



Mr. Donald Henry Hurt

April 18, 1948 - January 16, 2022

In Loving Memory Of:

Donald Henry Hurt was born on April 18, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the union of Jesse and Inez Hurt. He was the oldest of two children. Donald professed his faith in Jesus Christ at a young age and was baptized at Baptist Temple Church in Pennsylvania.

Donald attended George Westinghouse High School, where his love for sports took off. Donald played on the high school's varsity basketball and baseball teams and was All-State in baseball and All League in basketball. Donald was also a good academic student and maintained a high-grade point average during his 4 years at Westinghouse.

After graduating from high school in 1966, Donald received a baseball scholarship to attend Shaw University, an HBCU in Raleigh, North Carolina. Donald enjoyed his college experience at Shaw and met some of his closest friends there. During his time at Shaw University, he received All League Honors in baseball, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration.

On April 22, 1972, Donald married the love of his life Joanne Hurt and, during that same year, moved to Detroit where they began their new life together. Donald worked as a Financial Aid Director at local colleges and universities in the metropolitan Detroit area. The job that really transformed his life and opened his ministry for showing his love for people, was in 1984 when he

received a call to become the Financial Aid director at Marygrove College. During his time as the Financial Aid Director, Donald was able to help thousands of people obtain their degree, by helping them to pay their tuition from financial aid grants and stipends. During his time as Financial Aid Director, he also received 2 separate master's degrees in human resource management and public administration. One of the things that Donald would often brag about was that his staff and friends at Marygrove were like his second family.

Donald's impact on the lives of young people extended outside of assisting students with college financial aid, as he was also known as "Coach Hurt" to many aspiring athletes. Donald loved sports and his favorite team was the Pittsburgh Steelers. His family and friends knew how his mood was going to be on game day, depending on the Steelers win or loss. Donald's passion for sports led him to coach at many levels, from little league to high school, and he believed that every kid had the ability to reach their full potential in life. During his 40 plus years of coaching, he was able to impact thousands of lives and develop friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

Donald was part of several sports organizations: Northwest Detroit Baseball League, Detroit Cougars Football League, Detroit Benedictine High School, St. Scholastica, U of D Jesuit High School, Birmingham Groves High School, and Communication and Media Arts High School. Donald coached in many capacities including baseball, football, and basketball. Donald preached the 5 P's for success (Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance).

While Donald loved his friends, sports, and music (The Temptations was his favorite music group), his greatest love was for his family. Donald was most proud of his sons and their accomplishments and was sure to share it with everyone he encountered. He was a wonderful father and was very intentional with making sure his sons were supported in all their endeavors. "Big Hurt," as his sons affectionately called him, was present for all his sons' sports games, graduations, and any other occasions that allowed him to celebrate and be with them. Big Hurt continued this support with his "favorite granddaughter"

and “favorite grandson” by attending as many games and celebrations as he could.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents Jesse and Inez Hurt.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Joanne Hurt; two children, Shawn (Aerica) Hurt, Eric Hurt; a special nephew/son, Lamont (Kimberlee) Carter; one granddaughter, Charity Hurt; one grandson, Caleb Hurt; one sister, Priscilla (Robin) Pryor; one niece, Jessica (Aaron) Powell; one nephew, Jonathan (Kathlin) Pryor; and a host of beloved cousins, friends, and colleagues.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Henry Hurt*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To the Hurt Family: Peace be with you!🕊️My brother, Ted Coleman, and Don were friends since they were 4 years old! Our mothers were friends. Priscilla, Don's sister and I were around the same age. We were friends but lost touch over the years. Don's mother used to take us girls to camp!! I have great memories of this wonderful family!! Wishing you all the best!! Joy McDonald*



Joy McDonald - February 02, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Sending our condolences to the Hurts Family, Mr. Hurts will be missed, he was a good friend to our family. Love always the Washington's*

Shon - January 28, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *My condolences to the Hurt family. Donald and I were friends and classmates at Westinghouse High School. We enjoyed times together on the baseball team coached by his father and later during his visits to Howard during his days at Shaw. It was a blessing to know him. Peace be with you all.*

