highway 6  
Hitchcock, TX 77563

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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6333 Highway 6  
Hitchcock, TX 77563

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Benjamin Hunter*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *Joan C McBride lit a candle in memory of Pastor Benjamin Hunter*



**Joan C McBride** - January 18, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Betty Davis** - January 18, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Betty Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Benjamin Hunter*



**Betty Davis** - January 18, 2020 at 01:48 PM

GK

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Gloria KYLE** - January 17, 2020 at 04:15 AM

JM

“ *Justine Mickens lit a candle in memory of Pastor Benjamin Hunter*



**Justine Mickens** - January 17, 2020 at 02:43 AM

JM

*Before moving to VA I was feeling troubled I called you at home and you prayed for me. My prayers and condolences to the Hunter family. Forever my Pastor.*

**Justine Mickens** - January 17, 2020 at 02:47 AM

TC

*Condolences to the family from Mt. Olive Church Family, Jasper, TX.*

**Theronda Cauley** - January 17, 2020 at 10:14 PM

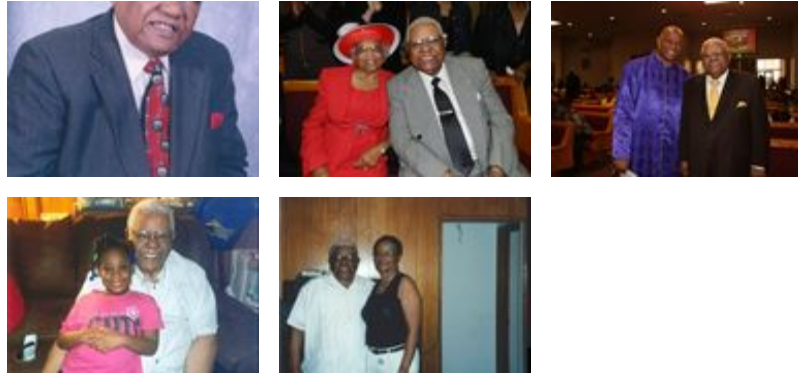
LM

*I will miss my Uncle Ben but am grateful for the time God allowed us to spend together. Prayers and thoughts for Aunt Ruby and our entire family. Much Love, Lisa Mayo*

**Lisa Mayo** - February 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ 16 files added to the album LifeTributes



McBride Funeral Home - January 16, 2020 at 06:51 PM

BD

“ To the family, it is with deep sorrow that I send this message. Wishing you all Gods Grace and Mercy to get you through this most difficult time. I am Florine's cousin who spent several summers with Ben and Florine when Walter and Kenneth were babies. Sorry, I did not have the pleasure of meeting the other children, but you all were thought of often. I remember Ben as a loving father and a hard worker. I was 12 and 13 years of age then. The last time I saw Ben he came to visit my mother in the early 60's in Los Angeles. I never had the pleasure of being in Ben's presence as a Pastor but I'm sure he was very dynamic in delivering the word. Condolence Bettye Lois(Stanfield) Dacus

Bettye Dacus - January 15, 2020 at 10:38 PM

GH

“ I misspelled assasination and wanted to add that we attended Rev. Hunters church also. Now we have a Grandson that plays music at various Black Baptist Churches as he is 50% Black. He is a light in our lives. WONDERFUL HOW THE WORLD HAS CHANGED in 51 years.

GLADYS HAAK - January 15, 2020 at 05:01 PM

GH

“ After Dr. King was asanated we decided to do something to try and stop racism. Pastor Hunter and his family came to supper at our home in Santa Fe. The first African American to ever sit down to eat with our family ever. Our extended families were horrified that we did this. Then the Hunters reciprocated and had our family to their beautiful home. His neighbors were not to happy with them. Then the Hunters came to Mass with us at Our Lady of Lourdes Hitchcock Texas. After all of that we stayed friends. Pastor Hunter came to our Winery to do a book signing on his awesome Book.NO LAMBS NO SHEEP. Wonderful memory

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**GLADYS HAAK** - January 15, 2020 at 04:55 PM

GK

“ Blessings to the Hunter Family during the transitioning of the Beloved, Pastor Benjamin Hunter, may God gives you the Strength, Grace, Love and Mercy that you need to sustain you today and always. Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

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**Gloria Sylvester KYLE** - January 15, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Thank you for being my Pastor for 45 years. Not only did you baptize me but my 3 children also. You were a blessing and a gift to us all. Teaching and preaching from the old church by the railroad track to the present one now. so many good memories. Never forgotten and always in our hearts. Joyce Payne

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**Joyce Payne** - January 15, 2020 at 12:33 PM

CA

*You sit side-by-side With My Father Ray Wylie eating lunch at Union Carbide I remember you telling me that,  
My family Loretta Wiley was a member of the church for many many years precious Lord no one can sing it like you,  
Rest  
you deserve your crown amen*

Clarice Aldridge - January 15, 2020 at 02:02 PM

GK

“ Gloria Kyle lit a candle in memory of Pastor Benjamin Hunter



Gloria Kyle - January 14, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DD

“ God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered, Come to me. 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
You are home now where you longed to be with your wife (Aunt Florine), your children, family members and friends whom I know you longed to see. You're gone from our sight but not from our hearts. 🌹🌹🌹

*Love your niece Dee*

Dee Davis - January 14, 2020 at 02:39 PM

LP

“ Lena Allen Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pastor Benjamin Hunter



Lena Allen Phillips - January 12, 2020 at 07:11 PM

GC

“ *Gwendolyn Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor Benjamin Hunter*



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**Gwendolyn Carter** - January 12, 2020 at 10:24 AM