



Judge John G. Hunter

January 27, 1939 - March 27, 2017

John Greer Hunter (“Judge”) of Upper Sandusky, Ohio passed away peacefully on March 27, 2017 at Fairhaven Home at the age of 78. Born on January 27, 1939 in Bucyrus, Ohio, he was the son of the late William James Hunter, II and Freda (Walton) Hunter. He married Laura Jane Henceroth on September 6, 1968, and she survives in Upper Sandusky.

John is also survived by his two sons, William James Hunter, III of Richmond, Virginia and Douglas S. (Lynn) Hunter of Aurora, Ohio; four grandchildren: Austin, Benjamin, Katherine, and Leah; two sisters Lynn (Darl) Gerber of Upper Sandusky and Ann (Richard) Senff of Salida, Colorado; as well as nieces and nephews.

In 1957 he graduated from Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg, West Virginia, where he attained the rank of sergeant and played drums in the school band. After high school he attended Miami University for two years then transferred to Ohio Northern University where he received his undergraduate degree in 1964 and his law degree in 1967.

In Upper Sandusky, he practiced law with his father for six years before serving the citizens of Wyandot County as the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1975 through 1998. At the time, he was one of only seven judges to act as a judge in all divisions of the Common Pleas Court which include,

Probate and Juvenile, and General which included Civil, Criminal and Domestic matters. After retiring from the Court of Common Pleas, he served as a judge taking assignments by the Supreme Court of Ohio for six years before completely retiring in 2002. While his time as judge, he served on many local, state and national committees. He created a county program to help at-risk youth in 1975 and in 1976 he was appointed as the Chair of the Attorney General's Statewide Task Force on Juvenile Justice. He was also active in the state and local bar and judicial associations and volunteered his time to work with law students and preside over mock trials at his alma mater, Ohio Northern University.

In 1994, Judge Hunter's courtroom was used in the filming of *The Shawshank Redemption*, in which case many locals were in the cast as extras. Judge was cast as a juror in the movie.

Locally, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Upper Sandusky. He was also a former member of First Lutheran Church, also in Upper Sandusky, where he served both churches in various leadership positions. He was a member of the local Elks Lodge 83, Stone Crossing Golf Course and Sam Walton Lake. He was extremely proud of his service on the Library Board and in helping to establish the current library building. The Judge was an avid golfer, boater and Ohio State sports fan. In his later years, he enjoyed traveling and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 4:00pm-8:00pm at BRINGMAN CLARK Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 2017, at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Kenneth Wessler officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date at Old Mission Cemetery, Upper Sandusky Memorial contributions may be made to Upper Sandusky Community Library, First Presbyterian Church or Fairhaven Health Care Community in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home

226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to view the Life Tribute DVD, send a condolence or share a memory.

Cemetery Details

Old Mission Cemetery*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR
53 and 67, on north side of town
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home
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Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
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Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
129 W. Johnson St.
Upper Sandusky, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judge John G. Hunter*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - March 31, 2017 at 07:26 AM

GS

“ *Judge Hunter was a pleasure to work with during our years here in Wyandot county. He treated those of us who performed supportive roles to his Courts, with respect and courtesy. He cared deeply about Wyandot county, and he worked hard to help make this community a great place to live. He was instrumental in getting us to Wyandot county, as he contacted Lana and encouraged her to apply for the supervisor of the Wyandot County Child Protective Services, as it was known then. He will be greatly missed.*

George and Lana Sakash

George Sakash - April 03, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - April 02, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ To Jane and family, we are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Reggi Welch, Ashland, OH

Reggi Welch - March 31, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - March 31, 2017 at 07:07 AM



“ Jane, so sorry to learn of the passing of your hubby. Our condolences to you and your family. May God and your memories sustain you during this time.

Charles and Pat (Todd) Vitelli
Columbus, OH

Priscilla Vitelli - March 30, 2017 at 10:16 PM



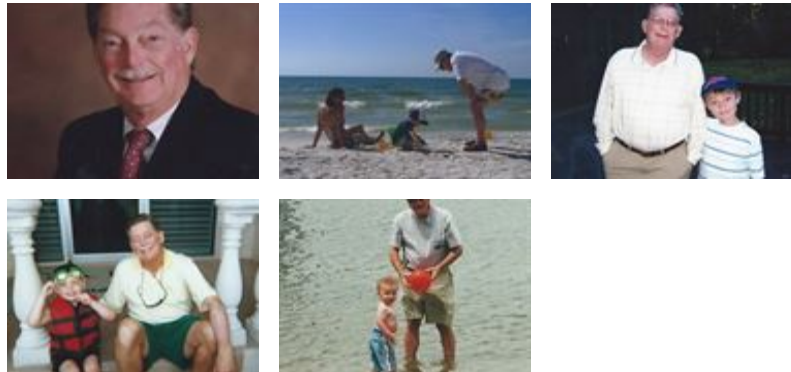
“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judge John G. Hunter.



