



David E. Hurlbut

January 14, 1948 - September 7, 2025

David Edson Hurlbut (77) passed away peacefully on September 7, 2025 in Tallahassee, Florida surrounded by family and his beloved pets and he now joins his loved ones in Heaven. David was born on January 14, 1948 to parents SSGT WM Edson Hurlbut (USAR, WWII) and Margaret Pritchett Hurlbut in Lake Wales, Florida where he was born and raised. His father was in real estate and served as Mayor of Lake Wales and his mother was a devoted teacher. David graduated from Santa Fe Junior College with his Associate of Science in nursing prior to gaining his Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Florida, and finally his Master of Arts from Florida State University's prestigious School of Interior Architecture & Design.

Following his graduation from FSU, David would remain in Tallahassee for the rest of his life. Ultimately, his heart of gold and compassion for others led him to the nursing profession, serving others compassionately in various hospitals and medical establishments, and Hospice. His varied education and creative nature was utilized mostly through his hobbies: numerous mediums of art, entertainment, and interior design. He also greatly enjoyed gardening and was a past member of the Rose Club. He was proud to have personally introduced three new varieties of roses to Tallahassee.

David enjoyed spending time with his many pets throughout the years and volunteering his time in service to other animals. Most recently, he was

volunteering his time and skillsets appraising jewelry and gemstones for The Fix Thrift Shop. His efforts helped raise countless funds for Be The Solution, an organization founded to provide spay and neuter vouchers for families in need. With a boundless love for animals, David was also involved with the Leon County Humane Society and the Tallahassee Animal Shelter.

Most of all, David cared deeply for his friends, forging lifelong friendships that became like family to him, and his infectious humor and varied interests brought new friends throughout his life. David's friendships – old and new - meant so much to him. His family wants to thank each and everyone who brought him joy, laughed and played, and who loved him through hardships.

David was predeceased by his parents and his brother, CPT William Chester Hurlbut (USAR). He is survived by his sister, Bonnie Levy (Rick); nieces Leah Yarbrough (Heath) and Bethany Faison (Kelvin); great-nieces and great-nephews Suzie Warner, Kannon Faison, Kahlai Faison, Kaylan Faison, and Kage Faison. Last but certainly not least, David leaves behind his beloved pets: his poodle Louis as well as his cats, Maggie and Scamp, who now have new loving homes and families.

David's life, legacy and compassion for all will be celebrated on Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 2:00-4:00pm in Maclay Gardens at the Walled Garden and Reflection Pool. Following the service, the family invites all to join them for food and fellowship at the nearby Gardner's Cottage of Maclay Gardens. David lived life in vivid color with a tremendous sense of humor and fun. His family would love for those who come to celebrate him to dress in lively, vibrant colors and fun fashion to reflect how he lived. In lieu of flowers, David would ask that memorial contributions be made to Tallahassee's Animal Shelter Foundation, Inc. or the Leon County Humane Society.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is

assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maclay Gardens
3540 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

JV

“ For 40 years, as his friend, I have been blessed with David’s generosity, passion, sense of humor, intelligence, creativity — you name it. He has enriched my life in so many ways. I have also shared his suffering, both physical and emotional, and though sometimes hard, that has been a blessing too. David, your family and my family miss you very much. Louis misses you but is happy in his new life. See you on the other side, and in the meantime, rest peacefully in Jesus’ loving arms. Love, June

June Vickers - October 19, 2025 at 09:14 AM

BL

That's beautiful June. Thank you.

Bonnie H Levy - October 27, 2025 at 11:16 AM

MO

“ David was a good friend at LWHS and he always had a sharp wit and was a very funny guy. Sorry to hear he's passed and condolences to his family and many friends.

Michael O'Neal

Azle, TX

Michael O'Neal - October 02, 2025 at 03:07 AM

BL

This is Bonnie, David's sister. I'm sure you don't remember me. I started high school the year after you graduated and that's a big age difference for kids! Anyway, thank you for your comments and condolences. I miss him so much.

Bonnie H Levy - October 08, 2025 at 03:41 PM

SM

“ David was such a character. He hosted some of the most fun and lively get-togethers, with live performances, often unpredictable, and always a good time. We shared a love of gardening and I remember how beautiful the roses were at the house he and Ken shared years ago. David gave us a rambling rose some 20 years ago and it is still thriving in our Tallahassee garden. We will miss him. Our condolences go out to all his family and friends.

Stewart Tomlinson and Keith Murchison - September 12, 2025 at 11:22 AM