



## Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter

January 23, 1930 - October 3, 2022

Mary Kate Newell Hunter left her earthly home on Monday, October 3, 2022, to be with her Lord and Savior in Heaven after a lengthy illness. Mary Kate was born on Thursday, January 23, 1930, to Thomas Dean and Kate Kyles Newell in Shamrock, Texas. Her father owned a Cotton Classing business which required frequent moves, so she was educated across much of Texas and Oklahoma.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1947, Mary Kate attended the Cotton Bowl with a blind date, Thomas George Hunter, who ended up being the love of her life. They were married on Monday, April 14, 1947, at their respective ages of 17 and 26. After marrying, they resided in Gilmer, Texas, for two years before moving to Carthage, Texas, where they spent the rest of their lives. Tom and Mary Kate loved Texas A&M and the Fighting Aggies. They enjoyed many trips to Aggieland whether attending a football game, reunion or just being on campus. They bled maroon and were the epitome of Aggie fans!

From this marriage, Mary Kate gave life to nine children over a span of 15 years. Her love and devotion for her family made her a mother with a capital "M". She learned to cook after her marriage and became quite and extraordinary one. She would say it was from sheer practice as she made three meals a day, seven days a week for her large family. Luckily, she passed on her culinary skills to her seven daughters and two sons throughout the many years. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will always remember her ample supply of love, wisdom, compassion, and forgiveness.

Her greatest gift to us all was being a wonderful Christian role model. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Besides raising her nine children, Mary Kate served her church and community in many ways. She was a member of St. William's Catholic Church for 71 years where she served as a member of The Ladies Society, Parish Council finance committee, Greeter and Cajun Fest fundraiser. She was a member of the A&M Mother's Club where she served as President and Secretary, and she also served as a member and President of the Panola County Camp Fire Girl's council.

Mary Kate was preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandson, Ken Carter, brother, Lester C. Newell, sister, Doris Graham, three sisters-in-law, Bertha Hunter, Elizabeth Newell, and Winnie Hunter and two brothers-in-law, Jackie Hunter, and Robert Hunter. Sadly, she lost three sons-in-law, Tim Muzny, Randy Kocurek and Tony Castillo as well as nephews, Doyal Hunter, and Jimmy Newell, and also niece, Paula Kate Malone.

Mary Kate is survived by all of her nine children, Kathryn Elizabeth Castillo of Longview, Texas, Loretta Ann Lloyd and husband Tommy of Longview, Texas, Rebecca Jane Wilson and husband Brent of McKinney, Texas, Peggy Ruth Kocurek of Carthage, Texas, Thomas George Hunter III of Lufkin, Texas, Mary Frances Ouelette and husband Emile of Graniteville, SC, Martha Louise Lawson and husband Keith of Longview, Texas, Karen Marie Ishee and husband Garry of Laurel, MS, and Robert Dean Hunter and wife Susan of Carthage, Texas. She is also survived by sixteen of her grandchildren, Kristi Baksht, Amanda Tabor, Alexis Wilson, Nick Kocurek, Megan Longshore, Scott Hunter, Emily Popchock, Mary Kathryn Turner, Linda Metcalf, Keith Lawson II, Bryan Lawson, Amie Issacs, Kyle Muzny, Justin Ishee, Alex Hunter, and Thomas Hunter. Also surviving Mary Kate are all of her sixteen great-grandchildren, Will, Charlie and Sam Baksht, Braxton Tabor, Aeris Longshore, Henry, Hazel and Hannah Hunter, Luke and Anna Popchock, Joseph Turner, Makayla Metcalf, Sean and Natalie Lawson, Olivia Lawson, and Maddy Issacs. She also leaves behind her niece Annette Gordon and her nephews

Newell Graham, Jeffrey Hunter, Danny Hunter, and Jim Hunter. Four Godchildren also survive her, Anita Steptoe Flynn, Roma Smith Jones, Chris Bell, and Chris Smith.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022, at Hawthorn Funeral Home in Carthage, Texas. The rosary will be held before the mass at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Longview, Texas. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. with Father Mark Dunne officiating. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery in Carthage, Texas.

