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Jerry Wayne Cunningham

Sept. 21, 1950 - July 1, 2026

Jerry Wayne Cunningham, 75, of Morganton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

Born on September 21, 1950, in Surry County, Jerry was the son of the late Margaret Willette Burroughs Hunter and Andrew Parks Hunter.

Jerry proudly served his country as a U.S. Army veteran during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he dedicated 27 years of his career to Broughton Hospital, where he was known for his hard work and commitment.

A member of Summit Church, Jerry will be remembered most for the joy he brought to others. Music was one of his greatest passions, and many remember him from the 1980s as a member of the bands Goldrush and Stetsons. Affectionately known as “Mr. Morganton,” Jerry had a deep love for his hometown. Through his popular Facebook page, If You Grew Up in Morganton, he connected thousands of people by sharing memories, photographs, and stories that celebrated the community he cherished.

Jerry also had a love for photography, capturing special moments and preserving memories for others.

Above all, Jerry treasured his family. He is survived by his son, Jason Cunningham (Susan); daughters, Anetra Carrico and Tara Cunningham; grandchildren, Levi Cunningham, (Chloe) Malachi Cunningham, Destiny Moses, (Amber) Dillian Moses (Brittney), and Dominik Rosales; great-grandchildren, Cayden and Aaron Moses; sister, Rhonda Cunningham Woodell; and stepbrothers, Ronnie Hunter (Vivian) and

Don Hunter. He also leaves behind many extended family members, friends, and neighbors who will miss his kind spirit, laughter, and love for Morganton.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Sossoman Funeral Home. A funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Danny Ward officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park, where military honors will be provided by the North Carolina National Guard.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shared their love, prayers, and support during this difficult time. Jerry’s legacy of service, music, friendship, and love for his community will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Will miss Jerry we had great times at Broughton and Broughton reunion he gave awesome pictures for our Broughton cookbook Jerry did not die he just changed addresses. He is now experiencing all the joy of heaven. Our minds can only imagine what he is experiencing.

—Eddy snd Brenda Huffman

Sorry for you loss will be thinking of you during this difficult time!

—Shane Chrisco

I was so heartbroken when I heard of Jerry's passing. I will never forget him. He mentored me in photography. And thanks to him I will forever take beautiful pictures just like him. He was always so kind and helpful. One day I text him and I typed Jerry but my autocorrect changed it to Jetty, so since then thats what i called him. RIP Jetty until we meet again and take photos of heaven May your family find peace in Jesus and knowing Jetty walks with Jesus!! Prayers always!

—Melissa w Moose

I loved Jerry and love his family. He will be missed! He was certainly a caring person!

—Mitzi Hendrix

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I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Jerry because I work in Cardiac Rehab where he attended our program. He will be greatly missed. Praying for your family.

–Frances Eller

We both worked with Jerry at Broughton . He was an awesome friend and worker so sorry for your loss

–Thomas and Vickie Lutz

I just learn of Jerry's passing today . I worked with him many times when he played music. He was a kind and likeable soul that brought love and kindness to everyone he meet . God rest his soul . RIP ol friend

–Allen Merrill



I was saddened to learn of Jerry's transitioning. He was such a standup guy and helped me many times with photography or computer issues. Also, I know that Jerry truly loved his family! Gonna miss you down here Jerry, but I look forward to meeting again on another plane. I offer my sincere condolences to the family. May GOD give you all strength to endure these difficult days ahead. Blessings and peace to you all.

–Ruth Roseboro

Condolence to the family and friends of Jerry, We had great Bingo times with the Veterans at the VA Hospital with Jerry calling out the numbers.

–Ann & Al Gurowski

It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the transition of my friend, of over 40 years. I'm going to miss you my friend, I'm going to miss you my buddy. Jerry was a true friend, that is rare these days. Love you Jerry.

–Artie McKesson-Logan

I'm so sorry to read this. Jerry was such a nice fellow! Sometimes he was a bit quiet, but after we started chatting, he always seemed to have a lot to say. I'm

sending prayers to any family members and to his close friends who likely saw him very often….

