



Frank Jasper Hurley

October 16, 1932 - November 6, 2024

Frank Jasper Hurley passed from this life on November 6, 2024, at Harry Truman Memorial VA Hospital in Columbia, MO.

Frank was born June 16, 1932, in Palo Alto County, IA on the family farm to Floyd and Zelda (Prentice) Hurley.

On September 25, 1955, Frank was united in marriage to Roberta E. Lathrop in Burnside, IA. To this union four children were born. Frank Ross "Ross", Rebecca "Becky", Robin and Rochelle "Shelley". They later divorced. On April 24, 1964, Frank was married to Jane E. Martin. To this union one child was born Katherine "Kate". They later divorced.

Frank was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, stationed in France. He drove military vehicles, peeled a lot of potatoes (KP duty) and spent his spare time sightseeing.

Having farmed in his early years in Iowa, Frank moved to Missouri in the early 60's when he purchased Jacob's Cave. Known far and wide as "The Cave Man", Frank was a member of The National Cave Association and The Missouri Cave Association. He was a founding and lifelong member of Lake of The Ozarks Grotto (LOG). Frank was also a founding member of Lake of the Ozarks Pigeon Club until he voted the wrong way and his lifetime membership

was taken away from him and he was removed from the club. Having grown somewhat bored with the cave business, Frank branched out to running one of the largest swap meets in Missouri along with his children's help. Thus "Swapping Days" was born.

Frank always had a theory about something, whether he was right or wrong or totally off base he would argue his case. This would always lead to at least one person being upset, or sometimes a whole group, this was Frank's way of making his opinion known.

Frank is survived by his sister Relda Lathrop of Lincoln, NE; sisters-in-law Ann Hurley and Carol Hurley; children Ross (Marsha) Hurley Troy, MO, Robin (Larry) Lachmann, Donnellson, IA, Shelley (Gary) Wolf of Monett, MO and Kate (Brandon) Klein of Clarksburg, MO; grandchildren Melinda (Jon) Hurley-Patterson, Andrew (Anna) Hurley, Waylon (Alex) Haslag, Ethan (Ashley) Haslag, Wesley Frank, Becca Frank, Allison Klein, Mary Klein and Amber Haslag and great-grandchildren, Caden, Brianna, Wilhelmina, Jade, Jodie, June, Tenley and Jasper.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Rebecca Hurley, grandson Kyle Sturguess, brothers Don, Eldon, and Burdette Hurley, sisters, Doris and Leveta Barnhardt, brothers-in-law Harold and Melvin Barnhardt, and Ronald Lathrop and sister-in-law Viola Hurley.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, at Jacob's Cave near Versailles. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, November 23rd, at Jacob's Cave with Pastor Landon "Cap" Chapman officiating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. Following the graveside service, all are invited to enjoy two of Frank's favorite things, barbeque and ice cream, which will be served on the swap grounds. Memorial contributions are suggested to

the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital in Columbia.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jacob's Cave
23114 State Highway TT
Versailles, MO 65084

Service

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Frank was not only a joy to talk with when he came to walk in Walmart but he full of interesting knowledge and stories. I was honored each time he sought me out.

Larry Clark - December 05, 2024 at 09:47 PM

AE

“ Everyday was a new adventure working for Frank at the cave. On a slow day Spring day in 2020 he pulled up in his minivan, giddy as a schoolboy, and revealed two handheld blacklights and told me to follow him. It was certainly a special way to see the cave after leading hundreds of tours with the regular lights on, and it was especially memorable because for two terrifying minutes, Frank got stuck in the tunnel! Undeterred by this, Frank pressed on and we saw the whole tour portion of the cave in all its luminous glory with those blacklights! Sorry to hear he's gone, but he sure lived life to the fullest!

