



Vernon Lee Hurst

November 4, 1966 - July 16, 2021

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12 KJV

Mr. Vernon “Lee” Hurst

On a Friday, November 4, 1966 at Fort Knox Army Medical Center in Fort Knox, Kentucky a Son, a Brother, a Grandson, a Father, an Uncle, a Cousin, a Cherished Friend, an Artist, a Dancer, a Singer, a Performer, a Comedian of sorts, a Writer and Poet, a Kind Hearted and Loving Individual was intentionally Molded by GOD’s Hands, Crafted in Love, Power and Grace, and was sent to Earth to profoundly touch each one of our lives that he shared.

Born to the parents of Rev. Dr Marvin Hurst, Jr. and Mrs. Vernon Eleanor Hurst (his name-sake), he was affectionately known by his family and great friends as “Lee”. To know Lee, was also to know that he cherished life and enjoyed the simple pleasures of spending time with his family, cooking, drawing, dancing, listening to music, singing as a member on the church choir, completing daily household chores, lawn-care, playing basketball, watching a

Seattle Seahawks football game(which he considered his home team) and caring for his “adopted” dog name Dusty! There is not a time that comes to memory, when Lee, even through sickness and pain, refused to help an individual in need.

He was always involved in his family's life, from summer camping trips taken in France, to board games, BBQ's, playing round or two of pool, spades and dominos, which were a few of his favorites. Vernon Lee began traveling the globe at an early age, from his starting point in Kentucky, to Europe, and even working on a fishing boat cannery in Alaska. He graduated with a Performing Arts Diploma from Puyallup High School located in Washington State, in 1983 at the age of 17 years old.

Lee authored many spiritual poems collectively over the years as a show of his unwavering reverence and love for God. He had accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized. Lee was a devoted servant, singing in every church choir that he was a member of over the years. And also served faithfully as a usher and was involved on the Jr. Deacon Board. Plain and simple, his love for God was first and foremost in his life and it showed.

Lee was a living example of the scripture: Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. He proved this scripture to be true, by the exceptional care given daily to his mother.

He was preceded in death by his father: Rev. Dr. Marvin Hurst, Jr., his sister: Angela Renata Hurst, his son: Jeron Christopher Hurst and his son: De'lante Ryan Hurst.

He leaves to celebrate his earthly legacy and memories, his mother: Mrs. Vernon Eleanor Hurst of Snellville, GA, his son: Mr. Olujumi Nasir Hurst of Anderson, SC, his son: Mr. Tezhyon M. Veion Jenkins of Newbern, NC, his son: Lil Master Devon Hurst of Greenville, SC, his sister: Mrs. Lynette Darlene Freeman-Simmons (Mr. Eddie S. Simmons) of Lithonia, GA, his brother: Mr. Spencer Henry Hurst-Bey (Mrs. Jane Whittington-Bey) of Baltimore, MD, his sister: Ms. Cassandra Marvinina Hurst of Snellville, GA, his brother: Dr. Kenneth Christian Hurst (Mrs. Crystal S. Hurst) of San Francisco, CA, his brother: Mr. Salladeen Ali Muhammed (Mrs. Angela J. Muhammed) of Snellville, GA, a nephew: Mr. Warren Salim Freeman of Norcross, GA, his nephew: Mr. Shakir Hashim Freeman (Mrs. Danita Freeman) of Decatur, GA, his nephew: Mr. Heyward Trent Chapman, Jr. (Mrs. Dominique C. Chapman) of Alpharetta, GA, his nephew Mr. LaQuan Lee (Mrs. Deena Lee) of Easley, SC: his niece: Mrs. Taffiney LaShonda Simmons (Mr. Michael J. Simmons) of Dallas, TX, his nephew: Mr. Kenneth Christian Hurst, Jr. (Mrs. Debra C. Hurst) of Vista, CA, his nephew: Mr. Jamaul Terrell Chapman (Mrs. Denise Chapman) of Simpsonville, SC, his nephew: Mr. Kershon Torr'e Chapman of Atlanta, GA, his nephew Mr. Michael Jerome Hurst, Jr. of Tacoma, WA, his nephew: Mr. Marvin Hurst, III of Snellville, GA, his nephew: Sgt. Aaron Torr'on Chapman, Sr. (Mrs. Sarah A. Chapman) of Savannah, GA, his niece: Angela Ta'Niece Badeaux (Sgt. Tayler J. P. Badeaux) of Seattle, WA, his niece: Miss Shakeria Iyanna Freeman of Lithonia, GA, his niece: Miss Saiyesha Aliyah Hurst of

