



## **Lewis Hunter, Oct. 5, 1956-June 29, 2017**

NAUVOO, Ill. - Lewis William Hunter, 60, of Nauvoo, Ill., passed away Thursday, June 29, 2017, at the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas. At Fun N Sun he lived for a short time at Restful 180.

Lewis was born Oct. 5, 1956, in Evergreen Park, Ill., the son of Robert and Lois Jane Lewis Hunter. On Nov. 20, 1974, he was united in marriage to Pamela Joyce Lewis in Lemont, Ill. She survives. Other survivors include four daughters, Mercianne Finch of Keokuk, Lauriebeth Hunter (Bob Page) of Keokuk, Jenna-lyn Shuman (Micheal) of Keokuk and Beckajoyce Hunter of Iowa City; a son, Brent Lewis Hunter of Kansas City, Mo.; his mother, Lois Jane Hunter Schnakenberg of Sedalia, Mo.; seven grandchildren, McKenna Jade Hunter, Hunter Michael Finch, Meechele Kayle Page, Mason Robert Lewis Page, Hailey Anne Finch, Brady Micheal Shuman and Alexis Beulah-Rose Shuman; a brother, Kevin Robert Hunter (Wendy) of Texas; a sister, Shirley Jane Jensen (Richard) of Ozawkie, Kan.; two nieces, Jessica Whitston (Brian) and Christina Hunter; and a nephew, Noah Hunter (Katie).

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert William Hunter; a brother, George Oliver; and his stepfather, Roy Schnakenberg.

Lewis graduated from Lemont Township High School. He had been employed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a conductor for 43 years, until his retirement in November 2016. Lewis was a

member of the Masonic Lodge and the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors Labor Union.

Lewis loved to travel, collect model trains and baseball cards, attend plays and go fishing. He also loved to listen to piano music. He enjoyed his home in Nauvoo and often spent his Sundays at home reading a book or his Bible. Lewis loved life and was always up for a new adventure. He had his favorite quotes that he said frequently to his family, "What kind of answer is that?" and "You were the twinkle in my eye before you were even born" and "What the Sam Hill is this?" Lewis was an avid Chicago Cubs baseball fan and Chicago Bears football fan. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement in Texas and South Padre Island, although he did miss the beautiful sunsets from his home in Nauvoo.

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