



## Fred Jackson Gunter

February 9, 1925 - January 5, 2021

GUNTER – Fred Jackson Gunter, age 95 of Decatur, formerly of Monroe, passed away on January 5, 2021. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Center Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, 2940 Gratis Road, Monroe, GA 30656. Rev. Steve Powell will officiate. We are having a parking lot drive up service. You can stay in your car and listen to the service over the PA system or you can call this number 1-415-655-0002 with your phone and enter the access code 1204727831 and listen to the service at home.

Born in Ormewood Park, Atlanta in 1925, Mr. Gunter was raised in humble circumstances alongside his eight brothers and sisters in Monroe, Georgia. The family carved out a living sharecropping and farming cotton, subsisting on crops and livestock grown and raised by their own hands.

As a member of a family of deep faith and patriotism, Jack was called upon to run the family farm at the age of 16, when his older brothers were called off to Europe to fight in World War II. Jack would join his brothers in Army service in 1945, arriving at Le Havre, France on September 2, 1945, the day the war ended.

After serving in the Occupation forces in Germany and rising to the rank of Technical Sergeant, Jack returned home and attended Mercer University on

the GI Bill. Upon graduation in 1950, he began his career as a schoolteacher and principal, eventually leaving to pursue a Degree in Divinity at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1959, he married Jean Hovis of Atlanta, and their first daughter, Beth Allison, was born in 1962. Their second daughter, Laura Ellen, would be born in 1964.

Jack worked as a Minister of Music for several churches in the Atlanta area, as well as for the Baptist Home Mission Board. His lifelong love of music, and a clear tenor voice, earned him a leading place in the choir of several churches he attended, including Center Hill Baptist Church of Monroe, and Woodlawn Baptist Church of Decatur.

For the last 15 years of his life, Jack lived at Clairmont Crest Senior Living on Clairmont Road in Decatur, and attended nearby Clairmont Baptist Church. Always active of body and mind, eternally upbeat with a positive attitude, Jack was beloved of his fellow residents and staff, almost as much as he loved them. He doted on his Grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to photograph or videotape a birthday, graduation or soccer game.

Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife of 27 years, Jean (Hovis) Gunter in 1986; parents, James Fred & Ruby (Breedlove) Gunter, Sr. He is survived by his daughter, Beth Gunter Dycus of Acworth; daughter & son-in-law, Laura & Grant Schroeder of Atlanta; grandchildren, Zach Dycus of Acworth, Samantha Dycus of Acworth, Gunter Schroeder of Atlanta, Sadie Schroeder of Atlanta; sister, Mary Lena Rowland of Lexington; sister & brother-in-law, Runelle & Max Laseter of Monroe; brother & sister-in-law, Fred & Ann Gunter, Jr. of Augusta and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655. (770) 267-2594. You may sign the online guest registry at [www.ste](http://www.ste)

wartfh.com

# Cemetery Details

## Center Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

2940 Gratis Road NW  
Monroe, GA 30656

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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2940 Gratis Road  
Monroe, GA 30656

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Jackson Gunter*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Our family is thankful for the life of Mr. Jack. Singing, serving and worshipping together at Clairmont Hills Baptist Church was a blessing. His kind words and encouragement made a difference in our lives. I bet he had a great homecoming in heaven!*  
*Stanley, Pam and Jacob Peeples*

**P Peeples** - January 16, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Jack worked at the Home Mission Board for a number of years. He was a kind, friendly person who enjoyed helping others. It was a blessing to know Jack. Sincerely, Marjorie Bowman*

**Marjorie Bowman** - January 13, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *The North American Mission Board purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fred Jackson Gunter.*



**The North American Mission Board** - January 12, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Jackson Gunter.*



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January 10, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Jackson Gunter.*



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January 10, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *We only knew Jack for the last couple of years from church, but what a blessing he was! He always was praising God. I remember hearing his testimony and listening to him sing, “The Longer I Serve Him, the Sweeter He Grows.” I know he’s having such an amazing time now singing with the angels.*

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**Kate Hannon** - January 09, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Jack was dearly loved by all at Clairmont Crest! He had the most wonderful spirit and was always happy and smiling! He sang and led music at the Crest for many years. It was a blessing to know him.*

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**Cathy Humphrey** - January 09, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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“ I am so grateful for Mr. Jack Gunter introducing me to music very early in life. As a member of the Woodlawn Baptist Church choir most of my childhood, I was patiently taught to read music and - somewhat-sing notes. To this day, I think of Mr. Gunter every time I read sheet music. I marvel at his ability to contain and instruct massive amounts of children, as well as teenagers, and always with kindness and joy. I will forever be grateful for Mr. Gunter sharing his incredible musical talent with me and laying a foundation of joyful worship.

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**Cheryl Royster** - January 09, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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“ Laura, you & Jack joined us on Christmas Eve 2018 for the big concert at church. Jack's love of music was infectious! After climbing to the balcony, shuffling to the middle of the pew when the place was packed, to then hear him sing strongly all the songs with heart and soul just brought me to tears. And he made it all the way downstairs with the throngs, too. Always with a smile and a good word. I sure will miss seeing him at your Thanksgiving table.

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**Jill Buechner** - January 09, 2021 at 09:37 AM

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“ Jack was such a great example and big influence on so many lives...I loved going to Choir practice . I learned so much from him..Heaven has gained a faithful servant..until we meet again.

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**Pam Raulerson Lewis** - January 08, 2021 at 06:24 PM

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“ We have so many special memories of Jack and all your family with our Bradley, Patrick, and Sorrells families. There was no other like Jack as he shared his talents and friendship in weddings, anniversaries, genealogy, and so much more. We're thinking of you with our love and deepest sympathy.

*Nancy & Virgil Sorrells*

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**Nancy Sorrells** - January 07, 2021 at 07:55 PM