



Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.

December 10, 1950 - March 14, 2015

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On the morning of March 14, 2015 Hurvey Fountain, Jr. passed on from life to death. His life brought him in contact with many people across this nation he served, who would likely label him a kind, gentle, pleasant soul, who cared deeply for people especially his family.

Hurvey (or Junior as he was always called by his father) was born and raised in Kalamazoo, MI to Queen Esther Fountain and the late Hurvey Fountain, Sr. He was born on Dec. 10, 1950 and was the first son to the aforementioned union. During his younger years Hurvey was an enterprising young man with a newspaper route, a job cleaning buildings with his much-loved Uncle Louis, and gardening amongst a host of other jobs to fund one of his true passions, "dressing sharp".

After graduating from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1968, Hurvey moved on to higher education attending his beloved University of Michigan and pledging for the fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha. However, before graduating and

finishing his degree at U-M, Hurvey was called into the armed services serving his country proudly in the United States Air Force. Although he was never deployed overseas, he was stationed away from his family at March Air Force Base in California. This deployment brought Hurvey's journey to a place he ended up spending the next 20 years of his life.

It was in California, where he met the love of his life Mary Christine Nelson, while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara, while she was working at the campus bookstore. They spent the first 8 years of their relationship building a foundation for themselves, having two children during this time, Ryan and Marissa, as well as, caring for Hurvey's cherished eldest son Hurvey III, from a previous relationship. Hurvey and Mary solidified their blessed relationship by getting married on 8/8/88, a never-forgotten date. Also during this time, Hurvey graduated from UCSB with a degree in Sociology, and subsequently from California Lutheran University with his Master's degree in Business Administration.

Hurvey held many jobs to provide for his family throughout their stay in California, but the job that stuck with him the most was a being a General Manager for a local chain of video stores, of which he oversaw all 5 branches in Santa Barbara. Hurvey was also involved with his children's education and extracurricular activities, coaching his son and daughter in little league basketball at the local Boys and Girls Club.

In 1995 Hurvey and his family decided to move back to Michigan, where he grew up, first landing in Ann Arbor, where he worked as a Mortgage Loan Officer. During this time, he was able to reconnect with the University of Michigan where he was able to share his memories and love for Michigan Football and Basketball with his sons and daughter.

After about 10 years in Ann Arbor, Hurvey decided to move closer to his family

back to Kalamazoo. This is where he he lived the final 10 years of his life, re-establishing his place in the community, reminiscing with his dear friends and family, and making new friends while working at the PNC bank headquarters. He also fully embraced his time spent at appointments at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor, talking with and hanging out with other veterans.

Hurvey did many things in his life, but regardless of where he was or what he was doing, he spent his life getting to know people and the things that made them tick. Everywhere he went he not only knew someone and say hello, but he could also tell you some special fact or story about them as they walked away. Even in passing his love for people and storytelling will carry on as he has left with us countless stories & memories to share for many years to come.

Hurvey was preceded in death by his father and his younger brother Steven.

He is survived by his mother Queen Esther, his wife of 27 years Mary, his two sons Hurvey III, and Ryan (Genesis) and “favorite” daughter Marissa Ashley Careem, ‘MAC’. He is also survived by his sister Jackie, and two brothers Gregory (Florence) and Gary. He leaves 5 adored grandchildren, Zhaniya, Rudy, Jack, Isabella (Izzy), and Iliana. He is also remembered by countless cousins, in-laws, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

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Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

Augusta, MI

Previous Events

A Service in Loving Memory

MAR 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - March 18, 2015 at 09:42 PM

UJ

Hurvey you have left us and we miss you dearly. We grieve and we hold tight to many memories. And we sing, <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LUJftxCtSI> you leave us many notforgettings. Unca GeeGi Joe.

Unca GeeGi Joe - March 19, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

RM

“ Roy McNeely lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



Roy McNeely - March 21, 2015 at 07:08 AM

CH

“ Charlene Harkness lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



Charlene Harkness - March 20, 2015 at 11:29 AM

VA

“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



Victor & Margo Anderson - March 19, 2015 at 08:14 PM

MM

“ MERRY MITCHELL-BATTLES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



MERRY MITCHELL-BATTLES - March 19, 2015 at 07:34 PM

RL

“ *Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.*



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - March 19, 2015 at 07:25 PM

EH

“ *Evelyn Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.*



Evelyn Henry - March 19, 2015 at 05:52 PM

TF

“ *The Henry Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.*



The Henry family - March 19, 2015 at 05:51 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.*



Earline Fields and Family - March 19, 2015 at 04:13 PM

BB

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Fountain and Nelson family. I remember the great time we had at John and Marlene's last summer, having dinner with Hurvey, Marissa, and Mary. It was truly a great time.* ”



Bob Bush - March 19, 2015 at 06:59 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.* ”



Pauline Gardner - March 18, 2015 at 09:14 PM

TC

“ *Treasury Management Client Care purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr..* ”



Treasury Management Client Care - March 18, 2015 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ *Hurvey was a sweet kind and gentle soul who would never say a bad word about anybody. He will be greatly missed and it was a privilege to have known him!* ”

Jennifer Brown - March 18, 2015 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. Fountain Jr.



Jennifer Brown - March 18, 2015 at 12:17 PM

JH

“ Hurvey was gracious enough to invite me and my son to a Michigan Football and recently a Basketball game. I enjoyed the road trip and his stories on I-94 racing a Camaro in his younger days. He took me on a tour around the university and shared some fond memories. I will be forever grateful for his invitation and my first University of Michigan visit and games. Thank you Hurvey, I will miss you my friend.

Juan Hernandez

Juan Hernandez - March 18, 2015 at 08:46 AM