



LeeRoy Franklin Hurta

October 6, 1919 - August 31, 2012

LeeRoy Franklin Hurta, 92 passed away Friday, August 31, 2012 in Sugar Land. He was born October 6, 1919 in Needville, Texas to Frank Hurta and Frances Sefcik Hurta.

LeeRoy attended Needville Elementary School and Richmond High School graduating in 1939. After a successful high school athletic career he received a scholarship to Sam Houston State University. In 1941 he gave up the scholarship and joined the Army Air Corps for a 1 year term, which lasted 4 years due to WWII.

After basic training he was assigned to the 20th Fighter Group-55th Fighter Squadron which ultimately was assigned to Kings Cliff and Wittering Air Bases. He served in England as a Technical Sergeant until 1945.

Returning to Needville, he had married his English bride, Eunice Plummer Hurta and began work back home doing various jobs until he joined Jefferson Lake Sulphur Company, first in Brazoria, Texas and then the Long Point plant. He ended his career with retirement in 1975.

LeeRoy was active in the American Legion Post 350 of Needville for 68 years and held the office of adjutant for many of those. He was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Needville, where he served as a deacon, elder,

Sunday school teacher and member of the choir. He was one of the original members to develop the Needville Live Oak Club and was time keeper for Needville High School football games for over 30 years. He also coached various baseball and softball teams throughout his years.

LeeRoy is preceded in death by his wife Eunice, brothers Harvey and Jake Hurta and sisters Sadie Goepfinger and Gracie Matula.

He is survived by his son, Gary Hurta and wife Joyce of Houston, daughter Greta Mhire and husband Tom of Opelousas, Louisiana. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Cheryl Stein and husband Patrick of Houston, Tiffany Madden and husband Rob of Simi Valley, California, Emily Browning and husband David of Needville, Tommy Mhire and wife Audra of Frisco, Brandi McCarthy and husband Ryan of Fort Worth, 6 great grandchildren, Chance, Julia and Grayson Stein and Jack and Olivia Mhire and Lincoln McCarthy as well as a sister Evelyn Griffin and husband George of Richmond and a special friend and companion Alice Kalkomey of Needville along with many relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Peggy Sebesta for the special care and friendship she displayed to him as well as the family.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Needville, P.O. Box 389, Needville, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, September 6, 2012 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 9122 Church Street, Needville, Texas, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be from 5-8 P.M. Wednesday, September 5, 2012 in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ I will greatly miss Mr. Hurta, I loved when he came into Lads and got his meat for the week. He was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family and to Ms. Alice. may he rest in peace and under Gods arms of love

Darline Weist - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our hearts and prayer go out to the family at this time. I always enjoyed him everytime I visited with him. He was a most wonderful person.

Judy Toppel - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My heart is very heavy with the passing of my very dear friend Mr. Hurta. I will always cherish the memories and the stories he shared with me. I can still hear him telling me all of them and with such detail that I could close my eyes and see it all unfold. I promise to never let them faded away! He brought so much joy to all of us. He was truly a hero to all...from his service to our country and for all the love he gave to our community! I will forever miss my friend! I know that he has found his special place that God had waiting for him and he will shine on forever in the hearts of so many!

I pray that God speeds the comfort of His hand to the family and many friends!

Rest In Peace Mr. Hurta - I love you!

Amanda Brent - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Greta, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Bill & Paula Gillette - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Gary,*

*Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your father.
My prayers are with you and your family.*

David Barker - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *LeeRoy will be missed by all that knew him, by the patrons that came in the barbershop and myself. I am greatfull that I was blessed to hear his wonderful stories old and new. He was a true hero! My condolences to you all.*

Bernadette Krause - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Greta, Tom and the whole family,
I know that you will be missed, LeeRoy, but this is the way for a person who is so loved. However, knowing your love for God, we are comforted by knowing you are waiting for us at the banquet table with The Christ.

I had the pleasure of meeting Eunice and you the first Sunday I preached at St. Paul's and again the following Wednesday in the p. m. and much later that night and the hospital. After that occasion and the time around Greta and Tom's wedding I got know you and your family much better.

You always had time to talk and to share your stories about WWII which often led to stories involving Eunice as well.

Until we meet again, LeeRoy, because God has blessed you.

Rev Dan and Mrs Mary Walker - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Greta, Gary and Families

My heart is heavy and feeling your loss. Your dad has always been so sweet and kind. He carpooled with my dad all those years to Jefferson Lake and so many times they would have to drop me off at the elementary school. Then he was such a wonderful neighbor when mom & dad bought their home, And I treasure the years he was my neighbor and friend. I loved his stories of the war and his time in England, he always took the time to answer any questions you had and then another story would evolve, I could listen for hours. He will be missed so much. Joyce Street will never be the same. Rest in Peace Mr. Hurta & know that you have made such a wonderful impact on so many lives. Needville has lost a true hero.

Susan Brent - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Uncle LeeRoy will be missed by so many of us, he was the best uncle to all and a favorite to me. My prayers are with all of you and can you just imagine the greeting he received in heaven by all the relatives & friends. Love to all!*

Connie Hall - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Mr. Hurta was my Little League coach in Brazoria in 1952. I always remembered him as a kind and gentle man with a lot of patience. May God grant comfort, peace, and blessings to the family. Mr. Hurta, may you Rest In Peace.*

Robert Danford

Robert Danford - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *My cousin Margaret and I will always remember Uncle LeeRoy as being kind, considerate and a true gentleman, always ready to welcome relatives from across the pond. We will miss our telephone conversations with him, albeit they were only a few times a year. There will always be a place in our hearts and memories for him and Aunt Eunice. With his passing it truly feels like the end of an era. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our cousins and to everyone who loved him.*

Susan Templeman - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ *Greta and Gary,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this difficult time. I remember getting to know Mr. Hurta while I was in high school and from that point on, he always made a point to speak to me whenever our paths crossed. Simply put, he was a good man and I had the utmost respect for him. God Bless.*

George Isleib - September 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *Vincent and I have enjoyed taking communion to LeeRoy when he couldn't come to church. What should have been 15 minutes always turned out to be 1-1/2 hours! He had many stories to tell, and we both enjoyed hearing them. We'll miss him a lot, but know that God has a special place for him in Heaven.*

Vincent & Jeanette Newman - September 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Our prayers are with you during this hard time in your lives. Mr. Hurta was a very sweet man. We will miss him checking out our garden!*

SHARON AND W LEE HEDT - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM