



## Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr.

July 24, 1956 - October 1, 2016

Services for Charles Richard "Rick" Hurst Jr., 60, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church down town in the sanctuary with Rev. Scott Richardson officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Rick passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at The Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

He was born July 24, 1956 in Houston to Dr. Charles Richard "Dick" Hurst, Sr. and Jesmarie Harvey Hurst.

Rick was a member of First Baptist Church and served as a Sunday school teacher. He was also involved in the Children's Ministry at Northwest Bible Church in Dallas, where his daughter and her family have membership. He really enjoyed volunteering at Smith County Juvenile Detention Center as he taught troubled youth about Jesus' love.

Rick excelled at ophthalmic equipment sales for 30 years and received honors such as the Top National Salesman. He loved his work and valued his relationships with doctors and nurses all over the country.

He was a pheasant hunting and dog training enthusiast, enjoyed catching a 12 foot hammerhead shark while deep sea fishing, loved golf, waterskiing, snow skiing and coaching his daughter's basketball team. Most of all Rick cherished his family and adored his grandchildren.

He graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor of Arts in

business marketing.

He is survived by his loving family including his daughter, Lauren Hurst Heffelfinger and husband Dan of Dallas; grandchildren, Wyatt Heffelfinger and Madie Faith Heffelfinger; his brothers, Dan Hurst and wife Beverly and Allen Hurst and wife Mary Kathryn, all of Tyler; niece, Heather Hurst Collum and husband Carter of Spring; nephew, Hans Hurst of Tyler; nephews, Matthew Hurst and Stuart Hurst; niece, Hayley Hurst; and great nieces, Callie Collum, Madison Collum and Mackenzie Collum.

Pallbearers are Carter Collum, Dan Heffelfinger, Dan Hurst, Hans Hurst, Lee Loper, Mike McGowen and Mark Sloan.

Honorary pallbearers are his dad, the late Dr. Dick Hurst, Sr., his mother, the late Jesmarie Hurst and his Pop, the late Walter P. Hurst.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 3, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
301 W. Ferguson  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Mark Thomas lit a candle in memory of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr.*



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**Mark Thomas** - June 25, 2018 at 02:04 PM

AL

“ *I am sorry for your loss. May God's peace and comfort be with your family for the days to come.*

*Andy Lynn*

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**Andy Lynn** - October 04, 2016 at 12:17 PM

LH

*Thank you very much, Andy.*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:11 AM

BC

“ *I'm so sorry for your lost. Rick has been a part of this OR family for years. His smiling face and cheerful attitude has made a lot of my days at work tolerable. I will miss seeing him in this place. He will be hard to replace.*

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**Bettie Chapman** - October 04, 2016 at 10:32 AM

LH

*Yes he will be hard to replace. Thank you so much for sharing about my Dad.*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:10 AM

EL

“ My heart is broken over the loss of my dear friend. I met Rick many years ago in the operating room. We've watched each other transition during our careers but never lost touch. He was a genuinely kind and considerate man and will be sorely missed. Love by many, forgotten by none!

*Blessings to the family.*

*In Christ,*

*Elaine Crockett*

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**Elaine** - October 04, 2016 at 01:05 AM

LH

*Thank you so much for befriending my Dad, Elaine. Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:09 AM

KR

“ *Kristi Collum Roberts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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**Kristi Collum Roberts** - October 03, 2016 at 05:41 PM

KR

“ *My deepest sympathy for the Rick and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Kristi Collum Roberts** - October 03, 2016 at 04:38 PM

LH

*Thank you very much, Kristi.*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..



October 03, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ I have known Rick since he started in the ophthalmic instrument industry. Rick was the commensurate professional, who was liked and admired by those of us who came in contact with him. His passing is loss for all who knew him. He will be missed.

*Rand Spencer, MD  
Texas Retina Associates  
Dallas*

**Rand Spencer, MD** - October 03, 2016 at 12:55 PM



*Thank you so much for your kind words, Dr. Spencer, I know how much my Dad would love hearing this from you.*

**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ Nurses & techs, Houston Methodist Ophthalmology OR purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..



**Nurses & techs, Houston Methodist Ophthalmology OR** -  
October 03, 2016 at 12:03 PM

EM

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Rick was an incredible person, who will be missed by everyone who knew him. We have had the pleasure of knowing Rick for many years. His love and devotion to his family was evident. He was always warm, enthusiastic and had a kindness which we will never forget. We hope that the outpouring of love you have received since Rick’s passing serves as a reminder to you and your family of how much he was loved and respected by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time,

The Ophthalmology nurses and techs at Houston’s Methodist Hospital

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**Eye Nurses&Techs @ Houston Methodist** - October 03, 2016 at 10:35 AM

LH

Y'all sweet folks have no idea how much your sentiments mean to me and my Dad. Thank you. I've heard my Dad talk about Houston Methodist many times and I so appreciate you all.

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:04 AM

HC

“ Some of my favorite memories growing up include my Uncle Rick and Lauren. My heart hurts knowing you are gone and Lauren, my only hope through this trying time for you and all of us, is to find peace and happiness in all of our memories. We are lucky to have so many great times to talk about. I love you Lauren and will miss you so very much Rick.

