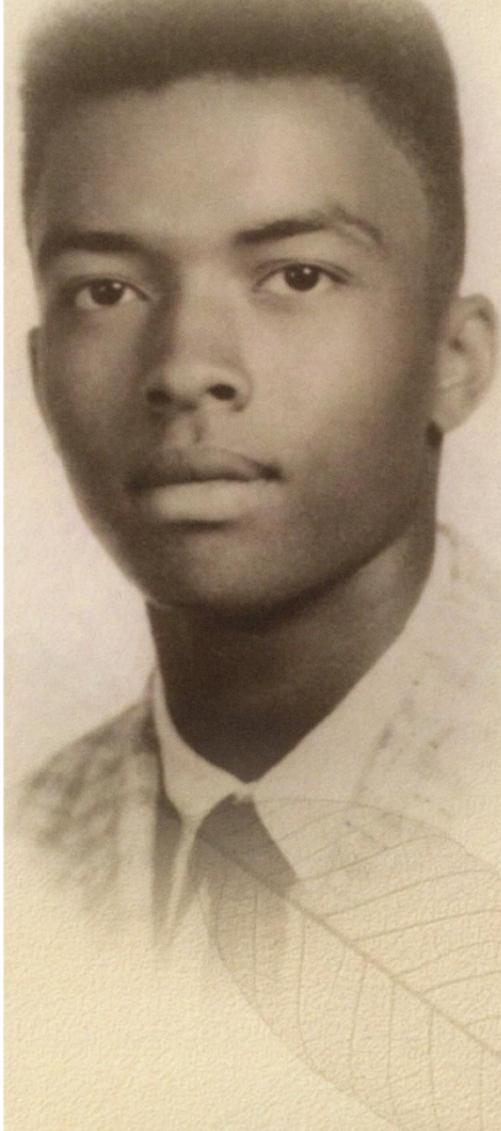


*a good life*



Harlan H. Hunter, Sr.

December 14, 1941 – February 17, 2025



## Obituary

Harlan Hugh Hunter, Sr., 83, of Wilmington, Delaware, entered eternal rest on February 17, 2025.

He was born on December 14, 1941, in Lima, Pennsylvania, to the late Carl L. Crampton Jr. and the late Helen Parker (née Hunter). Harlan was the beloved grandson of Rose Hunter and Leon Garnett, spending much of his formative years under their loving care. Raised in a large, blended family, Harlan was welcomed with great love by his stepparents, Harold "Hike" Parker and Vernita "Miss Arlee" Crampton. As the eldest of eight siblings, he embraced his role with warmth and responsibility. He is preceded in death by his brother, Clarence Crampton, and his sister, Vernetta Crampton.

Harlan was a member of the first graduating class of Penncrest High School in 1959.

After a brief time at J.G. Haldeman Brothers in Chadds Ford, he began a long and dedicated career at General Motors in Wilmington, Delaware. Over the years, he held various positions, ultimately serving as a quality control supervisor. His keen ear and expertise allowed him to diagnose issues just by listening to a running car. After 30 years of service, Harlan retired from General Motors in 1992.



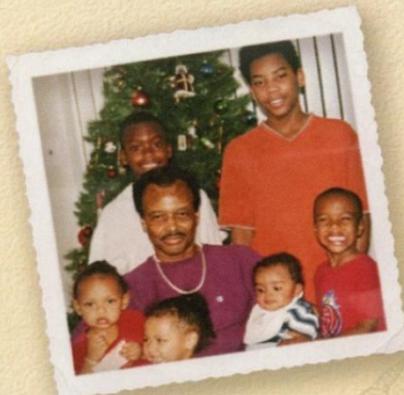
Growing up in Lima, Harlan discovered his love for fixing things at an early age—a passion for carpentry that stayed with him throughout his life. Well-known in the Media and Wilmington areas, he became highly regarded for his exceptional craftsmanship.

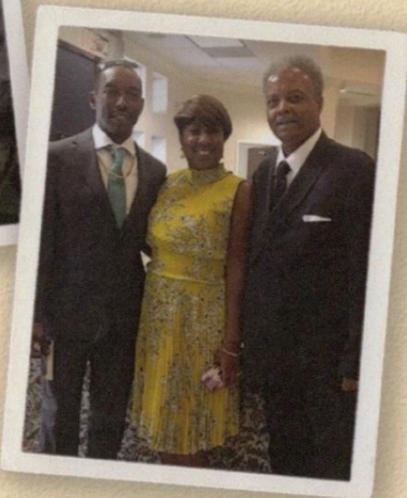
His attention to detail and commitment to quality ensured that every project met his high standards. A true professional, Harlan took great pride in his work, and his vast collection of tools was a testament to his deep knowledge and dedication to his craft. Beyond his skills, Harlan was known for his generosity. He often worked for below market rates—or even for free—to help others, believing in the importance of lending a hand when he could. In addition to carpentry, Harlan had a passion for building and repairing computers. He found joy in troubleshooting, upgrading, and customizing systems, often sharing his expertise with family, friends, and church members. More than just a hobby, it was another way he extended his generosity—gifting laptops to those in need, ensuring others had access to technology and opportunity.



Harlan had a deep and abiding faith in God. A life-long student of his faith, he spent much of his time reading the Bible and deepening his understanding of Christianity. He found great joy in sharing his beliefs, often reflecting on how faith applies to everyday life. A trusted confidant, he readily shared wisdom, advice, and stories from his own experiences.

