



James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst

September 9, 1958 - February 1, 2017

James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst, 58, of St. Teresa Beach died unexpectedly February 1, 2017. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida and lived most of his life in the Tallahassee area. He was employed at the Department of Revenue with the State of Florida, owned & operated Tallahassee Ball Room Dance Studio and former owner & operator of Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Jimmy loved the beach where he lived at St. Teresa.

He is survived by a dear friend Selena Sickler, Justin & Michael Sickler & Ray Lapeyrouse, his uncle & aunt Tom & Joyce Dunaway, cousins Debbie Dunaway Taube (Jim), Dr. Cliff Dunaway (Jennifer), Danny Dunaway (Annecia), David Hoover (Charlotte) & John Hoover Jr. (Juanise) and many nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Jerome & Doris Dunaway Hurst.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service, Sunday, February 19, 2017, 2:00 pm at the Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church, 2780 Surf Road, Panacea. Interment to follow. Contributions may be made to Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church 2780 Surf Rd. Panacea, FL 32346 850-984-0127 and/or American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org 1-800-342-2383 P.O. Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn

843 Piedmont Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church
2780 Surf Road
Panacea, FL 32346

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Department of Revenue friends purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst.*



Department of Revenue friends - February 14, 2017 at 08:51 PM

CT

“ *Charles & Dianne Belk and Jennifer & Derek Todd purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst.*



Charles & Dianne Belk and Jennifer & Derek Todd - February 13, 2017 at 08:27 PM

LS

“ *Jimmy was my first best friend, and I'm so sad to learn of his passing. What a sweet, dear man. My condolences to his family.*

Lila Shaara - February 10, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LI

“ I got to know James at work. He used to each his lunch alone, he was invited to join our crazy lunch bunch and it was a blessing for us. We learned of his love for dance and loved his stories he shared. He truly was a walking testimony of what God can do. He definitely had a great smile and laugh that was infectious. He is very much missed at Revenue. Dancing with the best of the best now, at the feet of Jesus!



Lizzy M.

Lizzy - February 06, 2017 at 08:32 AM

EK

“ Elyse Kenney lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Elyse Kenney - February 06, 2017 at 07:14 AM

NU

“ James was always so happy and smiling. He had a great sense of humor and I am truly blessed to have known him and have the pleasure of working with him. He will truly be missed by all.

Nichole Utt - February 06, 2017 at 06:43 AM

NU

“ Nichole Utt lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Nichole Utt - February 06, 2017 at 06:42 AM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Becky - February 06, 2017 at 06:04 AM

BE

We are going to miss Jimmy very much at Revenue. He never seemed to have a bad moment, let alone a bad day. His attitude, laugh and smile will remain in our memory forever.

Becky - February 06, 2017 at 06:06 AM

TB

“ We are shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Jim Hurst. What a wonderful man he was. He touched lives all over Tallahassee, and will be greatly missed.

Tom and Tracy Bane - February 04, 2017 at 10:05 PM

SS

“ I looked forward more than anything else to Jim's three group dance classes each week. His fee was practically nothing for this privilege of great instruction, fun and humor. He would always tell me to come to the more advanced class asking: "What do you have to lose?" and my answer was always, "my pride when I mess up" and we would both laugh. He provided a great service to aspiring dancers and made this experience so much fun. Many of his students are truly lost now to have lost our teacher and friend.

Stuart Southard

Stuart Southard - February 04, 2017 at 02:13 PM

MW

And a family it is...bonded by the glue Jim was and will forever be! A magnet that drew together special people to share his love of dance...and his love of fun...laughter...making every gathering joy filled and love filled. He loved God and shared his faith openly....he loved nature....and used every opportunity to remind the world to savor it... he loved animals and worked to protect them...he loved the water and reveled in its beauty...he loved people and gloried in bring smiles and lightness to the face and hearts of everyone he met..and he loved not only to dance but to help every individual feel delight in their own ability to float and move across the floor regardless of the limits to their talents. Thank God for sharing this wonderful person ...blessed were his family and friends for having him and blessed is the world for the marks he left upon it.

