



Mr. Morris O. Hurst

January 31, 2017

Mr. Morris O. Hurst, of 2624 Riddick Drive, departed this earthly life on Jan. 31, 2017. .Morris Othello Hurst was born on June 4, 1924 in Suffolk, Virginia to the late Annie M. Hurst and William H. Hurst, Sr. He was the ninth child of ten brothers and sisters. Morris was educated in Suffolk Public Schools. After he graduated from high school, he followed his brother Lloyd to West Virginia State College where he graduated with a B.A. degree in commercial art. There he played football and joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He sang in the school choir and was a well-known campus Thespian who played several Shakespearian roles including Othello for whom he was named. West Virginia State is also where he met the love of his life, Rose Tolbert of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. After he served in the U.S. Army, Morris married his beloved Rose and brought her home to Suffolk where he joined his father in the business that became Hurst & Son. It was at Hurst & Son on Factory Street that Morris became a positive force in his community. Many young people earned money helping in the coal yard as he spoke to them about the importance of getting an education and developing good character. He was also known for sharing with those in need. He touched the lives of many with his generosity and kindness including many service providers who found that they themselves were served by his wit, wisdom, and spirit. Morris was a complex man. As an artist, he saw beauty where it was overlooked by others. While his role in the family business required a great deal of physical labor, he enjoyed singing old songs and reciting poems especially "Bluebird of Happiness." He liked to work on cars and collected them including models. He was especially fond of T-Birds. As a collector, Morris truly demonstrated the saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

His survivors include nieces and nephews: Doris H. Gerst, Rochester, NY; Tazewell V. Hurst (Sarah), Temple Hills, MD; Evelyn Jones Lee (Robert), Virginia Beach, VA; David M. Hurst, Rochester NY; Leslie L. Hurst, Charlotte, NC; L. Bradley Hurst, Rochester NY; Anne Marie Hays (Terrence), Charlotte, NC. Grand nieces and nephews include Lisa Gerst, Steven Gerst, Paula Gerst, Andrea Zopp, Mark Davis, Kevin Nelson, Joyce Nelson, Deborah Mohammed, Chandra Hurst, T. Victor Hurst, III, Timothy Hurst, William O. Jones, William A. Jones, Jr., Elizabeth Hayes, Ana Maria Futrell, and Theresa Maria Ricks. He

also leaves behind a host of great-grand nieces and nephews and friends such as Annie Lois Felton, Albert Jones, and Harvey Hicks.

Morris was a loving son, brother, husband, uncle and friend. He was a delightfully interesting man. We will miss him; we will forever cherish his love.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Gates of Heaven Church, 112 Beech St., Suffolk. Burial will be Carver Memorial Cemetery. The Omega Service will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the church on Saturday. Harris Funeral Home has been entrusted with the home going service. You may send condolences to the family at www.vharrisfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Carver Memorial Cemetery

2320 E. Washington Street

Suffolk, VA,

Comments



“ Mr. Morris Hurst, an Officer and Gentleman, a Special Friend to hundreds. I am Clyde L. "Basehorn" Fisher, and I remember the Hurst and Son's Enterprise on Factory St.

Mr. Hurst and I shared many phone conversations and he would recite and sing a song of inspiration, to me. His brother, Atty. L. Hurst, delivered a speech during my BTW, 1959, Class Graduation. We could converse for hours, about the grand ole times of Suffolk, which included the Roper Walker Family, Mr. Clifford Brousure , Cleaners, Mr. Yarbor, the Silver Slipper, the Bucket of Blood and Mr. Chapman, at the Carver Theater. What a time we had. My Aunt Mrs. Mary M. Fisher, Ricks, frequent his store on for many years. I will miss Mr. Hurst and most of all his wit and Personal Charm. On behalf of the Goode Family, Earl Wynn, Richards, Jack Sharpe and BTW, Alumni, we gracefully, extend our Condolences to the Hurst Family. Respectfully, CWO-4, Clyde L. Fisher, USMC "Ret" Tampa, Fla. God bless

Clyde L. Fisher, Sr - February 10, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ Mr Hurst was not only my patient but became a wonderful friend and mentor. I will miss his lovely songs, his great storytelling about the old days of his lively experiences. He will be greatly missed. What a lovely man.

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“ I always looked forward to seeing Mr. Hurst when he would come to our office. Always a hug. Always happy and upbeat. Full of life and stories. We always sang together and several times he asked to have the words to a song so he could sing it at home. I will miss this gentleman, for gentleman he was. I will hug him in my heart. Sending condolences to his family and the multitude of friends whose lives he touched. Now he is with his maker and his beloved Rose. See you again one day dear friend.

Gail Martin

gail martin - April 03, 2017 at 07:45 AM