Harlan cherished time with his family and friends. With a large extended family, he loved attending gatherings, hosting cookouts, dining out, and traveling. Always the documentarian, he was often behind the camera, capturing special moments to preserve treasured memories. In 2001, while filming his brother's wedding, Harlan met Sondra Reynolds, family friend and wedding guest. Though their paths had crossed before, it was on that day that he truly noticed her. A conversation that began that evening continued for the next 22 years. On August 10, 2002, they were married, beginning a beautiful journey together.



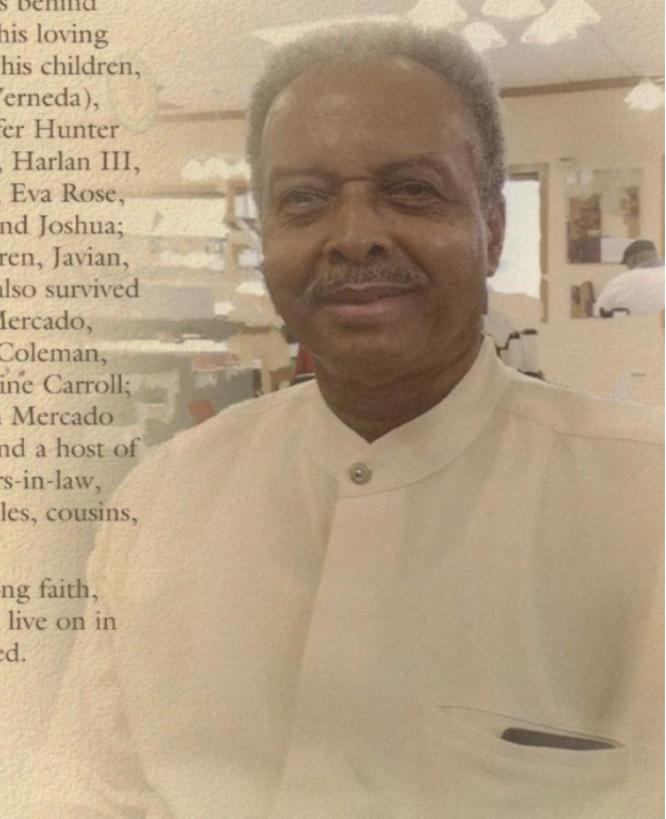


Harlan and Sondra shared a love for travel, church, sports, dining out, and family. He whole-heartedly supported her ministry, often putting his carpentry skills to work at her church assignments—always leaving buildings in better shape than he found them. His devotion to his wife was unwavering.

Harlan was deeply loved and fully embraced by his family, friends, and neighbors. He leaves behind cherished memories for his loving wife, Sondra L. Hunter; his children, Harlan H. Hunter Jr. (Verneda), Lisa Mitchell, and Jennifer Hunter Clark; his grandchildren, Harlan III, Stephanie, Kayla, Andre, Eva Rose, Cory, Tyler, Christian, and Joshua; and his great-grandchildren, Javian, Jahri, and Alirah. He is also survived by his siblings, Aulana Mercado, Harold Parker Jr., Julia Coleman, Carol Bladen, and Caroline Carroll; his goddaughters, Cierra Mercado and Parker May Lynn; and a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Harlan's kind heart, strong faith, and infectious laugh will live on in the many lives he touched.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family





# Order of Service

## Officiating Clergy

The Rev. Jeffrey A. Miller, Sr., Pastor  
Hutchinson Memorial UAME Church, Coatesville, PA

Music Prelude .....	<i>Bro. Paul Wright</i>
Processional.....	<i>Clergy &amp; Family</i>
Final Viewing	
Opening Hymn .....	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament - Psalm 24 .....	<i>Rev. Francine Hazzard</i>
New Testament - I Thes. 4:13-18 .....	<i>Rev. Deveral Wilson, Sr.</i>
Music Selection .....	<i>Mt. Calvary UAME Church Choir</i>
Prayer of Comfort .....	<i>The Rev. Andrew Fulton, Sr., Pastor Spencer UAME Church, Woodstown, NJ</i>
Music Selection .....	<i>Mt. Calvary UAME Church Choir</i>
Reading of Cards,	
Resolutions & The Obituary .....	<i>Rev. Sondra E. Taylor</i>
Reflections (2 Minutes).....	<i>Lisa Mitchell</i>
Words of Comfort (2 Minutes) .....	<i>Rev. James S. Matthews, Jr. Rev. Dr. Ralph T. Lampkins, DS</i>
Music Selection .....	<i>Sis. Kathy Anthony</i>
Eulogy .....	<i>The Rt. Rev. Charles L. Amos, Presiding Prelate First and Fourth Episcopal Districts, UAME Church Inc.</i>
Remarks.....	<i>Ventnor Wright</i>
Recessional .....	<i>Clergy &amp; Family</i>



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Viewing 8:00 AM • Homegoing Service 10:00 AM

SAINT PAUL UAME CHURCH

3114 North Market Street

Wilmington, Delaware

The Rt. Rev. Charles L. Amos, Pastor

## PALLBEARERS

Harlan H. Hunter, III

Cory A. Blake

Tyler J. Blake

Joshua A. Clark

Rodney E. Reason

Chauncey L. Turner

## COMMITTAL SERVICE & INTERMENT

Chestnut Grove Cemetery Annex

1041 Pottstown Pike

West Chester, Pennsylvania

## REPAST

Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center

500 E. Market Street

West Chester, Pennsylvania

## IN APPRECIATION

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. We especially want to thank John Gonsalves, Bro. Chauncey, Rev. Marilyn Turner, and Rev. Dr. Esther Brown for all of your support and love. May God bless you.*

*Sincerely, The Family*



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