



Donald "Duck" Ray Hurst

June 4, 1940 - March 7, 2024

Donald "Duck" Ray Hurst, age 83, of Altus, Arkansas, died, Thursday, March 7, 2024 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born June 4, 1940 in Altus, Arkansas to Donald R. Hurst and Ruth Carlile Hurst. Duck was the first to grow and raise rice in Franklin County in the late 1970's. In 1975 he was named, Young Farmer of the Year, received Farm Family of the year in 1981, and was active in cattle farming through the 1980's and 1990's. He was a fisherman and a camp cook. He was a Cemetery Director at Houston Cemetery. Duck enjoyed supporting many different ministries and church's during his lifetime.

Duck is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Hurst; one daughter, Leslie Ann Hurst; one daughter-in-law, Susan Hurst; one brother, Lloyd Lee Hurst; and one sister, Judy Rinke.

Duck is survived by his two sons, Ricky Hurst and Randy Hurst both of Altus; six grandchildren, Amanda Jade Cagle, Jacob Hurst, Erick Hurst, Joseph Hurst, Bradley Hurst, and Whitley Huffstetler; and eight great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M., Monday, March 11, 2024 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in Ozark, with Brother Lonnie Turner officiating, with burial at

Houston Cemetery in Alix, Arkansas, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob, Erick, Joseph, Bradley, Michael, and Dustin Hurst.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Houston Cemetery

Alix, AR 72820

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
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Ozark, AR 72949
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Funeral Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

MAR 11 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Shaffer Home - March 21, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Duck and Bobbie Jean two of the hardest working couple, I know. They were true friends and loved their family dearly. They were well known for their corn crop. I love this, your family, and they truly will be missed at least Duck is with Bobbie Jean and Leslie again. My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Vicki King - March 16, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ I remember that smile from my childhood. It's amazing how far a smile can go when you are a child.

Marietta Hurst Stokes - March 11, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Duck" Ray Hurst.



March 10, 2024 at 09:38 PM

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“ *RIP my friend you will be missed. Always the best neighbor and friend. Prayers for you Randy and Ricky and families*

Sharon Farnam - March 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

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“ *I knew Duck most of his life, and knew his late wife from the time she was a child. He and I served on the Houston Cemetery Association Board for many years. He was a friend to anyone who knew him, a good and loyal husband and father, and was an honest, hard working man who bootstrapped himself from nothing to one of the most successful farmers in the area. His passing is a loss to Eastern Franklin County. I will miss visiting with him at our annual cemetery board meetings. Rest in peace, Duck, you earned it. ❤️*

Gerald (Jerry) Primm - March 09, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald "Duck" Ray Hurst.*



March 09, 2024 at 09:45 AM