Pallbearers will be her eight grandsons, Thomas Hunter, Alex Hunter, Justin Ishee, Kyle Muzny, Bryan Lawson, Keith Lawson II, Scott Hunter, and Nick Kocurek.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to St. William's Catholic Church Outreach, 4088 NW Loop, Carthage, Texas, 775633 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105-3678 or the charity of your choice. The family extends special thanks and gratitude for the compassionate care given by Winkler House and Heartsway Hospice.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
My heart trusts in Him, and He helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
And with my song, I Praise Him." Psalm 28:7

# Cemetery Details

## Restland Memorial Park Cemetery

2107 State Hwy 149  
Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

## Rosary

OCT 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
508 North Sixth Street  
Longview, TX 75601

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
508 North Sixth Street  
Longview, TX 75601

## Burial

OCT 8 (CT)

Restland Memorial Park Cemetery  
2107 State Hwy 149  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 05, 2022 at 04:26 PM

JM

Our heartfelt prayers go out to Mary Kate's family. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. She was always gentle and kind. Joy & Jerry Meaux

Joy & Jerry Meaux - October 05, 2022 at 05:17 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a lovely lady



Linda Reed - October 21, 2022 at 01:58 PM



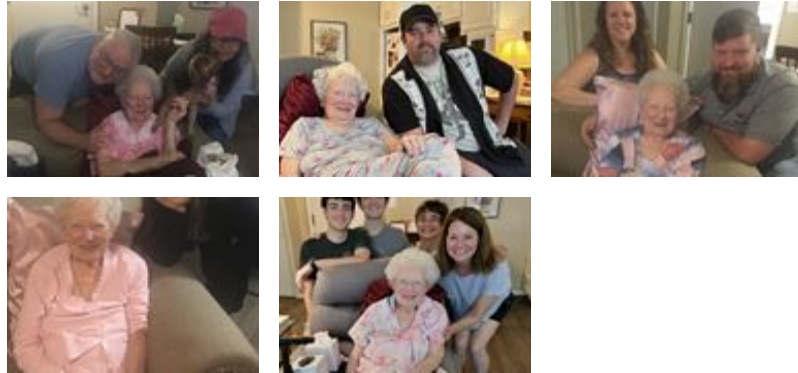
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter.



October 07, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 07, 2022 at 08:54 AM

CT

“ *Nick Kocurek and family: My deepest sympathy to you all on the loss of Ms. Hunter. I can tell from the pictures that have been shared she was a shining light in your family. She will live on in each of your hearts and memories. You are all in my prayers. Claudia Turner, Temple College Nursing*

Claudia Turner - October 06, 2022 at 02:31 PM

LL

“ *My beautiful mother, April 2022. From Loretta*



Loretta Lloyd - October 05, 2022 at 09:24 PM

BS

*Beautiful person inside and out. My prayers for family and friends. May she Rest In Peace. 🙏*

Beverly Stutes - October 06, 2022 at 10:31 PM

VB

“ Prayers for Mary Kate’s family & friends. She was such a sweet lady & a very good friend to my mother, Edith Winterrowd. May you all find peace & comfort in the days ahead❤️❤️ Vicki Willis Barker

Vicki Willis Barker - October 05, 2022 at 04:51 PM

JK

“ Jack & Rebecca Kocurek purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter.



