



Marion Hunter

July 11, 2016

Marion 'Mamou' Hunter was born on January 10, 1915 to the late Caroline and Frederick Burfict in Reserve, LA. Her only sibling was an older sister, the late Orelia Addison.

Marion is the great granddaughter of Joshua Cook, who was brought to New Orleans in 1840 on a slave ship from Alexandria, Virginia, at the age of 23. Although the family research is incomplete, we know that Joshua Cook served in the Union Army as his signature appears in a registry of the United States 1890 Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War.

On May 9, 1940, she was united in marriage to Stephen Joseph Hunter Jr. at Our Lady of Grace Church, Reserve. Their union produced six children: Nicolette Theresa Hunter; Joan Giron (James); Phyliss Gaines; Caroline (the late Ken Williams); the late Stephen Joseph Hunter III; and Michael Selwyn Hunter. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She has been a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church for 75 years where she was the oldest member. For many years, Mamou got up at 4am on weekdays to attend the 6:30 rosary and mass. In addition she attended silent devotion on Saturday, plus rosary and mass on Sundays. In recent years when she was unable to navigate on her own, numerous members of CCE assisted by picking her up and delivering her home.

Marion Hunter was the recipient of numerous awards including the Golden Senior Award from the New Orleans Council on Aging and the Order of St.

Louis Medallion from the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans. She was also an active member of the Mercy Endeavors Senior Center for over eleven years. Memberships included CCE Altar Society, CCE Eucharist Minister, CCE Senior Sodality, Council of Catholic Women, CCE Food for Families/ Food for Seniors, Legion of Mary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Clavier, 3rd & 4th Degree (66 years), Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, CCE Monday Evening Rosary Group, CCE Senior Citizens Group, and Sodality of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mamou stated that one of her proudest moments was twice voting for President Barack Obama. She subsequently had the pleasure of meeting him at a reception at the MV home of family friend Professor Charles Ogletree. On the occasion of her 100th Birthday, she received a personal letter the President, in addition to two proclamations from Pope Francis.

Starting around her 90th birthday, the family began hosting an annual birthday celebration beginning with Sunday mass. In lieu of any gifts, Mamou always asked that money be donated on her behalf to her church and senior center. We modestly estimate that more than \$10,000 has been donated in her honor since that time.

It may be surprising to learn that Mamou was a convert to Catholicism and her devotion to her faith was established early on. In fact, in 1936 at the age of 21, she actually applied to become a Holy Family nun. She was unsuccessful only because she did not have the required funds. On another occasion, in 1957, she wrote to St. Augustine's Seminary, offering herself for missionary work. The sum of the life of Marion Mamou Burfict Hunter, and all of her endeavors and organizations, is a testament to a life of commitment and service to others.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Visitation at DW Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave. on Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Corpus Christi Epiphany Catholic Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave. on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 10:30 am. Visitation will begin at 7:30 am. Interment: Mt. Olivet

Cemetery. Arrangements by DW Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guest book. In lieu of flowers, family request that donations be made in her honor to Corpus Christi Epiphany Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Visitation

JUL 18. 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church
2022 St. Bernard Ave
New Orleans, LA

Service

JUL 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church
2022 St. Bernard Ave
New Orleans, LA

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Carol Burfict Mills lit a candle in memory of Marion Hunter*



carol burfict mills - September 25, 2016 at 10:04 AM

CM

May you rest in bosom of God. Would love to connect with other family members. I feel good to read about a Diva for the Lord. Serving mankind.

carol burfict mills - September 25, 2016 at 10:09 AM

WP

“ *I just found out about Mamou's passing.*

I met her on my first visit to Martha's Vineyard in 2007, I believe it was. She was an absolute delight! Such a sweet, beautiful soul. We were Polar Bear partners and, even though I was more than four decades younger than her, she outdid me in every exercise.

Mamou ... you will be sorely missed by all who knew you.



Wini Parker - August 12, 2016 at 02:47 PM

MB

“ *The family of Georgia Williams sends condolences to the Hunter family. Mamou was instrumental in bringing my mom back to life after Katrina. I will forever be grateful to her. Such a phenomenal woman. We will all miss you. Jackie, Marcia, Sandra, Terri, Melaney*

Melaney Batiste - July 21, 2016 at 08:54 AM

WE

“ Dear Nicholette and family,
I was deeply sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was so active and inclusive of so many of us. She is truly an angel in heaven praying for us all now. I hope that you are doing well. Love always, Diane Staes Blanks

william edward - July 19, 2016 at 01:05 PM

BR

“ Please accept our condolences to Phyliss Gaines, & Her family. We are so sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Bryan & Jan Roussell
(fellow Xavier classmate 62')

Bryan Roussell - July 18, 2016 at 08:13 AM

ST

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy. The Bible says that a person who lives for 80 years is especially strong. (Psalm 90:10) What a privilege that your mother lived for 101 years.

S. Tyler - July 18, 2016 at 05:23 AM

WR

“ A true Queen. The world needs more Marion Hunter's. So glad I met you.
You will be missed.

Mrs. Catherine Releford

Wanda or Catherine Releford - July 17, 2016 at 07:19 PM

BR

“ I have known Marion since some time around 1939 when he took care of my sister Joan. She and her family have felt like part of our family for all these many years. I last saw Marion at Joan's memorial reception four years ago. Much love to all the Hunter family from the Rittenberg family.

Barry Rittenberg - July 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM

JJ

“ Phyliss, May the love of your friends and family surround you and fill your heart as you journey down this new road, Know that ours thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janice and Anisha Johnson

Janice Johnson - July 17, 2016 at 01:06 PM

HF

“ Our dearly beloved Marion Mamou Hunter had the most loving, giving, compassionate, caring heart and soul. To be with her felt like a special grace. It was truly a blessing to have had her as a member of our Martha's Vineyard family. She was an inspiration to all and we treasured her. God love Mamou and we love her too.

Heartfelt sympathy to her wonderful family.

Hugh and Jeannine Crall and family

Hugh & Jeannine Crall & family - July 16, 2016 at 09:09 PM

G.

“ Our condolences to Joan and the Hunter family. Love and prayers are with you. Gilbert and Sheila Lanoix and family

G.&S.Lanoix - July 16, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion Hunter.*



July 15, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion Hunter.*



July 15, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion Hunter.*



July 15, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Joan and Michael, Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of your wonderful mother. We know she is enjoying her heavenly reward. We will remember you and the family in our prayers.*

Winston and Gretta Burns and the entire Burns family

Gretta R. Burns - July 15, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL*

Mackie JV Blanton - July 15, 2016 at 01:30 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marion Hunter.*



July 15, 2016 at 12:27 PM