–Cyn Darwin Crist

Jerry will definitely be missed! He was always sooo very friendly and really enjoyed communicating with former classmates. Sending prayers and condolences to all of his personal family members…

–CYNTHIA CRIST

Jerry had a winning smile and a personality that made others feel like he was their good friend. He was passionate and tenacious. He will be missed. Condolences and prayers to his family.

–Kathy Allan-Calloway



Prayers for Our family we have lost a great man! He was my uncle on my dad's side of the family. My dad's (Don Hunter) not on facebook but he is very upset, he lost one of his brothers. Jerry made great photographs and when we was together at grandma Pug's he helped Aunt Rhonda sing those beautiful songs and play the piano. Jerry Cunningham is now with his dad and mom (my grandparents) and our Heavenly Father Jesus Christ!

–Robin Hunter Tedder

Such a dear friend and former coworker and just a great human. This is how I will remember Jerry. I will truly miss him and continue to love him from afar.

—Brenda Brewer



So grateful for everything Jerry did for the citizens of Morganton. He will be sorely missed.

—B. Scott Andrews



Jason, Anetra and family, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. Sending love and lifting you all up in prayer

—Felicia Harrison

Jerry was a well liked "Man of Morganton". He loved this town and everyone in it. Sending prayers for his family and friends of which I am a part.

—Robin Wellman

Morganton has lost a great fellow. We were a year apart in Morganton High School and I recall Jerry being a super-nice guy. Blessings to the family.

—Bo Cash



Jerry will be greatly missed. Prayers go out to the family through this difficult time. May the Lord comfort you and make each passing day easier to bear. Love you all very much. So long to a great man and brother in law until we meet again.

—Darrell & Melinda Smith

Jerry was one of the nicest and kindest people you would ever meet. Outstanding

photographer and a great friend. He will be truly missed. I will cherish the memories and time I spent with him.

–Mark



Uncle Jerry I will always remember your laugh & love of family! You will be missed.

–Bonnie (Hunter) Glover



Jerry's daughter, Tara wanted my husband and I to meet jerry because she thought we had a lot to talk about as way or near the same age?And my husband,Larry had also been in vietnam. I see on this obituary that we had a lot in common and I wish they had taken us over to his house. Tara loved her father very much, and we hope to make her part of our family soon.

–Sharon Price



It's "Sister" Thankyou for being the best brother Heaven is sweeter now. You'll be forever in my heart until God calls me home.

–Rhonda C Woodell

I worked with Jerry at Broughton Hospital. I worked there 10 years. Jerry was a really nice, caring and kind person to everyone he met. He had so many

interesting hobbies of which taking pictures was one of them. He kept Morganton informed of special occasions and events within the town and interesting places and happenings of Burke County as well. He will be greatly missed especially on the Broughton Campus. prayers for his family and friends for peace , comfort and love at this difficult time.

–Nancy Causby



I know how you will be missed by so many here but Heaven gain an angel today. Praying for all your loved ones.

–Margiecolley



Jason , Anetra and Tara I am so sorry for your loss. Tara Aunt Linda is here for you if you need me. Prayers for you all.

–Linda Kincaid

I worked with Jerry for many years at Broughton Hospital, and yes, he was a very fine person. I am glad that I knew Jerry. I am saddened by his passing, and I wish the family well.

–Richard Whited

Jerry and I grew up together and he played in my band . I later went to Augusta Ga. And toured with a rock band and even played a show with Hank Williams jr and opened for Etic Burdon. I came back home and Jerry had done good with a band called Stetson. We met and talked about our Beatles years. RIP my great friend

–Danny Crump

I want to offer my condolences to each of you. Jerry was a good friend. He and I worked together at Broughton for a number of years. I had not seen him in a

while. I will be praying that God will give you peace, comfort, and strength now and in the days to comfort. Rama Jean Franklin



My prayers for the entire family

–Marti Cox

I remember Jerry as a student many years ago. He was smart, cooperative willing to help others! Enjoyed his updating everyone of classmates status frequently

–Ed Hardin

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–Gail Williamson

Jerry was a wonderful man. I worked with him at Broughton's and he always had time to make you laugh and he knew all kinds of stuff. He's very interesting. He's gonna be greatly missed. You have my deepest sympathy.

–Terry Minton



So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family.



—Becky Miller



God Bless you all, you are in my prayers.

—Cozette Townsend