



## Blake L. Hunnel

March 3, 1984 - March 10, 2026

Blake L. Hunnel, 42 year old resident of Brainerd, MN formerly of Little Falls, MN passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at his home in Brainerd, MN. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 20, 2026 at the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN. Burial and military honors will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 11:00-2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 20, 2026 at the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Blake and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN. Blake was born on March 3, 1984, in Little Falls, Minnesota, to Stephan and Rebecca Hunnel. He grew up in Little Falls where he attended school and graduated from Little Falls High School with the Class of 2002. Following graduation, Blake enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country as a member of the Minnesota National Guard. During his military service, he completed two tours in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he proudly and faithfully led his Troop as a First Sergeant. He received many awards and accolades for leadership and expertise in the military. Blake attended the Minnesota School of Business where he earned a degree in massage therapy. He was currently employed at ATEK in Brainerd, Minnesota, where he worked as a Global Product Sales Manager. Blake had many interests and hobbies. He enjoyed hunting, was an avid collector of baseball cards and enjoyed working on and racing his drag truck, a 1985 Chevrolet short box that he took great pride in. While Blake had many passions, the role he cherished most in life was being

a father. He was incredibly proud of his children and loved them deeply. Blake will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, and the pride he took in the things he loved.

He is survived by parents, Steve Hunnel and Becky Weiss; son, Severin Hunnel with mother Kari (Casey) Hunnel; son, Henry Hunnel with mother Kim; sister, Cari (Dave) Voitalla and their children, Summer and Bo Voitalla; grandfather, Arthur Hunnel; uncle, Chad Olesch; aunt & godmother, Shelly Boser; great-uncle & godfather, Sam (Laura) Seelen; cousins, Zachary Olesch (godchild) and Matthew Olesch.

Blake was preceded in death by grandmothers, Elsie Hunnel and Lorraine Hiemenz and grandfather, Lawrence Olesch.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Little Falls Chapel  
214 2nd St SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
(320) 632-5242  
[info@shelleyfuneralchapels.com](mailto:info@shelleyfuneralchapels.com)

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 19 at 08:53 AM

AC

*Rest easy soldier, you were loved .*

**Amanda Copeland** - March 20 at 01:09 AM

NY

“ *Natasha Yasgar lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



**Natasha Yasgar** - March 22 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.*



March 20 at 08:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

March 20 at 08:35 AM



“ Your Riverside Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



Your Riverside Family - March 19 at 05:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

March 19 at 10:36 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



March 19 at 10:36 AM

DJ

“ Steve and Becky...and all families of Blake...  
My heart breaks for your loss. Blake was a  
classmate of my son Ryan. May God hold you  
all in the palm of his hands. God bless you all.  
May he rest in peace.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - March 18 at 12:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Blake L. Hunnel.



March 17 at 03:54 PM



“ A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

March 17 at 03:54 PM

AN

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Hunnel family  
for your loss.

George and Audrey Newman



Audrey Newman - March 17 at 08:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

March 16 at 08:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



March 16 at 08:34 PM



“ Vernon Hill Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

**Vernon Hill Jr** - March 16 at 02:42 PM



“ Vernon Hill Jr purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



**Vernon Hill Jr** - March 16 at 02:42 PM

KH

“ Kathy (Hunnel) Huntsman lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel



Kathy (Hunnel) Huntsman - March 16 at 12:07 PM

NB

“ Nickie B. And The Boys lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel



Nickie B. and the boys - March 15 at 05:25 PM

WA

“ Waters purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



Waters - March 15 at 04:24 PM

WA

“ Waters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

Waters - March 15 at 04:24 PM

LW

“ *Lori Williams lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



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**Lori Williams** - March 15 at 01:02 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Meyer lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



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**melissa meyer** - March 14 at 05:22 PM

RS

“ *Rosie Solorz lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



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**Rosie Solorz** - March 14 at 10:03 AM

TL

“ *Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



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**Tom Ledbetter** - March 14 at 10:02 AM

RS

“ So sorry to hear of Blake’s passing. His family is in my thoughts and prayers. May he RIP 🙏



Renae Schneider - March 13 at 11:36 PM

BP

“ Bailey Peterka lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel



Bailey Peterka - March 13 at 05:48 PM

EH

“ Ed & Mary Hoover lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel



Ed & Mary Hoover - March 13 at 08:11 AM

JH

“ May you rest in peace

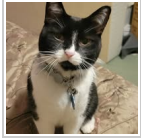


Jennifer Harakel - March 12 at 11:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Blake L. Hunnel.

March 12 at 10:22 PM



“ Tim Matros lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel



Tim Matros - March 12 at 10:15 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to the family of Blake. He was such a kind young man, and I'm proud of the man he was. I called him friend, and pray 🙏 for his journey to Heaven. Sending love ❤️ and support to his children

Helen Pfeffer - March 12 at 09:59 PM



“ Mike Binek & Catie Woodavens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Blake L. Hunnel.



Mike Binek & Catie Woodavens - March 12 at 09:29 PM

KM

“ *My deepest prayers and sympathy go out to Blake’s friends and family. May you all find strength through this time. As a Veteran myself and on the behalf of Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, I want to thank him for his honorable and outstanding service to our country. Thank you to his family for all your sacrifices and service as well.*

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**Kathy Marshik** - March 12 at 08:51 PM

KH

“ *We love you so much, Blake, and I promise that for as long as I live, I will always encourage your children to remember and honor you, and we will always include you in our lives. You were a wonderful father to them and a wonderful partner to me and we are so lucky to have had you as ours.*



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**Kimberly Hunnel** - March 12 at 08:28 PM

BH

“ *Brad Hilmerson lit a candle in memory of Blake L. Hunnel*



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**Brad Hilmerson** - March 12 at 08:08 PM



“ *Christina Zuniga lit a candle in memory of  
Blake L. Hunnel*



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**Christina Zuniga** - March 12 at 08:05 PM



“ *Kelly Harris lit a candle in memory of Blake L.  
Hunnel*



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**Kelly Harris** - March 12 at 07:42 PM