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**J**ohn Samuel Hunter, 87, of Lebanon, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, September 23, 2015, in Cox Medical Center South, in Springfield, MO. He was born April 11, 1928 in Marceline, Missouri, to Elmer B. and Myrtle Parker Hunter. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Hilma Jean Smelte Hunter; and a brother, Elmer Leroy Hunter.

John is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Ford, of the home; two stepsons, Keith Ford, & his wife, Kim, Ft. Mohave, AZ, and Kent Ford, & his wife, Ronna, Lebanon, MO; four step-grandchildren, Ericka Poppell, Christopher Vear, Alyssa Ford, and Adrienne Phelps; six step-great-grandchildren, Reese, Avery, Tyson, Beau, Finn, and Breanna; two brothers, Leonard Hunter, James Port, MO, and Marvin Hunter, & his wife, Dianna, of San Tan Valley, AZ; two sisters, Margaret Gregory, & her husband, John, Green City, MO, and Nellie Krieg, & her husband, Irvin, Arnold, MO; several nieces and nephews;

At the age of 16, with his parent's permission, John joined the Merchant Marines and served from 1945 until 1946 at the end of World War II. He worked in various capacities in different business endeavors throughout his life. He had farmed and operated a custom hay bailing business, owned and operated a restaurant and tavern, and several other businesses. He had worked as a salesman and was the first salesman for Treasure Lake Resort in Branson. He had enjoyed flat track motorcycle racing and spending winters in Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

John professed his faith in Christ early in his life and was a member of Washington Christian Church in Lebanon.

Family services will be at a later date with burial in the Locke Cemetery, near Marceline, under the care and direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Lebanon, MO. Memorial donations to Washington Christian Church may be made through Holman-Howe Funeral Home, 320 S. Adams Ave., Lebanon, MO 65536.



## Tribute Wall

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LF

**Lori Ford** posted:

So sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to meet John thru his wife Betty Jean. He was kind and had a great smile. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Lori Ford

October 7 at 11:31 AM

AG

**Ann Gagnon** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Love Ann, Toby, Hope Gagnon

September 26 at 12:50 PM

KF

**Kim & Keith Ford** lit a candle in honor of John.



September 26 at 9:03 AM

ES

**Ellen Still** posted:

The memories are held in my heart. You were an amazing Uncle I will miss your beautiful smile, God will take good care of you , tell Dad I love and miss him..see you on the other side Uncle Johnny, LOVE you to the moon and back ..

September 26 at 4:28 AM



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**Ronnie And Jean Shelley** sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

What a wonderful person John was. We enjoyed knowing him very much. Ronnie made the comment "There is nothing that John hasn't done" He was definitely a man on the go. We enjoyed playing Pegs and Jokers with John and Betty Jean and he always liked winning. He will be sorely missed at Restful Valley. Where are we gonna buy pecans and golf carts? May you rest in peace dear friend. Ronnie and Jean Shelley



September 26 at 4:13 AM



**Pat Smothers** September 26 at 2:35 PM

John was a sweet gentle man that will be missed by so many. Prayers for family.



**Kim** September 26 at 9:06 AM

We will miss our train rides together and the laughter we shared with you and Betty. Love always Kim & Keith Ford



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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