



Howard J. Hurst II

March 31, 1938 - January 15, 2019

Ltc.(ret) Howard J. Hurst II of Saugerties, formerly of West Babylon, Long Island, New York, passed away peacefully in his home in the arms of his sons and surrounded by his loving family on January 15, 2019. Col. Hurst is survived by his wife, Irene Rivera Hurst, his daughter, Elizabeth Irene Hurst (Ross Blair of Aberdeen, Scotland) in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and his sons Howard J. Hurst Jr. III (Judy Roberts) in Kauai, Hawaii, and William A. Hurst (Pamela Hadad) in Delmar, New York and four grandchildren, Baxter Hurst-Blair, Dixie'drea Hurst-Blair, Gavin A. Hurst and Callum J. Hurst. He is predeceased by his daughter, Andrea Hurst O'Connor and brother-in-law Wilfredo Rivera. His surviving extended family includes two loving brothers-in-law and their wives, a loving sister-in-law, family members in Scotland and many close relatives, friends and military companions from all over the United States - in particular his lifelong comrade, James J Lucas.

Howard served his country in the United States Army from 1960-1998, working his way up the ranks from Recruit to Master Aviator. The bulk of his career was spent with the 42d Aviation Battalion of New York, flying UH-1 helicopters. Subsequent to his retirement from the military, he re-trained to become a New York State Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor. He counseled out-patient clients at South Oaks Hospital on Long Island. He became a Counselor Emeritus in 2014. Howard embodied the American immigrant spirit of his Irish and Swiss ancestors; his values of a steadfast

work ethic, a family first ideology and a joy for life punctuated his nearly Eighty-one years.

Col. Hurst and his wife, Irene chose to retire to Saugerties in 2008 as they associated the community with wonderful memories of camping at what was then North Lake Campsite with their four young children. While living in Saugerties, he taught the New York State Safe Driver course monthly at the Saugerties Library until ill health forced him to retire completely.

Friends will be received at Buono Funeral Service, Inc, 100 Main Street in Saugerties on Friday, January 18 from 2-4 and 7-9. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Snow Roman Catholic Church, Post and Cedar Streets in Saugerties on Saturday, January 19, at 2p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Saugerties Animal Shelter in Howard's name at 1765 Rt. 212, Saugerties, NY.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.
100 Main Street
Saugerties, NY 12477
(845) 246-2600
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<https://www.BuonoFuneralService.com>

Visitation

JAN 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of the Snow
Post & Cedar Streets
Saugerties, NY

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Just tripped over Howie’s obit, and it brought back many good memories of joint service in the 42nd Aviation Battalion, almost 70 years ago. Howie, then a SFC was the Battalion S1 enlisted in charge, as I recall, everything. And, what a caring, supporter guy he was, walking me through the entire process of applying for rotary flight school. Wish I’d looked him up, but that’s water under the bridge now. RIP, bro. I’ll always remember you with a smile! Stu Klein

Stuart Klein - October 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Howard J. Hurst II

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM

DB

“ Deborah A. Banfill lit a candle in memory of Howard J. Hurst II



Deborah A. Banfill - January 21, 2019 at 06:56 PM

DB

My fondest memories of your husband/dad/granddad are that if you happened to be outside in your yard or walking thru the neighborhood, even in your car at the time...He would always wave & give you a great big smile or say hello as he walked or drove by you...In times of crisis or need among his neighbors he would roll up his sleeves & do his best to help out with whatever needed to be done...Thank you, Mr Hurst from the bottom of my heart for always acknowledging me even long after I moved out of 630 Arlington & would go to visit my parents...

Deborah A. Banfill - January 21, 2019 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ *Deborah A. Banfill sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard J. Hurst II*



Deborah A. Banfill - January 21, 2019 at 06:09 PM

DB

*Dear: Mrs. Hurst, Liz, Bill, Howard, Your Families, & Friends!
My Heartfelt Sympathy & Prayers Are With You At This Time!
May Recalling Fond Memories Of Times Together Bring Comfort!
Mr. Hurst May You Rest In Eternal Peace In Your Better Place!
Hugs & Prayers!
Your Former Neighbor From 630 Arlington Road!
Debbie Banfill
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Commack, NY 11725
631-486-6773
itsjustme0805@gmail.com*

Deborah A. Banfill - January 21, 2019 at 06:54 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Dougherty & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard J. Hurst II.*



Barbara Dougherty & Family - January 18, 2019 at 10:28 AM

KG

“ *Irene, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family have our sincere condolences. - Ken and Jeanne Goldberg.*

Ken Goldberg - January 18, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Howard J. Hurst II.* ”



January 17, 2019 at 03:35 PM