

*Celebration of the Life and Legacy of*

*All "Fonnie" Hunter*

*Sunrise: November 4, 1945*

*Sunset: December 4, 2018*

Service

*Thursday, December 13, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

420 W. 145th Street • New York, NY 10031

## *The Life and Legacy of Al (Fonnie) Hunter*

Al "FONNIE" Hunter was born on November 4, 1945 in Harlem, New York to Leroy and Mattie Mae Hunter. He transitioned to be with the Lord on December 4, 2018. As he lost his valiant fight against cancer, Al was surrounded by loved ones in the comfort of his home. As one of eleven children, he was a caring and loyal brother to his siblings. Fonnie was educated in the New York City Public School system and was an especially proud graduate of Wadleigh Junior High School.

Al began his college career as the first student athlete at Hampton Institute to receive a full athletic scholarship for basketball. In 1979, he became the first person in his family to graduate from college and received his Bachelor of Arts from the City College of New York.

Passionate about mentorship, sports, and youth development, Al had an exciting career in social services. He was employed by Boys and Girls Harbor, Inc. for twenty years, where he was the proud director of the Genesis Program. In his position he helped countless young people realize their fullest potential by organizing college tours, culturally enriching field trips, and academic support for students who attended the after school and summer camp programs. He was especially proud of spearheading the "Strengthening Families" program and Annual Winter Basketball tournament. He retired in 2013 and continued to lead a meaningful life working with youth at the Bronx House.

Al was a father figure, brother, and friend to countless people. He believed in giving a helping hand to those around him and was a caring humanitarian to all who knew him.

Al married his wife and best friend, Ursula in 1996. The two were each other's biggest cheerleaders, support systems, and the proud leaders of their family unit which they affectionately referred to as "Hunter Fam 3". In his role as a family man he would be best described as a superhero who was a fierce protector of his loved ones.

To say that Al was an outstanding father to his daughter JolaunUrsal (the combined name of Ursula and Al) would be an understatement. He prided himself on attending every basketball game, dance/violin recital, school play, graduation, college move-in weekend, and anything else she participated in. He wanted nothing more than for her to lead a joyful life and spoiled her in every way possible.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie Mae and Leroy Hunter, and his four sisters, Charlene, Lorraine, Laura Mae, and Geraldine. His spirit is carried on by his wife, Ursula and daughter, Jolaun. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his siblings, Leroy Jr., Willie, Sylvia, Roberta, Ted, and Eddie; one "adopted" daughter, LáNette Pennington; six nieces, Tonya, Janine (Ray), Connie, Crystal (Sean), Amber, and Kathryn; seven nephews, Jeffrey, Malik, Rodney, Jordan, Michael (Stacey), Rashad (Edelmire), and Jared; three aunts, Eloise Lane and Marie Deshazor of Quitman, GA, and Alma Thomas of Cleveland; special cousin, Carol Patricia (Calvin); one mother-in-law, Shirley Johnson; and one brother-in-law, Ralph (Junalyn).

We were blessed to have him in our lives. Our beloved Fonnie will always remain in our hearts. He has left us a great legacy to continue in his memory and in his honor. Our hearts are rejoicing because we know he is not suffering any longer and has gone home to be with his Lord. As we celebrate the life he lived, the grief will diminish, and happier moments will prevail. Let us all recall the joy we shared together.

Submitted with Love,  
The Family

# Order of Service

*Reverend Dr. Jesse T. Williams Jr., Pastor  
Dr. Gregory Hopkins, Organist and Minister of Music*

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

HYMN ..... "Amazing Grace" Hymn 330

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. Avril Duewson

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament .....Isaiah 40:26-31

New Testament .....John 14:1-6

SELECTION..... "If I Can Help Somebody" - Mrs. Jackie Rowe-Adams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....Mr. Melvin Nelson  
Mr. Thomas Adams  
Mr. Joshua Wilder  
Rev. James B. Logan, Jr.

PROCLAMATION.....Hon. Al Taylor 71st Assembly District

OBITUARY.....Mrs. Janine A. Hunter-Roberts

SELECTION..... "I Love The Lord" - Dr. Gwendolyn Roundtree-Evans

EULOGY.....Rev. Booker T. Morgan

SELECTION..... "Ave Maria" - Dr. Gregory Hopkins, Minister of Music

FINAL VIEWING

CLOSING PRAYER .....Rev. Booker T. Morgan

RECESSIONAL..... "As" (Stevie Wonder)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

## Interment

*Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York*

# The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness  
extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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