



Francis Ridgely Hunt

November 6, 1933 - February 20, 2021

Francis Ridgely Hunt of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Waldorf, Maryland, died on February 20, 2021 in Bonita Springs, Florida. He was born (and raised) on November 6, 1933 in Waldorf, Maryland when it was a small farming community to Philip Edward Hunt and Bernadette Catherine Ridgely Hunt. He was also known as “Ridgely” or F. Ridgely Hunt.

Ridgely was a respected community leader and philanthropist, devoted Catholic, and beloved husband, father, and brother. He was the founder and CEO of the Hunt Funeral Home in Waldorf, Maryland which he built into a highly respected and successful service business until he sold it upon retirement in 1999.

He was baptized at St. Peter’s Catholic Church where he remained a life-long member and volunteer. Among his many contributions to the parish, he served as an altar boy for five years and was deeply involved in parish life serving on the first parish council, was the first lay reader, and contributed his time, energy, and resources to numerous parish activities such as church dinners, new church and school construction, and other contributions.

He was educated at La Plata High School, the University of Maryland-College Park, and Ekels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1955-57 where he was stationed at a Nike Missile

Battalion in New Haven, Connecticut and was honorably discharged.

He was a life member of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and volunteered as a fire fighter and ambulance driver in his younger years. The Huntt Funeral Home ambulance was the only vehicle of its type in the early days. He donated the first uniforms to the rescue squad.

He was an active member of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Committee of 100 Economic Development for Charles County, the Chamber's board of directors in 1960, was chairman of the map committee, and served on the Southern Maryland Regional Advisory Committee. He served on the advisory board for Annapolis Federal Savings, the advisory committee for Friends of Waldorf School to preserve this local landmark, and was a board member of Physician's Memorial Hospital Foundation.

He was a member/contributor of the Southern Maryland Society, Special Olympics/Maryland, and National Hospice Foundation (he sponsored Festival of Lights every year for many years for Charles County).

He was a life member of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service, Maryland State Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, Order of the Golden Rule, Waldorf Lions Club (Treasurer in 1971-72; awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship by Lions International Foundation in 1995), Knights of Columbus - Dr. John H. Griffin 3rd Degree and St. Thomas Manor General Assembly 4th Degree.

Survived by wife Joan Helen Farrall Huntt, daughter Karen Marie Huntt Mason, sister Elizabeth Huntt Walker, and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Ridgely Huntt

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Francis Ridgely Huntt

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Mr. Huntt was such a wonderful person to me and to our family. I remember the many times I babysitted for his daughter and how nice he and his wife were to me. He also was there when many of our relatives passed away to greet us and to offer his sympathies to our family members. May you rest in peace.
Dorothy Middleton Reppel

Dorothy Middleton Reppel - April 14, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Joan I just received word of Ridgley's passing. It has been decades since I have seen You but my hopes are high that you are well and doing okay. A fellow golf pro informed me this evening and I am reaching out as quickly as possible. Peace be with you and my love and prayers are sent your way.

bobby Bohrer - April 06, 2021 at 09:12 PM



So nice to remember Ridgley now over a year since his passing. Love to Joan of course.

bobby bohrer - April 11, 2022 at 12:51 PM

BB

Still fine it sad for Joan. Was in Waldorf recently and drove by the lovely home they had. Just some good memories. Hope you are well Joan. Love to you.

bobby bohrer - November 23, 2022 at 09:33 PM

BB

Time never erases the memories of Ridgley. I was proud to work for him and privileged to k no ow his lovely wife Joan. Wonderful memories. My love to you Joan...always.

bobby bohrer - January 04, 2024 at 11:24 PM

PM

“ *Sir Knight Francis Ridgely Huntt was a blessing to many, serving his community, friends, and family. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Peter Merkle - February 27, 2021 at 03:14 PM

NM

“ *Neil Snd Kay Myers lit a candle in memory of Francis Ridgely Huntt*



Neil snd Kay Myers - February 27, 2021 at 12:34 PM

NM

“ *Joan, Ridgely was so special. He was so much like his Mom snd when I talked to him I remembered Mrs. Huntt. Back to my childhood. He gave the impression that he loved to see people he knew. What a gift he was to Waldorf. Love to u snd Karen*

Neil snd Kay Myers - February 27, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DV

“*Joan and Family, I know my mother, Mary Canter, is smiling down on you today. She loved Ridgely like a son and spoke highly of him always. He will always be remembered. God bless you.*

Dorothy Vernon - February 25, 2021 at 03:00 PM

DB

“*I always looked forward to talking with Ridgely at my drugstore in Waldorf. Very smart and dry sense of humor. He told me his first choice of study was engineering but the death of his father changed his career choice. He certainly was successful.*

david braunstein - February 25, 2021 at 02:06 PM

AN

“*Joan, my condolences to you and your family. How sad it was to learn of Ridgely's death. I have such fond memories of him during our school years.....from grade 1 thru 12, Though we were 3rd cousins he took me out on my 1st date (probably his too!) when we were 12 or 13. We went to a dance at the community hall. He walked from his house to mine to escort me to the Hall. He use to call me "Hossie" and of course he was "Runt"! He had a great sense of humor, sometimes satirical but always friendly. So sorry for your loss. May God bless you and keep you safe.*

FYI my email: Sirrona2@aol.com

Anna Bean Norris - February 25, 2021 at 12:52 AM

MS

“*Deepest sympathy to Joan, Karen and family. Ridgely was a fine person, always friendly, and he will be missed.*

Marianna Robey Schwien

Marianna Schwien - February 24, 2021 at 08:30 PM

MB

“ Dear Mrs. Huntt and Karen,
I respected Mr. Huntt as my employer and as a great Funeral Home owner/manager. He taught me the true rights and wrongs of operating a funeral home and I truly understand why he did some of the things he did. There were many times when Mr. Huntt and I did have good times, I'm just sorry that he did not understand when he sold the business and I could not honor some of his requests and times were not so great.

mark brohawn - February 24, 2021 at 04:14 PM