



Frank Donald Hurst

January 31, 1947 - July 17, 2026

Frank Donald Hurst of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on July 17, 2026, after a long battle with cancer, which he faced with grace and courage. Born January 31, 1947, in Baltimore, MD, he was predeceased by his father, William Herman Hurst; his mother, Jean Richardson Hurst (a British WWII war bride); and his stepmother, Barbara Hurst.

Frank spent his childhood in Baltimore and Ellicott City, MD. In 1965, he graduated from Howard High School and went on to attend Gettysburg College and the University of Maryland, where he graduated in 1969. Frank was a proud University of Maryland Alum and lifelong Terps football fan.

Frank's career in the criminal justice field took him to Texas, Colorado, California, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. His multiple times living in and visiting the San Francisco Bay Area instilled a lifelong love of the city.

Frank and Ellen moved from Germantown, MD to Chestertown, MD in 2006, where he was known as the friendly guy always wearing a baseball cap and accompanied by his sidekick rescue beagle Skipper. Since founding Ye Olde Town Bocce League in 2013, the league has grown to over 400 players, and Frank is now known as Mr. Bocce.

Those who have known Frank describe him as a fine and witty man who was

brave, kind, and thoughtful with a great commitment to family and community.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Ellen Dougherty Hurst, and adoring daughters Allison Hurst Restauero of Baltimore and Amanda Hurst McGuire of Ellicott City. Loving sons-in-law Dennis Restauero and Brian McGuire, and four grandchildren: George Restauero, Penelope “Bee” Restauero, Riley McGuire, and Abigail McGuire. He is also survived by his brother Mitchell Hood and family; brothers-in-law George Dougherty and Brian Dougherty and their families; many cousins; and a lifetime of dear friends.

A private service and burial will be on July 31st in Ellicott City, MD. A Celebration of Life will take place at Emmanuel Church Hall, 101 N Cross Street in Chestertown, MD on August 19th at 1:30 pm.

Due to Frank’s love of animals and of Chestertown, the family asks that any memorial contributions be made to The Animal Care Shelter of Kent County or to Sultana Education, which provided the grandchildren with marvelous summers.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N Cross St
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-3477

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Frank was a kind and wonderful man who I will always remember fondly. He was an amazing friend to my parents for many, many years. Sending positive thoughts and prayers to Ellen, Allison, & Amanda who he adored.



Lauren Aldridge Webb - August 01 at 02:48 PM

SW

“ Praying for your family. Frank and I worked together over 20 years. He was a genuine guy but he would let you know exactly how he feels. We traveled together and had fun times. Rest in Heaven Frank 🙏 Sheila Richardson Wright

Sheila Richardson Wright - July 28 at 10:39 AM

AB

“ Frank Hurst was a Program Manager for the Graphics and Product Services Group of Federal Prisons Industries. He was proud and passionate of his job. He was a great friend. Rest in peace. God Bless.

Abraham Burgos - July 27 at 08:46 AM

SS

“ To the Hurst family: I was sad to hear of Frank's death and am so sorry for your loss. Frank and I worked for Federal Prison Industries together for over a decade in DC. He was such a genuinely nice person and displayed immense integrity and passion for our mission. I can still hear his voice nearly 20 years later. Steve Schwalb

Steve Schwalb - July 25 at 07:36 PM

EH

Thank you for commenting, Steve. His health struggles were severe the last few years, but he never complained. Always positive and with a smile on his face. His body just couldn't fight this last cancer.

Ellen Hurst

Ellen Hurst - July 26 at 06:10 PM

FH

“*Ellen and family, I'm keeping you in my prayers. Frank loved you all so dearly.*

Frank was my first cousin and even though we didn't get to really know each other till the last several years, I miss him so much already. He was the sweetest and dearest man. I considered him one of my closest friends. We loved to talk about what books we were reading, and we shared on a regular basis our latest book finds. Of course we also shared our love for college football - my Tennessee Vols and his Maryland Terps! We even discussed my Atlanta Braves and his Baltimore Orioles. Basically we talked about most everything from our family - My dad and his dad, being brothers, and the things we went through being raised by those strong men 😊, dogs, and our kids and grandkids. But our books were "our thing". Just writing this makes me sad but I'm also so blessed to have had him in my life. He was truly a joy and I know heaven has a new wonderful angel!

freda Hurst - July 24 at 04:09 PM