Snellville, GA, his niece: Lil Miss Paradise Zynaiah Muhammed of Snellville, GA, his nephew: Lil Master Austin Taylor Hurst of Snellville, GA, his aunt: Mrs. Alice Marie Greene of Plainfield, NJ, his uncle: Mr. James Allen Hurst (Mrs. Sandra Hurst) of Mauldin, SC, his aunt: Mrs. Sylvia Patrica Pinkney of Wilmington, DE, a multitude of cousins, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, extended family and endearing friends.

***Inserts from Vernon Lee Hurst personal journal:

“You can enslave my body, but never my mind. Place me in a cell, for a very long time. Stare at me through bars of steel, all the time wondering if it’s for real. But whatever the reason, no matter the amount of time, I will always be free because of my ability to dream, you can never enslave my mind”. -VLH
01/01/19

“While I wrestle with my demons, God I thank you for the strength to continue and the courage to fight” -VLH 02/19/20

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **23**. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ *My heart is hurting...I Love and Miss you Lee!*



Cassandra - August 03, 2021 at 07:47 AM

RS

“ *To The Hurst and Entire family! I am sadden to hear of the passing of Vernon (BKA-Lee) I go back a long way with this family! And for a while we all were attending White Plains Baptist Church! That is where I first met the Gifted and Talented Hurst Family! And I Rhonda as well as my youngest sister Decilla both sung on the choir we Lee Lee at that time (Children Choir) And I use to Love to hear him lead the song (Said I wasn't going to tell nobody, but I could not keep it to myself) And soon I family became close! And I have an nephew from the Hurst's Family name Raphael Lukuan Lee (LaQuan) Which connected Both our families! As Lee and Mike got older they always would come around to see how their nephew was doing! They really showed what Love was all about! You all have my condolences! And I Pray that GOD will continue to comfort you 🙏 and strengthen you in your darkest hour! Because Lee was the life of the party! Love you all! From The Lee Family Piedmont SC*



Rhonda Lee/Family Piedmont, SC - July 22, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss, my prayers are with the family. Love from your WA family. I'm sister to Angela and Sal is my brother in law. May God wrap his arms around y'all much love Linda Bouck.*

Linda Bouck - July 21, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SA

“ *Gone but never forgotten Uncle Lee <3*



Saiyesha - July 21, 2021 at 10:39 AM

CH

“ To my baby brother Mr. Vernon "Lee" Hurst. I still am in dismay that you have transitioned home to be with our earthly father and our Heavenly Father. You fought and suffered, long and hard, but now you in a place of Peace and Joy.

As we all were there holding your hand, when you took your last breath, just know that you my brother, will never be forgotten and you will be deeply missed.

We take the love with us!

God has your hand now...I LOVE YOU LEE!

Portland Forever!!!!

Your Big Sis...Cassy



Cassandra Hurst - July 20, 2021 at 09:40 AM

MH

To my baby brother Lee I miss you so much We did everything together I can't believe You left us so soon You will always be with me bro Your brother Mike

Michael Hurst - July 20, 2021 at 08:18 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Bailey purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Vernon Lee Hurst.*



Tonya Bailey - July 19, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the
family of Vernon Lee Hurst.*



July 19, 2021 at 01:30 PM