March 30, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - March 30, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *Lots of good memories of John as a backyard neighbor. He was several years older, but drew the eye of us ladies (girls then), especially at the pool when he life-guarded. In later years, he was a great source of discussions. Sending our condolences to his family. May John rest in eternal peace. Patti (Logsdon) and Graham Gill, Columbus, OH*

Patricia Gill - March 30, 2017 at 10:12 AM

JG


“ I had occasion to appear before His Honor several times over the years of his outstanding service on the bench. The one I remember the best and treasure the most was my very first appearance in his courtroom in 1976. I was an Assistant Attorney General and drove to Upper Sandusky to attend a scheduled hearing. When I arrived, his Secretary told me that opposing counsel had not arrived yet, She informed me that Judge Hunter was in the courtroom dealing with another matter and instructed me to go in, take a seat and and he would hear me when he finished. I walked into the Courtroom and sat in the first row beyond the bar. A man and his lawyer were at one table in front of me and a woman and her lawyer were at the other. Both groups were facing the Judge. His Honor was on the bench, in his robes, and was leaning forward with his head down. Just as I sat down, I heard him say "OK, just let me confirm the agreement. Your client [pointing to the man's lawyer] agrees that she can have the lighted cosmetic mirror as long as she returns the ivory handled hunting knife. Is that right"? To which both lawyers said "right." His Honor then said "OK, let's move on to item 18." The session went on through 40 some items.

Although that moment convinced me that I would never do divorce work, I have taken with me to this day His Honor's perfectly calm demeanor and the level intonation.of his voice in that circumstance and throughout the rest of the contested items of property. His detailed attention to the business at hand and his manifest common sense were evident in every discussion with the parties over the rest of that long morning.

He was a wonderful jurist and defined the phrase "judicial temperament." I am very sorry for your loss. So must be all of the citizens of Wyandot County.

*John R. Gall
Columbus, Ohio*

John Gall - March 29, 2017 at 03:36 PM

 Natalie Frasure

“ *Natalie Frasure lit a candle in memory of Judge John G. Hunter*



Natalie Frasure - March 29, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judge John G. Hunter.*



March 29, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Please know that the Hunter family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Larry & Diane Adloff

Larry & Diane Adloff - March 29, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Larry & Diane Adloff lit a candle in memory of Judge John G. Hunter*



Larry & Diane Adloff - March 29, 2017 at 12:45 PM

CK

“ Jane and family. Sending hugs and prayers during the passing of John. He was an awesome guy with a ton of character!! I know that he will be missed. May God hold you close and give you strength and may friends and family give you comfort and love as well.

Connie Kelser

Connie Kelser - March 29, 2017 at 10:41 AM

DM

“ To Jane and Family. Bill and i are deeply sadden by the passing of John. May you remember and share all the wonderful memories your family had time spending together with John. Our Deepest Sympathy. Bill and Donna Markey

Donna Markey - March 29, 2017 at 09:11 AM

IG

“ Dear Jane, Bill and Doug,
I cannot begin to tell you how much the Judge has contributed to my life. He believed in me enough to tutor me in the whys and wherefore of the law and trusted me to handle the daily schedule of his life in the court. He was a good teacher and a good friend. I will miss his mischievous smile and fun spirit. I am sorry that I will not be with you during this time, but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ilene Geary

Ilene Geary - March 28, 2017 at 08:14 PM

CM

“ Charlie And Sharon Mccarthy lit a candle in memory of Judge John G. Hunter



Charlie and Sharon Mccarthy - March 28, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ Tammy Altvater Robinson lit a candle in memory of Judge John G. Hunter



Tammy Altvater Robinson - March 28, 2017 at 06:00 PM

PW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Judge Hunter. He gave me my first real job as a Probation Officer in Wyandot County. I learned a lot from him. Rest in peace Judge!

Patty (Lawton) Whittington - March 28, 2017 at 05:06 PM

CI

“ I was so sorry to learn of the death of my friend and former employer Judge John Hunter. I worked for the Judge in several capacities for about 12 years. He was always an inspiration to me and helped me learn and develop my career greatly. I served the court as juvenile probation officer, process server, Bailiff, assignment clerk, court investigator, secretary and finally Court Administrator.

Judge Hunter was judge of all the court divisions and ran a very busy docket. He expected the best from his staff and we loved him enough to do his bidding. As a small town judge, he issued great and thoughtful decisions in some difficult situations. Judge Hunter always cared about his people and their families.

He was a good friend and I have been reliving several funny memories. We had such a good time with our little band that played at the Pour House on the night before the Ohio State/Michigan football game. I played trombone and the Prosecuting Attorney played trumpet, all to the great beat of the Judge's drum. About midnight our little band would go down the street playing OSU fight songs and go in a couple more of the bars to serenade the patrons. Some customers upon seeing our arrival would leave by the back door.

May the family be comforted with the knowledge of how many people loved the Judge.

Carolyn Gilbertsen Iamon
Bainbridge, Georgia

Carolyn Gilbertsen Iamon - March 28, 2017 at 04:03 PM