



## Albert "Willard" Hunter

February 6, 2021

1935 -2021

Albert "Willard" Hunter, age 85, a resident of Albuquerque, NM, passed away on February 6, 2021. He was in the United States Air Force and was Honorably Discharged in 1964. Willard worked at New Mexico Workforce Solutions for 53 years and retired in 2018. He liked to go fishing and his sports team was the Dallas Cowboys.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Samuel Hunter and Lottie May New Hunter; 2 sisters, Norma and Karen and brother, Jim.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 30 years, Mary E. Waller-Hunter; children, Deborah (Casey) Murrell; Cherie Schulze, Dianna M. Waller, Shadrach D. Waller-Hunter and Ester L. Waller-Hunter; many loving grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; and one sister, Elaine Bittle.

Private services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Willard's name. Please sign Albert "Willard" Hunter's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *My deepest condolences to Mary and all of Willard's family. I too retired from NMDOL in 2003. Willard was the Department. What a kind man. Being around him always gave me the reassurance that everything was going to be ok.*

*You will truly be missed dear friend.*

*May our dear Lord cradle you in His loving arms today and always.  
Rest in peace good and faithful servant.*

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**Christella Aguirre** - July 10, 2021 at 11:53 AM

ML

“ *Melissa Lopez lit a candle in memory of Albert "Willard" Hunter*



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**Melissa Lopez** - February 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM

ML

“ *Rest In Paradise Willard! - My last conversation with you was not about you but rather about my mom. You are such a kind soul and was always willing to help. Anytime I had a tax question you always had the answer along such patience to explain the answer to me. You will be truly missed!!*

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**Melissa Lopez** - February 15, 2021 at 12:30 PM

EG

“ *Eva Gongora lit a candle in memory of Albert "Willard" Hunter*



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**Eva Gongora** - February 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM

FR

“ *Rest In Peace Willard - you were a great boss, knowledgeable, teacher, and kind. Loved to hear you whistling down the halls, now you're whistling in the halls of heaven! Miss you*

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**Frances Rossberg** - February 10, 2021 at 08:12 PM

NI

“ *Sending my love, prayers, and condolences to Willard's family! He was my first boss when I started at NMDWS, Never made me feel less than special, always humble, loving, and so much more. I learned so much from my mentor and I always say I want to be the next Willard, knowing all there is about Tax! I enjoyed talking to him about the LORD and was always honored to pray for him! I love you and miss you already Boss! Until we meet again in true paradise! Thank you for who you were and all you taught me! :)*



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**Nicole** - February 10, 2021 at 06:12 PM

MN

“ Working with Willard was a privilege. Every interaction that I had with Willard was greeted by a warm welcoming smile. He was ready to give his insight, expertise and yes his opinion! Every meeting with him ended with me leaving with not just an answer to my question but a history lesson to boot!. He was a pillar of strength and optimism. I learned much from Willard and often it was not because of his words but his actions. My sincerest condolences to the family and a final thank you to Willard for forever leaving warm, happy memories in my heart.

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**Michelle Velarde NMDWS** - February 10, 2021 at 04:01 PM

CJ

“ Condolences to the family and friends of Willard. He was my first Supervisor at DWS. He was always very knowledgeable, kind and had a wry sense of humor. He would often tell stories of how he chided me when he interviewed me for the position. He brought a great sense of balance and is missed.

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**Cami Jaquette** - February 10, 2021 at 03:29 PM

RA

“ My condolences & prayers to Willard's dear family. Willard was one of my most favorite people to have known and the best supervisor a person would want to have. He was respectful of all and our work for the department. He was always so positive and encouraging and always interested in what you had to say. When he retired, I surely missed our morning talks, about the weather, traffic, Interpretation of law, politics, family, faith, pets and memories of times past.

*"You do not get to choose the events that come your way nor the sorrows that interrupt your life. They will likely be a surprise to you, catching you off guard and unprepared. You may hold your head in your hands and lament your weak condition and wonder what you ought to do. To suffer, that is common to all. To suffer and still keep your composure, your faith, and your smile that is remarkable. Pain will change you more profoundly than success or good fortune. Suffering shapes your perception of life, your values, your priorities, and your goals and dreams. Your pain is changing you."*  
A quote from Pastor David Crosby

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**Rose Anaya** - February 10, 2021 at 02:43 PM

LN

“ Lynne Throop, NMDWS lit a candle in memory of Albert "Willard" Hunter



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**Lynne Throop, NMDWS** - February 10, 2021 at 02:39 PM

LN

“ I had the honor of working with Willard over the past five years. He was so knowledgeable, caring and unselfish in sharing his vast knowledge of UI Tax and other topics. Whenever I would go to Willard for help, I always walked away feeling that I had learned so much more than I had asked for. Everything he said and did was infused with grace. Willard, you will be missed!

Lynne Throop, NMDWS - February 10, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JH

“ My condolences to Mr. Hunter's family--he was a great boss, wonderful mentor and truly a special human being! May he rest in peace and comfort in the Lord's presence. You will be missed.

Jeannette Helton - February 10, 2021 at 02:35 PM

SV

“ Sheri Voelsch lit a candle in memory of Albert "Willard" Hunter



Sheri Voelsch - February 10, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SV

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your beloved family during this time. You were always an inspiration to me and your loss is deeply felt.  
Sheri Voelsch

Sheri Voelsch - February 10, 2021 at 02:12 PM

GG

“ *Rest in peace Willard. I miss you and I miss all the people we worked with. Willard was the most patient person I ever had a chance to know.*

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**Gary Garcia** - February 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *I had the privilege to work with Willard since April 2003. He was a true inspiration dedicated in his service as a public servant. He will be missed.*

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**Anna Willbanks** - February 10, 2021 at 12:14 PM

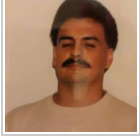
MA

“ *My deepest condolences to Mr. Hunter's beloved wife Mary and his family!! I had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Hunter since 1992 when he was a Supervisor at NM Dept. of Labor in Albuquerque. This was a time when customer service really mattered within a State agency. He became my direct Supervisor early 2013. What an honor it was to work with the most knowledgeable of Supervisors! It was early 2013 when the system totally changed to online filing and payment of employer responsibilities. This would also be the beginning of the end to true customer service as we knew it due to modern technology. Mr. Hunter always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. As the song goes "Heroes will always be Cowboys." He was that and much more to those of us who knew him well!! God speed, Mr. Hunter and we will see you again someday in God's glory!!*

*Maria Armijo Retired Tax Representative Senior/Auditor Las Cruces*

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**Maria B Armijo** - February 10, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Willard and I worked together at the NM Dept of Labor. He was the section manager of the tax section, I was the Monetary supervisor. He was a great source of information regarding tax investigations and patient explaining process & procedures. He was a valuable assest to the agency and very helpful making my job duties alot easier. He will be missed. Rest in peace Mr Hunter.

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**Steve Montoya** - February 10, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Albert "Willard" Hunter



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - February 09, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Willard gave me my first pocket bible about 30 year ago. He worked under my supervision as a Tax Rep and also as a Section Supervisor at the N.M. Dept of labor. I first started working with him when he was stationed , I believe, In Silver City. Willard was a wonderful person and he enriched my life in so many ways for which I am most grateful. May you rest in peace, my friend. Milton Garcia.

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**Milton Garcia** - February 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM