



Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst

June 27, 1948 - October 19, 2016

La Porte, TX – Donald “Gene” E. Hurst, age 68, of La Porte, TX, formerly of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 12:55 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at his residence.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Travis Spencer will officiate. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Born June 27, 1948, in Trilla, IL, Gene was the son of Frank “Max” M. and Mary E. (Drury) Hurst. Survivors include two nieces, Teresa Romack with Rusty Loy of Humboldt, IL, and Nichelle Romack with Mike Vandeventer of Villa Grove, IL; three great-nieces, Jen Clapp and husband Joel of Hindsboro, IL, Shelby Newgent of Lerna, IL, and Mackenzie Romack of Villa Grove, IL; two great-nephews, Brandon Romack of Houston, TX and Andrew Loy of Humboldt, IL; and two great-great nieces, Hadleigh Clapp and Hayven Clapp of Hindsboro, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Linda Wheat and Sandra Gordon.

Mr. Hurst served our country with the United States Navy. He earned a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science, both in Education, from Eastern Illinois University. He was a professor in Computer Programming at San Jacinto College in Pasadena, TX. He was a former member of the Mattoon VFW and Eagles, and the Sullivan American Legion.

Gene lived life to the fullest and managed to always be impeccably dressed while doing so. He loved dancing, had an affinity for convertible cars, and an appreciation for forward fashion. He was a man who knew how to wear bold jewelry, diamonds, and fur. He was also a man who loved his family, treasured his friends, and cherished his dogs.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Barbara McLain lit a candle in memory of Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst



Barbara McLain - November 16, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ Gene's family and our family go back to our childhoods. We always enjoyed being with Gene, Sandy, and Linda. Gene was funny and kind, a good combination. Our condolences to his family.
Christy Block Terrell, Carla Block, and Cheryl Block

christina block terrell - October 31, 2016 at 07:21 AM



“ All of us at Letha's purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Yellow and White for the family of Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst.



All of us at Letha's - October 29, 2016 at 10:38 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I shared many events with Gene in High School. I remember him as a really nice person who I could relate to and I am sure he felt comfortable talking with me as well. I am sorry for your loss. I will remember him.

Joan Sintov - October 28, 2016 at 10:31 PM

LT

“ La Porte Community Church, 1st & A, La Porte TX purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst.



La Porte Community Church, 1st & A, La Porte TX - October 28, 2016 at 07:17 PM

VH

“ I was privileged to work with Gene for many years at SJC during registration. He was such a wonderful person -he made us all laugh. He will be missed. I send his family my prayers and sympathy.



Virginia Hanning


Virginia Hanning - October 28, 2016 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ I worked with Gene at San Jacinto College for many years. I wish everyone in his extended family my condolences.

-Mike Kent

Mike Kent - October 28, 2016 at 09:47 AM


DeAnna
Moeller

“ *I will miss you my friend! Xoxo*



DeAnna Moeller - October 27, 2016 at 04:56 PM


Letha
Woytek

“ *Letha Woytek lit a candle in memory of
Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst*



Letha Woytek - October 27, 2016 at 03:32 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McLain lit a candle in memory of
Donald "Gene" Eugene Hurst*



Barbara McLain - October 27, 2016 at 07:01 AM