Margie Watkins - February 05, 2017 at 12:00 PM

CP

It is a bit difficult for me as a man to say that I loved another man, but I did love Jim Hurst. I was not alone in that. We all loved him. He was a wonderful guy, filled with joy and happiness and teasing. Yes, he was our dance instructor and a very good one at that, but he was so much more than that. He was a joy to be with. I am profoundly grateful that I had the opportunity to be around him for these last ten or so months in which I was in his classes. He was an extraordinary human being, a very special person. Thank you, Jim, for bringing such sheer joy into our lives.

Clarence Payne

Clarence Payne - February 06, 2017 at 02:26 PM

BR

“ *Bala Reddy lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst*



Bala Reddy - February 03, 2017 at 03:34 PM

SP

“ *James was truly an amazing person. He was friendly, caring, charismatic, and had the most contagious laugh. His smile had the power to illuminate the day, and his wonderful attitude had the power to uplift the spirit. I had the privilege to work with him and know him -- He made the team awesome. He will not be forgotten, because all of us have felt his happy influence. His memory lives on in each of us, and I know he is now in a better place with our Father who gave him life.*

Shalin Pitts - February 03, 2017 at 02:56 PM

SR

“ *Srikanth lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst*



Srikanth - February 03, 2017 at 02:44 PM

SR

RIP . Will miss the coffee room chat.

Srikanth - February 03, 2017 at 02:48 PM

HV

“ *RIP James Hurst,
Hari Vemireddy*



Hari Vemireddy - February 03, 2017 at 02:38 PM

TY

“ *When I first started at Revenue, James was the goofy higher-up with an iconic laugh and presence about him that seemed to lift spirits. That's what made James such an awesome person, to not only know, but to work with. No matter how high the level of the work flow or stress got, he always seemed to be beaming over it with a smile and great attitude. In my short time here, I can't seem to put James's memory and the term bad day together, his uplifting presence and seemingly un-ending knowledge will be truly missed.*

Tyler - February 03, 2017 at 02:35 PM

KB

“ Kelli Bundy lit a candle in memory of James
"Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Kelli Bundy - February 03, 2017 at 02:20 PM

RJ

“ Rony Joseph lit a candle in memory of James
"Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Rony Joseph - February 03, 2017 at 02:10 PM

VJ

“ Valerie Jones lit a candle in memory of James
"Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Valerie Jones - February 03, 2017 at 02:10 PM

VJ

I enjoyed James' company at work. He always had a smile and kind word when we met in the coffee room. He will be missed, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Valerie Jones - February 03, 2017 at 02:11 PM

CT

“ *Cookie Garrison Tidwell lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst*



Cookie Garrison Tidwell - February 03, 2017 at 12:52 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Cooke lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst*



Jennifer Cooke - February 03, 2017 at 12:33 PM

JC

“ *I am deeply saddened by the loss of an amazing man! James welcomed me onto his team with open arms and immediately made a lasting impression on my life and career. He was an amazing supervisor with such a bright spirit, finding the best in all of us. He and his family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jennifer Cooke - February 03, 2017 at 11:48 AM

AW

“ *This just breaks my heart. James had such an outgoing personality and was always with a smile on his face. He was a great co-worker, boss and friend. I will never forget the first day I met him. My thoughts and prayers go out to James family.*



Audra Williamson - February 03, 2017 at 11:11 AM

PW

“ Pam Whaley lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Pam Whaley - February 03, 2017 at 10:03 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of James. I am deeply saddened by the loss of a great Supervisor and friend. James was healthy, upbeat and quite optimistic. He will be truly missed by all of us.



Reggie Minor - February 03, 2017 at 08:22 AM

MY

“ James was a beautiful soul! I will miss his laugh, fun loving spirit and all the talks we had. Deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones. He will truly be missed.

Mary Young - February 03, 2017 at 07:57 AM

MY

“ Mary Young lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Clay Hurst



Mary Young - February 03, 2017 at 07:51 AM

CT

“ *Expressing my deepest sympathies to Jim's family and loved ones. He was a very good man - kind, loving, fun! And what a dancer!! I have many loving memories of him on which to draw in the years to come.*

Cookie Garrison Tidwell - February 03, 2017 at 07:46 AM

KW

“ *This was the most shocking and saddest news that I have received in a while. James was a great man and Supervisor. He not only worked with his employees but had so much faith and confidence in them. He made us feel that we could accomplished anything. He would always praise us for a "job well done". I bet he's dancing the streets of gold. His friendship and values will be greatly missed.*



Kathy Wilder - February 03, 2017 at 07:22 AM