



Othar T. Hurst

April 4, 1930 - May 29, 2015

Othar Thomas Hurst, 85, was born on April 4, 1930 in Georgetown, Delaware to the late Della Mae (Williams) and Othar Thomas Hurst, Sr. "Okie", as he was affectionately called by his family, resided in Ellendale, Delaware until his stay at the Delaware Veteran's Home in Milford, Delaware. A military veteran, he served in the Korean War. After his military service, he held a variety of jobs and finally retired as a civil service employee from Dover Air Force Base after 20 years of service.

Okie was a proud and dedicated provider for his family. His passions included gardening, billiards, playing cards and pitching horseshoes. Additionally, he enjoyed the outdoors, watching major-league baseball and was a self-proclaimed car mechanic. He loved to dance and listen to music. He routinely attended services at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses.

Othar was preceded in death by his parents; grandchildren, William Hopkins and Nicole Kuforiji; and sisters, Christine Harris and Virginia Pettyjohn. To cherish his memories and mourn his loss, Othar leaves behind his loyal and loving caregiver and wife of almost 60 years, Mattie Ruth Becton Hurst of Ellendale, Delaware. Together they reared ten children: Alex Becton, Milford Becton, Dover, Delaware; Deena Farrington (Johnny), Ellendale, Delaware; Rosalyn Ingram (John), Covington, Georgia; Gloria Hurst Thayer (Leon), Dover, Delaware; Otha Hurst, Lincoln, Delaware; Wilbert Hurst, Raiford,

Florida; Virginia Hurst Atkinson, Kinston, North Carolina; Rita Hurst, Seaford, Delaware; and Rochelle Hurst Moore (Marshall), Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Also mourning his loss are his sisters: Elizabeth Pettyjohn (Robert), Harrington, Delaware; Agnes Bryant, Patricia Blanchett, Milford, Delaware; and Ruth Wright, Milton, Delaware; and brother, Clifford Hurst, Milton, Delaware; and brother-in-laws Robert Harris, Ellendale, Delaware, and Herbert Becton, Sacramento, California; and sister-in-laws Delores Becton and Arria Belle Roots, Sacramento, California. Okie also leaves behind 26 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with a public viewing at 10:00 a.m. at Bennie Smith Funeral Home, 717 West Division Street, Dover, Delaware. Burial will be at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, Delaware at 2:00 p.m.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Othar T. Hurst, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one and please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief. At Acts 24:15 it gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again." there's going to be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous". Please look forward to that time. Also, Revelation 21:3&4 says that soon death, sickness and pain will be gone forever. These promises come from Almighty God's word the bible. So look forward to seeing your loved one again and may your entire family be comforted and blessed at this time.

Doretha Sampson - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM