



Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter

December 8, 1947 - February 20, 2025

Bill was born Dec. 8, 1947 in Kilgore, Texas, to Billy and Louise Hunter. After graduation from high school in Hobbs, N.M., in 1966, Bill joined the United States Navy in 1968 as a Seabee and was stationed in Mississippi, the Bahamas, Vietnam, and Alaska. During his military service he learned the importance of patriotism and developed a love for his country that he would share with others for the rest of his life.

For more than 30 years, Bill served as the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 259 in Lockney, teaching young men about the principles of Scouting, spending weeks at summer camp each year, and guiding more than a dozen scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout. In recognition of his work in scouting, he was named a Citizen of the Year in 2009 by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Lockney's American Legion, participating in countless funerals across the South Plains to make sure his fellow veterans were buried with honor. Following the death of his son, U.S. Army SSG Wesley Hunter, in 2008, he faithfully kept watch over the U.S. flag flying in front of Lockney High School, providing and raising a new one whenever it was needed.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, Bill attended Oklahoma State University School of Technical Training in Okmulgee, Okla., where he learned the electrician's trade that he used to serve his community. He was always

ready to answer a call for help, whether as a lineman for Lighthouse Electric Cooperative in Floydada, Texas—a position he held for almost 40 years—or on his free time helping those in Lockney with electrical work.

Bill met Kathryn Miller as a pen pal when he was serving in the Navy, and they were married on June 1, 1973 in Lockney. A loving husband and father, he was always so proud of his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments—never missing an opportunity to tell others about their successes. Being a great-grandfather brought him much joy in his final years.

Bill was a faithful Christian and a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. For more than 40 years he served as the church custodian, making sure the building was clean, the doors were unlocked for services, and the temperature in the auditorium was just right. He was always ready with a story, and loved to greet visitors.

Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathy; children, Mandy Hunter of Burleson, Texas, and Jeffrey Hunter of Las Cruces, N.M.; daughter-in-law, Rayanne Hunter, of Rye, Colo.; grandchildren Anna Hill and husband Mason of Joshua, Texas, Westlin Hunter of Rye, Colo., and Tavie Hunter of Rye, Colo.; great-grandsons Jude and Everett Hill; a sister, Cathy Wile and husband Jack of Seguin, Texas; and a brother, David Hunter of Hobbs, N.M. He was preceded in death by his son, Wesley Hunter.

Cemetery Details

Lockney Cemetery

Lockney, TX 79241

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Church of Christ
505 S. Main Street
Lockney, TX 79241

Fellowship Hall

Celebration of Life Services

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Wes and Iris Anderson from Kansas City Kansas remember Bill Hunter well. We also remember his children. We would like the entire family to know that we are thinking of them and praying on their behalf. May God continue to keep all of you in his care, God bless you all!

LaVance W Anderson - February 26, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.



February 25, 2025 at 11:31 AM

BM

“ I was very lucky to have had Bill's leadership and coaching impact my life. Although I didn't know it at a time when I could reflect on it and truly thank him, I know now that Bill was one of the most influential people in my life. When I think about the coaching and leadership development that he led through scouting and the effort and integrity that he instilled in us, I realize what an incredible and important gift he gave us all. We were blessed more than we knew and I will be forever grateful for Bill, his time given to so many, and his family for sharing him with us.

Brett McQuhae - February 24, 2025 at 09:07 PM

PK

“ Paul and Theresa Keener purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.



Paul and Theresa Keener - February 24, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CT

“ Cathey, Jack, Renee, Kim, Gwen and Tori purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.



Cathey, Jack, Renee, Kim, Gwen and Tori - February 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CT

“ Cathey, Jack, Renee, Kim, Gwen and Tori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.

Cathey, Jack, Renee, Kim, Gwen and Tori - February 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

LK

“ Love, Janie, Jerry, John and Jill Klein purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.



Love, Janie, Jerry, John and Jill Klein - February 22, 2025 at 05:46 PM

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“ Love, Janie, Jerry, John and Jill Klein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy "Bill" Craig Hunter.

Love, Janie, Jerry, John and Jill Klein - February 22, 2025 at 05:46 PM