



Wallace A Hurd

May 17, 1924 - February 17, 2018

Wallace Averell “Bud” Hurd, Jr., beloved son of the late Wallace A. Hurd and Goldie McCurdie, passed from this life to his eternal home just before sunset on Saturday, February 17, 2018. He was 93 years old.

Wallace was born on May 17, 1924 in Richwood, WV and attended East High School and Washington Erving High School in Clarksburg, WV.

He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne, the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion, and later assigned to the 82nd Airborne. He was injured twice while defending our troops in Italy. When he was shot the third time, he was sent to a field hospital in France to have his leg repaired. Upon release from the French hospital, Wallace returned to West Virginia to enroll in West Virginia University where he earned both his Undergraduate and Master’s Degrees in Physics, as they related to munitions. In 1944, Wallace and his unit were awarded the citations of the French Croix de Guerre for exemplary combat action in the landing operations in Provence (Southern France); Recognition for the Medaille Commemorative des Services Volontaires dans la France Libre, and the Medaille Commemorative de la Campagne d’Italie (December 1943 to July 1944). His unit was described as “an elite parachute unit of magnificent bravery and well-tempered morale.” In 1945, the Presidential Unit Citation and Certificate of Appreciation were awarded to members of the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion for “Extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy.”

Wallace was employed by Martin-Marietta, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and The Raytheon Corporation where he retired from after twenty years. When he chose early retirement, Generals from all services proclaimed "Wallace A. Hurd Day" and flew him to the Pentagon honoring him in appreciation for outstanding work in engineering, military contract dealings, and dedication to his country.

Preceding him in death were his mother and father, Wallace A. Hurd and Goldie McCurdie-Hurd, Sister Shirley Swiger, brother John D. Hurd, niece Bonnie Schmidt, niece. Cami Melvin, and great nephew Wesley Corwin. He leaves behind to cherish his memory and join him in God's kingdom, his wife Patricia (longtime resident of Fairhope, AL) currently of Foley, AL and step-daughter Naida Taylor (David) of Foley, AL; The mother of his children, Roberta (Hurd) Derby of Bedford, MA, and sons Wallace A. Hurd III (Katie) of Virginia, David Hurd (Karen) of Maine, Gregory Hurd (Janet) of Anthem, Arizona, and Mark Hurd (Gayle) of Chelmsford, MA.; Sisters Doris Schmidt of Fairmont, WV, Dorothy Hurd of Pleasant Valley, WV, Marylou Melvin (Doug) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters in law on both sides of the family, and many close friends.

A private memorial service for Wallace is being planned for a date in early June in Salem, MA. Details will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions will be appreciated to:

Alzheimer's Foundation of America 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor New York, NY 10001 Email: <https://alzfdn.org/>
(866) 232-8484

Memories of Wallace may be shared by visiting www.CasonFuneralHome.com and selecting obituary to add to the tribute wall for sentiments, prayers, and photos.

Cason Funeral Home, Foley, AL has handled with great care the cremation arrangements.

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Dear Madam, dear Sir, I'm sending my sincere condolences to your family. Mr. Hurd was a hero who fought in my native area, the Salm valley, in the Ardennes, Belgium in December 1944-January 1945. His service and accomplishment will never be forgotten. My everlasting gratitude for my liberty. May he rest in Peace. GOYA !!



Eddy Lamberty - May 06, 2018 at 03:00 PM

PH

“ Patricia Hurd lit a candle in memory of Wallace A Hurd



Patricia Hurd - March 18, 2018 at 03:44 PM

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“ GOD SAW THAT YOU WERE GETTING TIRED
AND A CURE WAS NOT TO BE
SO HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU AND WHISPERED, "COME
TO ME."

YOUR GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING, YOUR TIRED
BODY AT REST,
GOD BROKE OUR HEART TO PROVE TO US
HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.

YOUR PRESENCE WE MISS. YOUR MEMORY WE TREASURE.
LOVING YOU ALWAYS, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS,
SADLY MISSED BY YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

Patricia Hurd - March 11, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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Naida Taylor - March 10, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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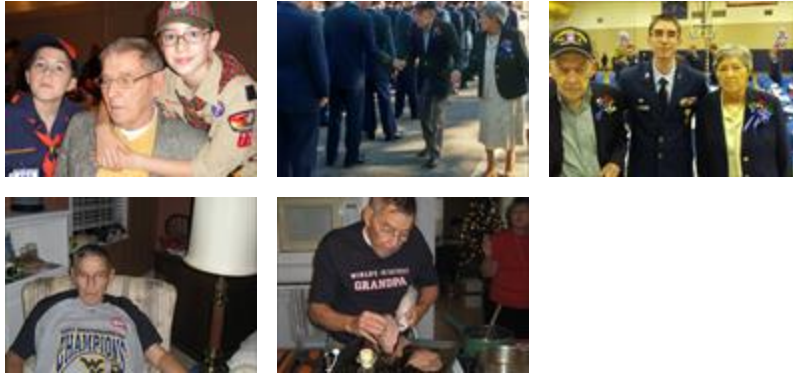
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Naida Taylor - March 04, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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“ We wish that we had just one more day to tell Wallace again how much we love him and how grateful we are to have had him in our lives. He appreciated and cherished the simple beauty found in nature, and when he was not sailing or woodworking, he nurtured his passion for gardening and birding. He always took the time to stop and smell the roses, cultivate the Walking Irises, or tend to the Ground Orchids..., etc. He always had something kind to say and would freely extend his hand to help someone. His loving expressions are imprinted on our hearts for all time. We miss you, Buddy.

Naida, David, Ryan & Daniel.

Naida Taylor - March 03, 2018 at 02:03 PM

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“ Daniel Taylor lit a candle in memory of Wallace A Hurd



Daniel Taylor - March 03, 2018 at 01:21 PM

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“ Ryan Taylor lit a candle in memory of Wallace A Hurd



Ryan Taylor - March 03, 2018 at 01:20 PM

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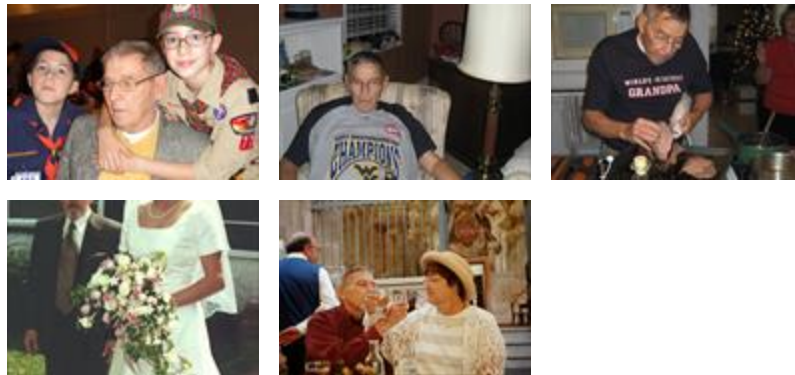
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The Taylor Family - March 03, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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