



## Anthony "Tony" J. Hurst

March 19, 1969 - September 27, 2021

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Dateline Jasper, IN

Anthony Joseph "Tony" Hurst, age 52, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 1:52 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Tony was born in Jasper, Indiana, on March 19, 1969, to Guy J. and JoAnn Helen (Mueller) Hurst. He married Jennifer Cantrell on September 16, 1996, on Ft. Hood, Texas.

Tony was a 1987 graduate of Jasper High School. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Tony took Basic Training at Parris Island, South Carolina. His Advanced Individual Training was in Military Policing with MOS 5811. He was an honor graduate.

Tony served one year in Iwakuni, Japan, approximately 10 miles south of Hiroshima. He transferred back to the United States and served in the Marine Corps Logistics in Albany, Georgia. He volunteered and served in Kuwait

during the Gulf War in 1991. He was honorably discharged January 19, 1992.

On January 24, 1994, Tony volunteered in the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the military branch of Armor and took Basic Training in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was an Honor Graduate and a Master Gunner of the M-1 Abrams Tank.

In the next 16 years of his service, SFC Hurst attended numerous military training schools. He taught an Armor Employment course for Commissioned Officers.

Tony served three years at Fort Lewis, Washington and three years at Fort Hood, Texas. He then transferred to Freiberg, Germany assigned to the 1st Armored Division. He then deployed to Kuwait and Macedonia for nine months.

Later Tony was assigned to the 135th Armored Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Iraq. His platoon provided foot and motorized patrols while maintaining supply routes with four tanks and five Humvees. His platoon located and disarmed 97 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), trained Iraqi soldiers and captured enemy insurgents. Tony survived the effects of eight IED explosions and a car bombing. His platoon was the most decorated in the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

SFC Hurst received the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with V Device, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (8th Award), Navy Marine Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation – Navy, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Two (2) Bronze Service Stars, Bronze

Service Stars, Global War Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Campaign Star, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Kosovo Campaign Medal and Bronze Service Star, NATO Medal, KU-LIB-MDL (Saudi Arabia), KU-LIB-MDL (Kuwait), Combat Action Badge, and Driver and Mechanic Badge 2/Driver-Wheeled Vehicle(s) Clasp.

SFC Hurst was always very thankful that all of his men survived and returned to the United States.

Tony was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, a lifetime member of both the American Legion Post #147 and the V.F.W. Post #673, Southern Indiana Leatherneck Marine Corp League, and Jasper Knights of Columbus. He was also involved in the DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

Tony was an avid golfer and gun enthusiast. He enjoyed collecting baseball cards and coins, going to the shooting range, playing softball and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving is his wife, Jennifer Hurst, Jasper, IN, three children, Shawn Cantu, Jasper, IN, Anthony Hurst Jr., Jasper, IN, Hailey Hurst, Jasper, IN, nine siblings, Peter Hurst, Plant City, FL, Christine (Nick) Ring, Greenville, SC, Marie-Louise (David) Hurst-Henry, Reston, VA, Roberta Hurst, Seattle, WA, Guy (Barb) Hurst, Manassas, VA, John Hurst, Jasper, IN, Phillip Hurst, and partner, Jessica Suhre, Indianapolis, IN, Laura Roof, Esch Sur Alzette, Luxembourg, Europe, Vicky (Mardi) Labuguen, Edmonds, WA, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents and one brother-in-law, Joel Roof.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Anthony J. "Tony" Hurst will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military rites in the back of church after the funeral Mass.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" J. Hurst

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Kenny & Cathy Egler



Cathy Egler - October 08, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Tony was a true patriot and someone who gave his all for his country and mankind. May he rest in peace as he joins his mom and dad in God's loving care.

Kent & Paula Reyling - October 06, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Our thoughts are with your family Vicky. May you find peace knowing your brother is at rest and feel pride in his legacy left here on earth. - David and Martha Fitzpatrick

David - October 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM

JM

“ *veryproud of you tony cuz jim mueller  
freeport. illinois*



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**jim mueller** - October 04, 2021 at 01:29 PM

DH

“ *Thank you for your distinguished service.*



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**Daryl Hensley** - October 01, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LN

“ *Tony I will miss the conversations and your outlook on life. And your  
opinion that you shared even if it was not popular, I loved that!.  
Get us a tee time on the other side brother.  
Love you  
Larry Nordhoff*

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**Larry Nordhoff** - October 01, 2021 at 07:01 AM

DD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Dwayne Dunbar** - October 01, 2021 at 01:59 AM

DD

“ I was skocked and saddened to learn of our brothers passing, I could write for hours about SSG Hurst (his rank as I knew him). We served together in Dragon Company 3rd Bn 8th US Cavalry, we deployed to Kuwait together, and countless other exercises. We trained hard, played hard and did our best to train young warfighters skills that would prepare them for the wars to come.

