



Mr. Melvin Sylvester Hurston

February 11, 1953 - August 16, 2025

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Melvin Sylvester Hurston, age 72, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, transitioned peacefully at his home on Saturday, August 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on February 11, 1953, to the late Nathaniel Arthur Hurston and Suellen Gaut Hurston.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and later built a distinguished career in healthcare leadership as an Assistant Administrator for Harper Grace Hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, and later rose to serve as a Senior Vice President of Operations and Support Services at the University of North Carolina Health Care System, where his 34 years of vision, dedication, and compassionate leadership left a lasting impact.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, Nathaniel Arthur Hurston and Suellen Gaut Hurston, his sister, Brenda Hurston-Feggins, his brother Michael Hurston, and his nephew Mark Feggins.

Mel is survived by his loving wife, Janice Summers-Hurston; sisters, Beverly Hurston, Barbara Foster, and Nancy Carter; brother, Karl (Debra) Hurston; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends; and Bernard and Jezzicka Watson, who were bonus children.

Celebration of Life services will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, September 27, 2025, Family Hour at 2:30 pm and a Memorial Service at 3:00 pm at O.H. Pye, III Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Road, Detroit, Michigan,

48227. Bishop James Earl Streeter will officiate/

Another service will be held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 3 pm-6 pm at The Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517. His beloved Pastor, Dannie T. Williams, Sr., will officiate.

In place of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Charles House Eldercare Center, 7511 Sunrise Road, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514, or to Melfield United Church of Christ Food Ministry, 2144 Melfield Drive, Haw River, NC, 27258, causes close to Mel's heart.

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Sep. **27**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Memorial

Saturday, Sep. **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

O.H. Pye III Funeral Home - August 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ *Kellee Mitchem Perkins and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Melvin Sylvester Hurston.*



Kellee Mitchem Perkins and family - September 25, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ *Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Sylvester Hurston*



Jeffrey Davis - August 30, 2025 at 09:15 AM