



## Jerry Max Hurley

September 28, 1936 - March 19, 2022

Jerry Max Hurley, age 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 19, 2022, leaving behind his loving wife Joyce and children. He was a Texas native born September 28, 1936, and grew up on the family's cattle ranch in Robert Lee, TX. He attended Robert Lee High School where he not only played ironman football but also led the band as drum major during halftime. He worked the family business until graduation and went on to work in the oil fields, drove short haul trucks, and various odd jobs around west Texas until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. His Navy career spanned twenty four years where he served on various ships and shore stations around the United States and world. He took part of the naval blockade of Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis. During the Vietnam War, he completed numerous, months long deployments to South East Asia where, during some missions he was responsible for naval gunnery support of the U.S. Army. After retiring from the Navy, Max and Joyce remained in Pensacola for several years before moving to Las Vegas but later returned to Florida and resided in Tallahassee to be closer to family. In addition to spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, he was a loyal and avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys! No matter their season, he loved his Cowboys!! He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Jessie Mae Hurley and his brother John Carlton Hurley. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Joyce, and children: Laura Navalance of Brownsville , TX, Lisa (Ron) Marquette of Lakeland, FL, Jason (Cathy) Hurley of Jacksonville, FL, Lisa Lagergren (Gary

Yates) of Tallahassee, FL, Gina (Eric) Miller of Tallahassee, FL his sister, Jean Rymer (Jim) of Lubbock, TX. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society (<https://www.nmc rs.org/>) or the Moffitt Cancer Center (<https://moffitt.org/>). The family will receive friends from 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel, Tallahassee, FL, the funeral service will follow at 10:00 AM. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Hurley family with their arrangements. Burial arrangements are handled by Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee, TX and will be held at the Robert Lee Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## The Family Will Receive Friends

MAR **24.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

MAR **24.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Max Hurley*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - March 24, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Max Hurley*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - March 24, 2022 at 08:44 AM

SY

“Max was our wonderful friend and neighbor for many years. He was my buddy. We both had military training and shared a life of discipline to do our best and on time. He was a wonderful man, a true gentleman, and the very best kind of neighbor. We both loved vegetable gardening and shared plants, gardening tips, etc. Occasionally my family traveled during the peak of gardening season and Max always generously volunteered to care for our garden during our absence.

Max was a proud Navy man and cherished his service to this country. He often talked about his travel experiences during his Navy career.

Over the last several months, Max was very ill and losing weight but he never complained. Although he was becoming physically weak, he stayed stoic and mentally strong till the end. We admired him so much.

We will miss our dear friend.

Sy and Paula

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Sy - March 24, 2022 at 12:56 PM

RS

“Max, a friend, a shipmate who will never be forgotten. We served together at two different duty stations. Our lives were entwined with family and friends and as brothers in and out of uniform. Max was a dedicated sailor and proud of who he was. We spent countless hours together, traveling back and forth to Las Vegas for many years. Joyce and Rainy had to listen to our sea stories so much they could repeat every word without a laugh thinking what's so funny. A true Texan, a devoted Dallas Cowboy who just happened to team up with a small Yankee Patriot fan. He may be gone but will never be forgotten. I am sure, his first stop after Robert Lee. Texas will be to ask Rainy to put some coffee on. May you have smooth seas and following winds my friend.

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Richard F Souza - March 23, 2022 at 08:22 PM

DL

*Max was and always will be my best friend and shipmate, he was full of life and we had many adventures together while we were aboard the USS Samson and when later assigned to Corry Station in Pensacola, FL. Max, I will miss you here on Earth but rejoice in the knowledge that we will see each other in Heaven. Fair winds and following seas my friend..*

**Dave LeVan** - March 24, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Max Hurley.*



March 23, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Max Hurley.*



March 23, 2022 at 10:31 AM