Tony was a passionate Armored Trooper, although he had held many military positions previously, it was being a mounted warrior on the Abrams where he found his true calling. I performed in his and Jennifers traditional Cavalry wedding, Tony chose me to be the one to welcome Mrs Hurst to the Cav family ( a swift slap of a cav saber across her rear as the couple passed thru the arch of cav sabers). Tony is an American Patriot, a real Hero, loved his family, loved his Cav brothers, and will always be my friend and brother. May the Almighty God provide strength and comfort for Tonys family during this somber time. Us warriors whom knew Tony as a warrior will meet him down that long dusty road on Fiddlers Green, secure the High Ground Fellow Trooper til we ride again.

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived." George S Patton.

"Mustangs", "AI-EE-YAH"  
SFC retired WD DUNBAR

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Dwayne Dunbar - October 01, 2021 at 12:40 AM

CW

“ We were saddened to hear of Tony’s passing. Please accept our condolences, we are at a loss for words to express the pain we and so many others are feeling at Tony’s death. We cherish all the time we spent with your family from Ft. Knox to Jasper and seeing the kids grow up! Sharing meals and conversations at local restaurants with your family was always a high point while in the area for our sister visits at Ferdinand. How lucky we are to have had Tony in our lives. Just a few words when thinking of Tony: honorable, kindhearted, unforgettable, one-of-a-kind and one-in-a-million. Tony will be remembered as an amazing person who lived a remarkable life. Thank you for being a blessing in our lives. Chuck & Nancy Williams

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**Charles & Nancy Williams** - September 30, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ The deepest condolences to a family who once called our house home. We still fly the flag Tony left behind in honor of him and all who courageously served the rest of us in harm's way. Jenifer's spirit of devotion and love still lingers there, too. We will hold your family in our prayers for a long time.

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**Dan Sinkhorn** - September 29, 2021 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ I did serve with Tony and could write for hours on great of a Soldier and leader he was, or how I still turn to him for advice. Maybe I will write about it in another memory post, For this memory, I wanted to explain just how amazing he was as a father, husband, and person. I learned more from Tony than he will ever know. ( we're both competitive not sure I would admit it to him..lol) Amy and I met Jen, Tony, and the kids at fort Knox. We had some amazing parties. We even had to put Shawn in charge of one of them (story of another time). What I loved and learned from Tony is how to be a father and a husband. When we met I didn't have kids. When he talked about Shawn and Anthony he would swell with pride. Even over the years if they did something that frustrated him he always ended with how proud of them he was and the men they have become. I always admired how he saw so much potential in them and was so proud of all they accomplished. Now their Hailey "Daddy's Girl" I met her when she was young maybe 4-5. She could get a room full of some of the toughest warriors to do whatever she wanted. Tony taught me how to be a "girl dad" he talked about her with so much emotion and love every time we would talk. He is so incredibly proud of the young lady she has become. The thing that impressed me the most was the unconditional love that he had for Jen. We all know that Jen was the rock in the family and he loved her so much. He would talk about her like they just met and he had butterflies about this amazing girl. We never had a conversation that he didn't brag about how amazing Jen was. We would go back and forth on who had the #1 and we look forward to living close together once I retire. So we could drive Amy and Jen crazy. He taught me so much about being a father and a husband just by his action. Even when he knew he was frustrating Jen or the kids he always end the conversation by how much he loved them and took responsibility for the frustration. I would argue that we were each other's sounding board. We could not talk for months and pick the phone up and it would be like we talked yesterday. I know I am rambling so I will end this post with. Tony Jen Shawn and Anthony have had a lasting impression on my Parents Amy Josie and me. We love you and will always be here. My biggest regret is I am currently deployed and might not make it

*back for the funeral. Just please know I loved Tony unconditionally he got me through so much I just hope I did the same for him...*

*Tony, I know your listening.....rest, easy brother!!!! your legacy will live forever!!!! Save me a spot next to you at Arlington so we can continue to raise hell!!! I will always be here for your family!!! "I gotta ya Battle"..... Love ya.... Talk soon!!!*

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**CSM Christopher Williams** - September 29, 2021 at 08:43 AM

CF

“ *Chris Jones And Family lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" J. Hurst*



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**Chris Jones and Family** - September 29, 2021 at 02:02 AM

GA

“ *I didn't know Tony as a military man, but as kind and gentle soul as my neighbor. The first time I met him as an adult (his mom was my cub scout den mother), I asked if he really got blown up 8 times. "Nine," he laughed. "Better buy some lotto tickets," I said. Such a strong man, and deeply devoted to getting that summer tan because he told me he thought it was cold here in the summer. He was always willing to help at my house. Even though we didn't hang out golfing or things like that, I will remember sharing apples and chatting under the trees where we would meet as we both mowed our yards. It has been a tough year for your family and mine. God speed...*

*Greg Abell with condolences from Micki, Riley and Lane*

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**Greg Abell** - September 28, 2021 at 07:14 PM

RM

“ *The last time I saw Tony we were both very new Marines, which was around 1987-88? He was gung-ho and we were both incredibly enthusiastic about what road the Corps would take us down. Rest easy and Semper Fi brother. Rod Merkley*

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**Rod Merkley** - September 28, 2021 at 04:24 PM