



Dale Hunt

August 26, 1932 - January 22, 2015

Dale Hunt, 82, of Garwood, Tx passed away on January 24, 2015.

He was born August 26, 1932, in Knippa, Tx. He was the second of five children born to the late Raymond and Mollie Herring Hunt of Garwood. The Hunt family, including Raymond's father, Fred, lived in the community southwest of Garwood until 1939 when they moved to "town".

Mr. Hunt went to school in Garwood, graduating in 1949 at the age of 16. He attended Wharton Junior College and Abilene Christian College, receiving a degree from ACC in Business Administration in 1953.

Dale earned his pilot's license while in college and it was his plan to enter the Air Force after graduation. Those plans were changed when he met and later married Shirley Cowden of Texarkana, in July of 1953. Shortly thereafter he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso for two years during the Korean conflict. He returned to Garwood in the fall of 1955 and later formed a partnership in the rice and cattle business with his brother-in-law, Alton Smith in 1957.

He was devoted to his church, his family, and his community. He was a member of the El Campo Church of Christ, serving as an elder for 32 years. He was a loving husband and father to his three children, Daryl, Renee, and Rachelle. He was a member of the Garwood and Rice ISD school boards for ten years, during which time the consolidated high school was built in Altair. Mr Hunt was an agricultural businessman involved in farming and ranching in Garwood and surrounding areas. He was actively involved in the local, state,

and national arenas of the rice industry until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Garwood Division of American Rice Growers, Governor's Task Force on Agricultural Development, National Commission on Agriculture Trade and Export Policy, and Texas Rice Task Force. He was appointed by Secretaries of Agriculture Lyng and Yuster to the State ASC Committee, serving from 1987-1992. Dale served as the Texas Representative on the Board of Riceland Foods, Inc., and as Chairman of the Five States Rice Producers Legislative Group, and President of the Texas Rice Research Foundation. Dale was a member of the Board of Directors of American Rice, Inc., from 1968-1985, serving as President from 1980-1984. He also served on the Boards of Garwood Irrigation, El Seven Ranch, and Garwood Implement and Supply.

Dale is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Garwood; children , Daryl and wife Sherrye of Overland Park, Kansas, Renee Faas and husband Darrell of Glen Flora, and Rachelle Cook and husband Charles of Victoria; sisters Glenna Langford of Bonham, Janet Wesson and husband James of Snyder, brother Robert and wife Jean of Houston; eight grandchildren, Trey Hunt and wife Stacy, Taylor Hunt, Briana and Braden Faas, Carley and Kelsey Glover, and Audrey and Natalie Cook.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Shirley Smith, and his brothers-in-law Otto Langford and Alton Smith.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 12- 4 PM at Triska Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM at El Campo Church of Christ. Funeral services will be on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 2 PM at the El Campo Church of Christ, 311 East Calhoun with John McCord and Gene Polvado officiating.

Pallbearers are his nephews, Clayton and Madison Smith, Lawton Langford, Jay and Jeff Wesson, grandsons Trey Hunt and Braden Faas, and close friend, Mike Moran.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 131, Garwood, TX 77442 or Church of Christ, 311 East

Calhoun, El Campo, TX 77437.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Family Will Receive Visitors

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

El Campo Church of Christ
311 East Calhoun Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://elcampochurchofchrist.org/>

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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311 East Calhoun Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://elcampochurchofchrist.org/>

Graveside Service

JAN 31 (CT)

Oaklawn Memorial Park
4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

BG

“*Rest in Peace, Mr. Hunt, Brother Hunt. He is one of the kindest men I have ever met. A true inspiration to me. My association with him and his Family as a Christian and as an employee many years ago is and will always be the fondest of my memories. My respects and condolences to Mrs. Hunt and Daryl and of course to Brother Hunt's daughters. Ben Gomez, Dallas, Texas*

Ben Gomez - January 30, 2015 at 03:42 PM

DO

“*Dale was one of the Greatest Men I ever knew. He was very kind and one of the most honest people I know. He always stood up for what was right and he would do it with dignity. He will be missed by many. I will always think of him with the great respect. Doris Owers.*

