



Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.

February 13, 1931 - August 5, 2014

Reverend John L. Gunter, Jr. age 83 of North Tazewell, Virginia died Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital in Tazewell, VA. He was born February 13, 1931 at Plantersville, MS and was the son of the late John L. Gunter, Sr., and Annie McNeese Gunter. Brother John had served as a Minister of God's Word in the Southern Baptist Church for nearly fifty-years, having received his education from Blue Mountain College and Southern Seminary. He had served Churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and retired from the Ministry after serving as Pastor of Bundy's Chapel Baptist Church in Whitten's Valley, VA. He was a member of Tazewell Baptist Church in Tazewell, VA. While serving in many areas, Mr. Gunter was active in the Lion's Club, Rotary Club and the Kiwanis'. Brother John enjoyed working in his garden and working with wood, creating many beautiful pieces of furniture for his friends and family. He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War Era. Brother John was proud to be an Honorary Deputy Sheriff with the Madison County Sheriff's Department in Jackson, TN, where he worked with juveniles in the judicial system.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Greg Allen Gunter; great-grandson, Garrett James Gunter; two sisters, Louise Wilcutt and Pauline "Pene" Dumore.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of sixty-four years, Betty "Ms. Bette" Gunter; two sons, Gary Gunter and wife, Debbie of North Tazewell, VA and Bryan Gunter and wife, Alice of Charlotte, TN; special niece

who he raised as a daughter, Jo-Ann Coggin of Saltillo, MS; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many other family members and many friends.

The family will receive friends at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA from 5 – 7 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2014, where a funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. with the Rev. Chris White and the Rev. J.C. Steele officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014 at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. Pallbearers will be John G. Gunter, Jr., Stephen Gunter, Dalton Jones, Brian Allison, Dennis Lockhart and A.C. Click. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Stephen Rinehart, David Havens and Jimmy Wilcutt.

Hurst – Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Reverend John L. Gunter, Jr. and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *John, Debbie and Family:*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers
and thoughts are with you.*

Mike and Pam Alford



The Alfords - August 09, 2014 at 04:37 PM



“ *Mike And Pam Alford lit a candle in memory
of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*



Mike and Pam Alford - August 09, 2014 at 04:34 PM

TM

“ Our love and sympathy to Betty Jo, Gary, and all the family. We enjoyed our friendship as they were next door friends. Praying for all of you.

Tommy and Sandra Monts, Plantersville, Ms

Tommy/Sandra Monts - August 09, 2014 at 02:51 PM

BP

“ I always saw Uncle John as a larger-than-life man. Uncle John gave me my first haircut! I have many childhood memories of spending time at Uncle John and Aunt Bet's house next to the church in Westover, all of which I have shared with my children. One memory in particular is of me losing control while riding Bryan's go-cart. Uncle John dove at the go-cart and I wound up dragging him through the bushes before he could get it stopped. He always sent me home with a quart of his delicious cream-corn.

Haven't seen any any of the Gunters in years, but think of you all often, especially when I pass through Westover. All of your family in West Tennessee share heavy hearts with you during this season of loss.

Sent with love and hope.....Bill Parker, for the Mid-South Parker Clan

Bill Parker - August 08, 2014 at 11:28 PM

EP

“ *To the Gunter Family,
We so enjoyed Mr. Gunter dropping by the office always asking if we had something good to eat! He was a pleasure to be around and have missed him even before now because he was not able to be out and about.
May God Bless all of you,
Eddie & Connie Pauley & The Staff of Regency Real Estate & Auction*

Eddie Pauley - August 08, 2014 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ *Gary, Debbie and Family,

We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.*

- Joshua and Peyton Cline

Joshua Cline - August 08, 2014 at 07:32 AM

NP

“ *A fine Christian man and a great pastor at Westover Baptist Church, Jackson, TN.
So sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed but he is rejoicing in heaven now.
Nancy & Paul Phillips*



Nancy & Paul Phillips - August 08, 2014 at 01:04 AM

BD

“ It was my pleasure to have known Bro John since 1969 when my father was called to pastor the Gaston Baptist Church NE of Booneville, MS at the same time Beo John was pastor of the Wheeler Baptist Church...well Gary and I became friends since our dads were pastors and our second love being football it was a given. Bro John was always encouraging and welcomed me into his home every time I came around. I will hold dear the memory of the opportunity he gave me to preach a revival for him in Virginia...and he even knew me when I was a teenager. I know this for sure earth's loss is Heaven's gain.

Psalm 23

Dr Billy Dowdy

billy dowdy - August 07, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr..



August 07, 2014 at 07:29 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss, reading the tribute to him was uplifting



Carla Faletti - August 07, 2014 at 06:51 PM

Gloria
Holland

“ *The Gunters lived on my street when Gary and I were kids. I have many fond memories of them. RIP, John Lester! I feel sure you'll be welcomed into Heaven by so many of your Plantersville neighbors, all the Parkers, Monts, and Temples, and for sure Brother Leonard and Susie Jumper. My thoughts and prayers are with your family,*
Gloria Temple Holland

Gloria Holland - August 07, 2014 at 06:15 PM



“ *Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*



Carolyn Pyles - August 07, 2014 at 05:14 PM

CY

“ *Miss Betty & Family, I sure wish I could be there to give you a hug & tell you how much I love you and loved Bro. John. I was just thinking about you earlier this week, and then Janet let me know about his passing on to Heaven's pearly gates. Please know I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers as you go thru this. My deepest condolences to each of you. Your friend from Holman & Holman days, Carol Yates - Auburn, KY*

Carol Yates - August 07, 2014 at 04:38 PM

YL

“ *Your Cousins;The Thompson Family, Pat, Tom and Lenora purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr..*



Your Cousins;The Thompson Family, Pat, Tom and Lenora -
August 07, 2014 at 04:02 PM

JW

“ *brother john was good to help me he gave me ties and knives love spending time with him talking about Gods will 4 me he will be missed*

jimmy white - August 07, 2014 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ *Jimmy White lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*



jimmy white - August 07, 2014 at 03:48 PM

LP

“ *Leisha Powers sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*



Leisha Powers - August 07, 2014 at 11:42 AM

LP

Praying for peace, comfort and understanding for the entire Gunter family during this most difficult time.

Leisha Powers - August 07, 2014 at 11:43 AM

CW

“ *Chris White lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Lester Gunter Jr.*



Chris White - August 07, 2014 at 10:09 AM

CW

Brother John was my Pastor, my Mentor and my Friend. He and the zeal he had for Preaching the life-changing, soul-winning Gospel of Jesus Christ will be greatly missed. Enter into the perfect peace of Christ my friend. God Bless.

Chris White - August 07, 2014 at 10:11 AM