



James Leroy Hurley

August 6, 1945 - February 14, 2022

Hurley, James L. age 76, of Scottsdale, AZ and Minnetonka, MN, passed away February 14, 2022. Survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Alison; children, Jeffrey Jones (Germaine), James Hurley Jr. (April), Daina Coons, Timothy Hurley; grandchildren, Chris, Jenna, Jordan, Zachary, Makayla, Adonis, Elliana, Melody; great-grandchildren, Maverick, Cavanaugh, and Ambrose; sister, Billy Hurley Dimry (John); brother-in-law John Smith; sister-in-law Rena Hurley. Preceded in death by parents, Noah, and Marguerite Hurley; sisters, Beverly Coleman, and Nona Smith; brother, Noah Hurley, Jr. Well-known as a trail blazer, Jim and his school mates were the first to integrate into Bourbon County High School. He went onto Transylvania University excelling academically and athletically. Jim was the first recruited African American basketball player to significantly contribute to the team. A fierce competitor, Jim played all three positions, setting numerous records for his school. Jim was awarded the team's MVP three years in a row, voted to the Final Four all-tournament team, and selected as an All American. His number was retired after his senior year in 1969. He was selected Transylvania's Mr. Pioneer in 1969 by his peers, the college's highest social honor. Upon graduation in 1969, Jim was drafted to the NBA Cincinnati Royals as a Point Guard which today is known as the Sacramento Kings. He chose to forgo this opportunity to pursue a career with Procter and Gamble (P&G). His career with P&G began in Cincinnati and included several relocations to various states during his 33-year career. In 2003, he retired in Arizona as Vice President of Customer Business Development. Jim received numerous awards during his P&G career, most notably a lifetime achievement award in recognition of the tremendous impact he had on people. He was a champion of diversity resulting in recognition from many of P&G's affinity groups to include the Strategic Black Leadership and the Asian Pacific American group for a career of dedication, courage, and leadership. Retirement, however, did not slow him down. Still active in the community, Jim worked with several Boards, including as a Transylvania University Trustee, Inroads, KIPP Minnesota and other organizations. His biggest legacy was connecting with people and helping them to grow. Jim loved his family and was considered by many as the Patriarch of the Hurley family. Additionally, he loved and was loved by his in-laws, the Smith family. He cherished his time with his in-laws and the opportunities to impact his nieces and nephews' lives. His devotion to family led to

nearly 50 years of Hurley- Hayes reunions and family gatherings spanning 19 different locations. Jim and his wife, Alison, loved to go on road trips to visit family and attend family functions. As many of his family know, golf was one of his favorite sporting past-times. Having picked up the sport later in life, he excelled rather quickly and enjoyed golfing with his friends and family. His love for sports and support of family greatly impacted the family's participation in various activities at all levels. Simply put Jim was a remarkable human being who will be truly missed. Visitation will be held at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. and Vernon Ave at Hwy 100, Edina on Friday March 4th from 4-7pm. Funeral Service Saturday March 5th at 11:00am with visitation beginning at 10:00am also at the funeral chapel. To attend the funeral virtually please go to

view.oneroomstreaming.com/...

Memorials preferred to: St Paul United Methodist Church, 1117 High St, Paris, KY 40361 or KIPP Minnesota Public Schools. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel

5000 West 50th & Highway 100

Edina, MN 55436

info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of James Leroy Hurley



Washburn-McReavy - February 18 at 01:15 PM

RT

“ Though I was saddened to hear of Jim’s passing, I was uplifted by the spirited celebration of his life when I watched the video of the chapel service in his honor. My thoughts were taken back to the first time I met Jim. It was my first year working in Toilet Good Sales at the Procter & Gamble General Offices. The occasion was November 1979 at the National Sales Meetings in Cincinnati. There were only three (3) of us African Americans at the week’s events. So much has changed for African Americans and other minorities at Procter & Gamble since that moment in time 43 years ago. Thanks to Jim for his dedication and pioneering spirit that helped forge the way for so much of that change.