Wendell Jordan

Wendell Jordan - January 27, 2022 at 03:39 AM

LB

“ Donald Hurt was a God Sent Blessing to me. He helped me organize and develop Lynnetteoblockerfoundation.org into a Non-Profit organization in 1969. He work many hours through long distance and face to face calls and meetings. I am forever grateful for his support. My family will truly miss him. RIP my friend.
Sincerely,
Lynnette and David Blocker and Family

lynette Blocker - January 24, 2022 at 09:43 PM

TS

“ I met Mr. Hurt at Sochastic where so play football and basketball it been over 15 plus years . We will miss you !!!
Thank for being the coach for my son Arthur.
The Shelton family. ❤️

Tywanda Shelton - January 24, 2022 at 08:06 PM

NC

“ Donald, I met you 47 years ago, through the Chappell family, and at the college financial aid office. You were always so very kind and supportive. Sorry I couldn't make your homegoing service. The memories you, Joann, and I made on Cherrylawn street will forever remain in my heart. Rest in peace, your legacy will continue in your loving son, Shawn. In keeping the family uplifted in prayer. 🙏💙🙏

Naomi Cash-Williams - January 24, 2022 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ Mr. Hurt will be missed he was a man who stood for something and would stand up for you, I will miss him greatly and sharing the Temptations stories we shared. Much Peace and Love to the Hurt family He was a wonderful man.
Jill Moore (the Good Old Days)from Marygrove College

Jill Moore - January 24, 2022 at 01:46 PM

WH

“ Mr. Donald Hurt hired me to work at Shaw College of Detroit in the Financial Aid Department in 1980 when I returned back to Michigan from working at SUNY in Morrisville. He assigned me to be over the College Work Study Program. Mr. Hurt was a true Director and encouraged his staff to be well versed in all areas of State and Federal programs. Along with attending financial aid conferences. The mold was broken when he discontinued working in the area of Financial Aid.

Dear Joanne, Shaw, Eric and Hurt Family he talked about you often and was really proud of you all.

Praying for the family he will truly be missed.

Wilma T. Harris

Wilma T. Harris - January 24, 2022 at 01:00 PM

JR

“ Coach Hurt, Thank you for everything you've done for me over the years. I appreciate all the talks we had from my youth, all the way to adulthood. I learned and remembered many things from you, especially after I began my own coaching journey. You will truly be missed. On behalf of all Ravens and Red Sox, thank you!
#RedSoxPlayWithHeart

Jarrod Rice - January 24, 2022 at 10:51 AM

MP

“ Dearest joanne, Shawn, Eric the special grandchildren. Your loved one will be missed by many and most of all you all whom Donald loved dearly. Recently he spoke of how he loved and appreciated Joanne and his son for being there to take him to the doctor. Donald, a great man of faith has received the greatest reward Heaven. God is with you forever!! Mattie Porter & Family

Mattie Porter - January 23, 2022 at 11:05 PM

SF

“ Dear Hurt family, I'm sending my condolences to you all. I worked with Don at Shaw College and Marygrove College many years ago and continued to be friends. Please know that your in my thoughts and prayers. My sincerest condolences for an incredibly great loss.
Suzanne Freeman

Suzanne Freeman - January 23, 2022 at 06:48 PM

JP

“ Dear Joanne, Shawn, Eric, and Hurt Family, so sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences and deepest sympathy to you during your time of bereavement. May God continue to bless, comfort and keep you in the coming days. Sincerely, Jacquelin Portis-Joyner,
Landover, Maryland

Jacquelin Portis-Joyner - January 23, 2022 at 02:14 PM

MW

“ Mr Hurt, I have missed you in the Financial Aid world at Marygrove College. You were the best Boss and friend anyone could have.
Your friend, Maxine (Max).

Maxine Wade - January 23, 2022 at 12:14 PM

MF

“ Thr best neighbor in 44 years. I'll miss you tremendously.
Marguerite

Marguerite Fluellen - January 23, 2022 at 09:33 AM