Alan Ehlers - November 25, 2024 at 11:52 PM

AE

**slow spring day*

Alan Ehlers - November 26, 2024 at 12:13 AM

FH

“ FRANK JASPER HURLEY'S ABC LIST

A

Apple Orchard Manager

Alien Enthusiast

B

Business Owner

Bull shit artist extreme

C

Cave Man

Caver Owner

Construction Foreman (UNION)

Cattleman

Carpenter

Conspiracy Theory Expert

D

Designer of more things than I can remember

Dairyman

Diviner / Dowser

Divorcee (2)

E

Electrician

Entrapanuer

F

Farther

Farmer

Friend to Many

Fire Figther (Mo Conservation Commisson) (Some place in Oregon)

G

Gardener

Geoloigist

H

Heavy equipment operator

Historian

I

Insurance Salesman

J

Jewelery Maker

K

L

Land Lord

Log splitter / Lumber Jack

M

Mechanic

Match Maker

Mo Dot truck driver

N

O

Owner / and driving force behind the largest flea market / swap meet in the midwest

P

Polititcian (held one county office)

Pidgeon fancier

President of Numerous Organizations here and there

Painter

Pilot License at 15

Q

R

River man

Rock Hound

S

Spelunker / Speleoligist

School bus driver

Stone Mason

Sheep Herder

T

Trapper

Truck Driver (Short Haul)

Toy Maker (always making something for the grandchildren)

Truck driver (long Haul)

U

V

Korean war veteran

W
Wood Worker
X
Y
Z
Petting Zoo keeper / owner

The list above is a the only way I could think of to capture the things that he did during his life time. I am sure that there are many more than this. There is a story to most of these of some sort. I am proud that I was a party to alot of these. Love you DAD

F. Hurley - November 19, 2024 at 08:39 PM

SF

“ I’ve had the great privilege to grow up around frank. Or as I liked to call him “Frankie.” frank hurley taught me a lot along the way and i am so proud to have called him family and I am very thankful to have known him. Frank was always kinda enough to share his knowledge with the world and I will never regret sitting down and listening to him. Thank you for everything you taught me grandpa frank. You will be missed❤️



sedona foster - November 19, 2024 at 05:08 PM

KP

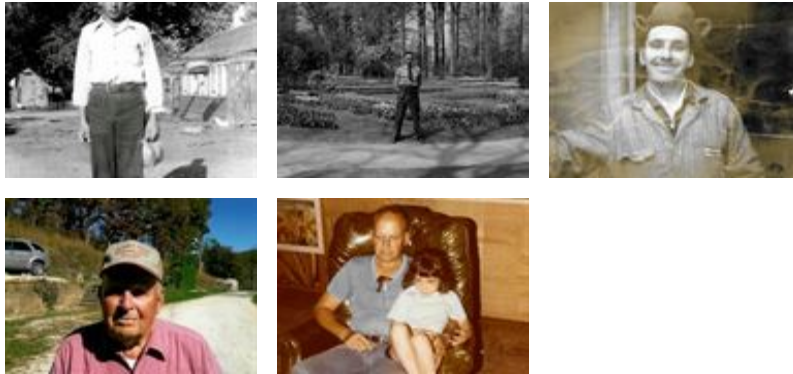
“ Frank will be missed terribly. My stepdad Linus "Con" Conrad, Frank, and Don Mitchell, were my grumpy old men. Quite the trio they were. I'll miss my conversations with Frank. So wise and always ready to talk and educate me, or just tell me a story.



Kim Plemmons - November 18, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - November 15, 2024 at 03:49 PM

DH

“ Donna Hurley lit a candle in memory of Frank Jasper Hurley



Donna Hurley - November 14, 2024 at 09:37 AM

DH

“ I am sorry for your loss frank will always have a special place in my heart and I will always cherish his memories I have with him I also hope you can rest easy knowing he is no longer suffering and is up with my dad having the time of their eternal life your cousin Donna

Donna Hurley - November 14, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CB

“ Cristy Bauer lit a candle in memory of Frank Jasper Hurley



Cristy Bauer - November 10, 2024 at 11:57 AM