To Allison and the other members of the Hurley family, may the Lord bless you and keep you as your memories of Jim comfort you and bring you peace in the days to come.

Regina Tippens,
Procter & Gamble Retiree & Former Colleague

Regina Tippens - May 07 at 04:41 AM

AF

“ Such a beautiful homegoing for Jimmy. Me and my family send our prayers and condolences to the families of Jimmy (our homey). We grew up together in Paris and were neighbors on 7th street. He was like a part of our family. He and my brother Tyrone were very close. I can remember being a little girl admiring how pretty Beverly, Nona and lollypop were. Our street was full of kids. Jimmy was a part of our 7th street families. My mom could always find Tyrone around Jimmy and his car. He loved his basketball and of course cars. He would take us younger kids for a ride sometimes in that 57 Chevy and turn the car lights off while driving on those country roads (chicken). Scare us to death. Always confident in his driving like everything else. He never harmed a hair on our heads.

Rest in heavenly peace.

Augustine Fields & Family

Augustine Fields - March 14 at 05:16 PM

DS

“ I just heard about the passing of Jim. He was the very first person I interviewed with at Procter & Gamble. To say Jim was an outstanding person would be the understatement of all time. He was smart, a truly wonderful business man, but most of all a fine human being. I was so lucky I crossed paths with Jim. May he rest in peace.

Dick Satterfield

Dick Satterfield - March 06 at 06:03 PM

LB

“ My prayers are with the Hurley Family. I knew Jimmy from my childhood into adulthood. I always knew him as Jimmy. He was one of the men in the community, I always looked up to and respected. It was just automatic. I can't tell you all of the conversations we had and how positive and encouraging he was to me. I was glad to spend some time with him and Alison on the golf course in Cincinnati in the late 1980's. I believe that is when we reconnected and never really lost contact.

I always enjoyed telling him some history about Paris and Saint Paul from my research. As I heard all the beautiful comments about how he treated people and life, I am blessed to have been a part of knowing and having a friend and man I always respected pass through my life. I extend my prayers to the family. If I can ever be of assistance from the hometown, please feel free to contact me.

GOD Bless,

Lindrell Blackwell

Lindrell Blackwell - March 05 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ I remember Jim when I was a very little girl. My father was the Rev. Granville N. Hardin, Pastor of St. Paul UMC in the 50's !
Prayers and Blessings for you at this time.
Rev. Alyce Hardin-Cook
Columbus, Ohio

Rev. Alyce Hardin-Cook - March 05 at 11:33 AM

SW

“ Jim moved through life with dignity, decency and honor. We all miss you my friend.

Sean Walker - March 05 at 08:51 AM

TT

“ Jim was a great friend, mentor and a very smart guy. He always had positive things to say and he inspired many to want to excel. Great Basketball player and an avid golfer. Jim also had a love for cars and jazz. I will miss our frequent conversations about the world of sports and the rounds of golf. Jim has always felt like a part of my family and I am very appreciative to have been able to know him. My Condolences and Deepest Sympathy goes out to his family. May Jim rest in peace.

Timothy Taylor

Timothy Taylor - March 05 at 07:51 AM

FL

“ Sending prayers to the family of James (Jimmy) Hurley. So sorry for the loss of your loved one. We grew up in the same church (St. Paul United Methodist Church in Paris, KY) and attended the same Bourbon County High School.

Fulvia G. Longstreet - March 04 at 12:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Leroy Hurley.



March 04 at 04:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Leroy Hurley.



March 02 at 09:56 PM

YF

“ Your MTM Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Leroy Hurley.



Your MTM Family - February 27 at 08:52 AM

JL

“ *Played basketball at Bourbon County! Great player and teammate! Happy to call him my friend! So sorry for his passing! My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jim LeMaster*

Jim LeMaster - February 27 at 07:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Leroy Hurley.*



February 20 at 07:45 PM