

Celebrating the Life of
Joseph Wayne Hunter Sr.

Sunrise
October 6, 1957

Sunset
January 28, 2021

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

143 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating

Johnetta Bush, Organist

Obituary

Joseph Wayne Hunter Sr. was born October 6, 1957 to Muriel Hunter, retired school teacher of the Passaic School District and Joseph E. Hunter Jr., a retired Chemist and retired Korean War Veteran. Joseph was born in Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, NJ where he grew up with his two brothers and three sisters on Highland Ave.

Joseph was a man of faith with many names such as: “Joe”, “Killer Joe”, “Cracker Jack Joe” “The Mayor of Main Ave”, “Record City Man”, “Mr. Mom”, “Honey”, “Daddy”, but the one name he took the most pride in, was “Funny Papa”.

At a young age Joseph gravitated toward music, which would later become part of the legacy he leaves behind. In 1970 Joseph met John Dent, who worked at Silverrod Record Center on Lexington Ave in Passaic. Joseph & John developed a friendship around their passion for disco and soul music. By 1976 John purchased, what we all know as “The Original Record City Store” on 6 Lexington Avenue, Passaic.


Joseph and his younger brother Andre worked at Record City drawing customers from all over, through the sweet sounds of soul and disco music. In 1977 Joseph and his two brothers, Andre and Norman, purchased their first set of Disk Jockey equipment and starting their company called J.A.N Productions “The Sound of Tomorrow”, playing music for all occasions to include, Passaic’s very own “Doing it in the Park”.

In 1981, John, Joseph and Andre formed an everlasting “partnership” creating a business know as, Recitco Home Entertainment. It was during this time, that he became the “Record City Man” and “The Mayor of Main Ave” of Passaic. He loved his customers and they loved him back. He wasn’t your ordinary music salesman. Customers would call him at the store and place the phone near the radio; he would instantly tell them all the details and place the music aside for them. Many times, already knowing the song, Joseph would purposely have customers sing a part of the song aloud, only to laugh afterwards.

In 1984 Joseph met Janet, and through their union, came three amazing children. Outside of work, Joseph enjoyed family time, vacations & day trips; making beautiful memories along the way. He also enjoyed spinning some vinyls on his turn tables. In his music room, from time to time, he would bring his daughters and nieces downstairs and play music while, they would dance and sing the night away. Joseph loved being a father, but more importantly a Grandfather to his two beautiful granddaughters, Aniyah and Leilani.

Joseph was preceded in death, by his father, Joseph E. Hunter Jr.

Joseph Wayne Hunter Sr. is survived by his loving mother, Muriel Hunter; daughters, Jennifer and Jessica; son, Joseph Jr.; daughter-in-law, Amber; granddaughters, Aniyah and Leilani, Kirk; brothers, Andre and Norman; sisters, Patricia, Letha, Angela and Melanie; sister-in-law, Sarah, nephew, Andre Jr. Nieces, Leticia, Tyisha, Sarina, Alisha and many loving cousins, friends and neighbors.



Order of Service

Processional

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Prayer of Comfort

Obituary Reading- Leticia

“I Am Free” Poem Reading- Robin Payne

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Grace Chapel Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional – (Earth wind and Fire playing)

Last ride around Main Avenue

Interment

**Cedar Lawn Cemetery & Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey**

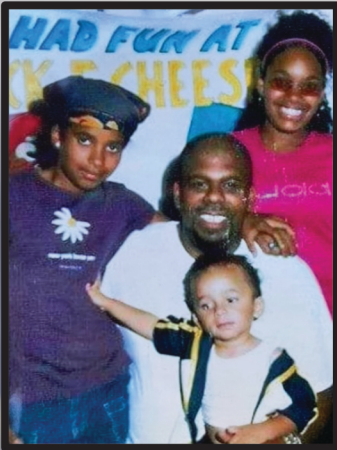
I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now
with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown



Acknowledgment

The Family acknowledged with deep appreciation every thought
and act of kindness extended towards them during this time.

May God bless you all.

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