Doris Owers - January 30, 2015 at 02:05 PM

MK

“*Dale and my husband, Weldon Kirby, were friends for many years and had many things in common. Most of all, their love for the Lord, the church, and their family. They were friends at ACU and both loved to sing. They were both pilots, ranchers, and active in their home town. I met Dale and Shirley in the seventies, and we became good friends. Weldon passed away in August of 2013, and I feel sure they are singing again in heaven. God's Blessings and my love to the family - he was a great Christian man. Margie Kirby*

Margie Kirby - January 30, 2015 at 05:56 AM

DP

“ We are deeply saddened and so very sorry for your loss. Shirley, Daryl, Renee, and Rachelle we love you all and please know that it is so very hard for us not to be with you. It breaks my heart that Mom is not able. Dale was a great man who I loved and admired so much. I will never forget that my first plane ride was with him! Heaven will be even better with him there. We love you so much and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Denna Perry and family

Denna Perry - January 29, 2015 at 11:38 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry for this great loss for the Hunt family. You all have and have had my prayers. He is now with our Lord and is at peace which I hope and pray will give you all comfort. God bless...

Karan Boucher

Karan Boucher - January 29, 2015 at 07:25 PM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Hunt was always such a nice man. Your family is in my prayers.
Ana (Ugarte) Macha

Ana Macha - January 29, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.



January 29, 2015 at 10:05 AM

JA

“ I am so very thankful for the wonderful life Uncle Dale lived. His legacy will live on in his beautiful children and grandchildren and family. A strong heritage of faith was deeply instilled in him and his sisters and brothers by their parents, Molly and Raymond Hunt. This family is extraordinary. I will forever remember Dale's serious talks at our family reunions about the importance of sharing life and love with family and the importance of walking in light and faith. I will forever remember his voice as he loudly and boldly sang praises to God. May we all carry on the tradition of faith and remember that while Dale's work on earth is done, the rest of us still have work left to do as we share God's love with others. Uncle Dale would expect nothing less of us. Thanks be to God for Dale's life and for Dale's deliverance into eternity. Much love and many prayers for all his family.



Jana - January 29, 2015 at 08:13 AM

LS

Beautifully said, Jana. My thoughts are with your mom and Glenna as they mourn for their brother. Much love to all of you.

Lillie Sullivan - January 29, 2015 at 10:23 AM

KW

I couldn't say it any better. He will be dearly missed by all of our family. Love and prayers for his siblings, wife, children, and grandchildren.

Kalli Wesson - January 29, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.*



January 28, 2015 at 09:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.*



January 28, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ *Dale was a true friend of Plow Realty Co. For over fifty years. A better friend and gentleman you could not find. Dale's smile, friendship and warm conversations will be truly missed by all of us. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to Shirley and the family. The officers and directors of Plow Realty Co.*

John Renner - January 28, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.*



January 28, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.



January 28, 2015 at 06:30 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.



January 28, 2015 at 06:18 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.



January 27, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dale Hunt.



January 27, 2015 at 09:20 PM

AP

“ I am terribly sorry about the passing of Mr. Hunt. I remember the last time I had a chance meeting with him at Columbus Eye Associates. I just happened to speak to him and told him I was Henry Sunderman's daughter and the conversation just flowed. It was very nice to hear about the children and the grandchildren. he was very proud of all. He also shared his love of ASU and meeting his lovely wife there. (If I remember correctly) I know he will be missed by all who knew him and the many lives he touched during his lifetime. My prayers are with you all. In Christ's love, Ann Sunderman Pavliska

Ann Pavliska - January 27, 2015 at 08:24 PM

MT

“ Michael L Thompson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dale Hunt.



Michael L Thompson - January 27, 2015 at 05:52 PM

JW

“ Dale Hunt was truly a gentleman with a winning smile and generous heart and spirit. I met him when I interviewed as a County Operations Trainee in FSA and was selected to be a County Executive Director. He made the interview process feel more @ ease, which was certainly needed and appreciated so much. He always had a friendly word and handshake to make me feel welcomed and special. I completely enjoyed working with him as he served as a State Committeeman (STC) for our agency. He was a GREAT STC and in my opinion, THE BEST! May you all feel the love of friends and family as you hold his memory near and dear to your hearts. And may God give you the peace and grace that only He can give during this time. I am so very sorry as he was such a dear and wonderful man! Blessings and prayers to you and your family.

*Jeannine P. Wendel
Young County Executive Director
Farm Service Agency
Graham, TX*

Jeannine P. Wendel - January 27, 2015 at 01:44 PM