

GEORGE CLARK HUNT

We are celebrating the life of an extraordinary man, loving husband of 56 years to Katharine (Kay) Wellinger Hunt, and father of three daughters, Elizabeth Lesser (Jim) of Belfast, ME; Martha Watt of Libertyville, IL; and Anne (Chip) Hicks of Dunwoody, GA. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Katherine Kaliker of Columbus, OH, and a brother, John Brooks Hunt of Greensboro, NC. He was blessed with seven grandchildren – Pam (Sean) Smart, Robert (Anna) Sinnott, Jay Lesser, Sarah Watt, Michael Watt, Ryan Hicks, Katie Hicks, and four great-grandchildren.

George died December 6th, 2020 at Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA of COVID complications, just seven weeks short of his 90th birthday.

George was born on January 22, 1931, in Winchester, Kentucky, the son of James Gordon Hunt and Nola Carol Combs. Early in his life, he was recognized as a gifted student and musically talented pianist. His family moved to Memphis, TN, and upon graduating from high school he received a full scholarship to attend Columbia University in New York City. After receiving his AB and MBA degrees there, he joined Chrysler Corporation (now FCA) for a career of over thirty years. At Chrysler he held various positions in field sales and marketing, where he helped launch the original minivan, the Plymouth Voyager. Eventually he was named Chrysler Brand national advertising manager, where he developed the Corinthian leather New Yorker auto commercials.

After George's retirement, he served as an active volunteer for arts causes in Detroit and throughout the state of Michigan. He was on the boards of the Arts Foundation of Michigan, Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan, Arts Action Alliance, and the Music Hall Center. He was active in Grosse Pointe Theatre for 22 years, as an actor, director, and president. He also served as a docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts, specializing in modern art. George was an accomplished pianist, playing as soloist, accompanist, and orchestra member. He played professionally beginning at a young age and continuing into retirement.

When his wife retired, they moved to Fearington Village near Chapel Hill, NC, where they lived for 20 years. He was an active volunteer as chairman of the Fearington Concert Series; president of the Harmony Grits (a Fearington choral group); and for Fearington Cares, the UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, and Chatham Habitat for Humanity.

In 2017, the Hunts moved to Sandy Springs, GA, where they have been living at Sunrise at Huntcliff Summit, a senior independent living community. Even there, George continued playing piano almost every day, sometimes performing for the other residents, up until a few months ago.

George had a fierce passion for music and the arts. Throughout his life he enjoyed countless classical music, opera, and theatre performances, and supported many nonprofit arts organizations financially and with his volunteer work. He was also an avid reader and game player. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the brave front line team at Northside Hospital at: <https://give.northside.com/ways-to-give/donate/> (specify for Frontline Heroes) or mail a donation to:

Northside Frontline Heroes
c/o Northside Hospital Patient Relations
1000 Johnson Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30342

A small (live-streamed) memorial service will be held at Dunwoody United Methodist Church on January 22, 2021 at 2 pm