Jack & Rebecca Kocurek - October 05, 2022 at 04:49 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 05, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter.*



October 05, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter.*



October 05, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praise the Lord for the legacy she leaves behind and knowing we'll see her again in eternity. You're all in our prayers for peace and comfort.*  
*Mark and Linda Horn*

**Mark Horn** - October 05, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *She always had a SMILE!!!*

**Gordon & Ramona** - October 05, 2022 at 08:29 AM

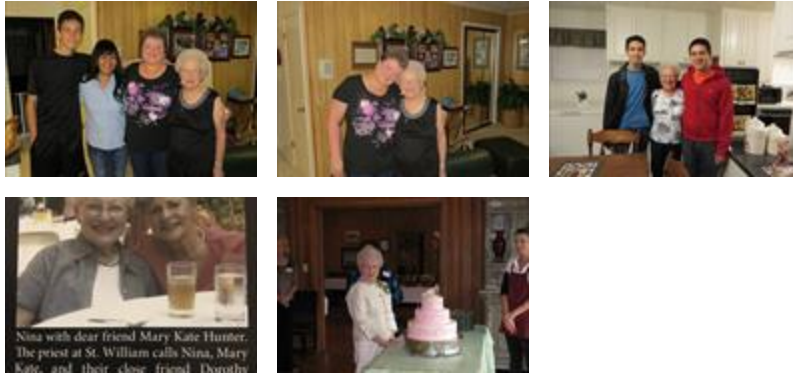


“ *We are sorry for your loss*  
*Ike and Chris Reeves*

**Ike Reeves** - October 05, 2022 at 08:17 AM

RH

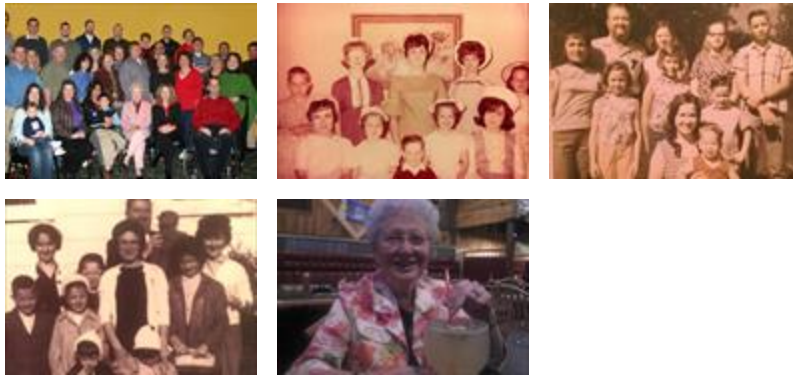
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Robert Dean Hunter - October 05, 2022 at 07:39 AM

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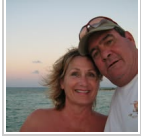
Martha Lawson - October 05, 2022 at 01:44 AM

MK

“ Mike & Barbara Kruebbe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter



Mike & Barbara Kruebbe - October 04, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ Mrs. Hunter was a wonderful friend to my mother and an exemplary role model for the girls of our generation. My prayers for all of her family.

Victoria Koenig - October 04, 2022 at 10:26 PM

LM

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Linda Metcalf - October 04, 2022 at 09:20 PM

RH

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Robert Dean Hunter - October 04, 2022 at 07:17 PM

KB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kristi Baksht - October 04, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Kate Hunter.*



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October 04, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Tommy Lloyd** - October 04, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Peggy,  
I am praying for you and your family. This is a ver hard thing to do.  
Kay Mauritzen*

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**Kay Mauritzen** - October 04, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Peggy, Robert and other family members,  
Sorry to learn of the death of your Mother. Mrs. Hunter was a  
gracious lady, always smiling and friendly every time our paths  
crossed. May God bless each of you and give you strength.*

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**Steve Garrett** - October 04, 2022 at 05:52 PM

BP

*Becky and other family members,  
Sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a very sweet and caring  
lady. Pray for peace and comfort to you and your family.  
Brenda Forman Pierce*

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**Brenda Forman Pierce** - October 04, 2022 at 07:52 PM

HH

“ *Our condolences to Ms.Hunter’s beautiful  
family.*



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**HeartsWay Hospice** - October 04, 2022 at 05:25 PM