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**Heather Hurst Collum** - October 03, 2016 at 12:48 AM

LH

*I love you too, Heather. My Dad loved you soooo much. We do have a lot of wonderful memories.*

**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 07, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



October 03, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JB

“ *Jim & Margie Brumm purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



**Jim & Margie Brumm** - October 02, 2016 at 11:37 PM

DS

“ *Well, they say the good die young. I'm still here ironing out some issues.  
Rick, you dear rascal, I know you must have worried about leaving Lauren. My thoughts are, she will be alright. Nothing was left unsaid and you saturated yourself onto your precious grandchildren. Yes it is sad you are gone, too soon to suit me, however it's nice knowing we can count on your presence when it is our turn.  
Lauren may your pain be lessened by love of friends and family and that hole filled with joyful memories.  
Blessings, Light, and Love.  
Dana Zeppa Schubert*

**Dana Zeppa Schuberrt** - October 02, 2016 at 11:31 PM

LH

*Thank you so much, Dana. It is nice knowing that we will see him when we get there. Thank you!*

Lauren Heffelfinger - October 07, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



October 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



October 02, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



October 02, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 02, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 02, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 02, 2016 at 06:51 PM

ET

“ I first met Rick in 1992, when I was green as a twig in ophthalmology. He was patient, instructive, creative and - most importantly - probably the single most respected sales rep I had ever seen work in an operating room. His sense of humor and deep commitment to all around him separated Rick from the herd, both in the industry and in life. His departure makes the world a little less kind, leaves a void in the industry that can never be filled, and makes me - personally - deeply saddened. Having the privilege to know Rick and count him among my friends made me richer and a better person. I will miss him greatly.

*Ed Timm*

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**Ed Timm** - October 02, 2016 at 05:42 PM

LH

*Thank you so much for sharing, Ed. Thank you for befriending my Dad.  
- Lauren*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 03, 2016 at 09:04 AM

MM

“ Jenny and I have known Rick literally since he started in the Ophthalmic industry, first at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital, then at Baylor Coll of Med, private practice in Houston as well as collaborators in instrument development at Innovatech. Like his dad, Rick had a heart of gold, always with a smile on his face and love in his heart for his family, his friends and his profession, always making a difference. He strove to provide the best in everything to everyone and always came through for not only normal cases but was always there with gratis whatever was needed for the charity cases we did at Baylor, RVT, the HEA Foundation, and most recently at I Care San Antonio. He was a giver like his dad (who I was honored to care for). At Innovatech he and partner Mike McGowan worked to provide outstanding instruments to benefit patients at a reasonable price and we designed some pretty great and useful innovations and had some great lunches at Goode Seafood (he loved the food there). Rick, was above all, a great Christian man, a great and loyal friend, and, as I mentioned, truly made a difference in many, many lives, all with honor and integrity. We will miss him dearly.

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**Mike Lambert MD** - October 02, 2016 at 02:54 PM

LH

Thank you so much for sharing these things about my Dad. This warms my heart. ❤️  
- Lauren

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 02, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..



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October 02, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 01, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ *The Hurst family was very much a part of my life growing up and through my adulthood. I am sorry to hear about he loss of Rick. My prayer is for all of you to be full of God's peace and full of the many wonderful memories of Rick during this time.*

*Much love for all the Hursts,  
Carol Halbrooks Hylden*

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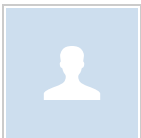
**Carol Halbrooks Hylden** - October 01, 2016 at 06:18 PM



*Thank you very much, Carol.  
- Lauren*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 01, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 01, 2016 at 05:16 PM

TH

“ *The Halbrooks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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**The Halbrooks** - October 01, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Hurst Jr..*



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October 01, 2016 at 03:37 PM

LM

“ *I knew the whole Hurst family for as long as I can remember. It was such a blessing to have known Rick. Thinking of all of you during this time. Praying that you all know God's presence in a special way during this time.*

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**Laura Moench** - October 01, 2016 at 01:19 PM

LH

*Thank you very much, Laura.  
- Lauren*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 01, 2016 at 08:34 PM

GP

“ When I first met Rick, I joked with him about the days he used to cover New York City, thinking that his southern "style" would not bode well with New Yorkers. He said, "well, I just found that if you're good to people, they can't help but be good back to you."  
These are words to live by. Be good to friends, family, and everyone in between.

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**Giovanni Pagano** - October 01, 2016 at 10:13 AM

RE

*I knew Rick from "the industry" but not personally until we came together at Dutch. Rick was always positive and encouraging to everyone around him. I am a better man today for knowing him. I can think of no better words to leave with the family and my colleagues who were blessed to know him. Numbers 6:24 says:  
May the LORD bless you  
and protect you.  
May the LORD smile on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the LORD show you his favor  
and give you his peace.'  
Until we meet again friend!  
Ron Eason*

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**Ron eason** - October 01, 2016 at 11:00 AM

LH

*Thank you so much for your kind words, Ron. My Dad talked about work and his co-workers all of the time; it excited him and he truly loved it. Thank you again.  
- Lauren*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 01, 2016 at 08:30 PM

LH

*That made me laugh, Giovanni. So true! Thank you for sharing that.  
- Lauren*

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**Lauren Heffelfinger** - October 01, 2016 at 08:33 PM

RD

*I'm so sorry to learn of Rick's passing but so grateful to have been associated with him during my medical career. He and I shared many laughs and memorable times at various retinal meetings. And boy, did he love his dog! But, snow skiing, he readily admitted, was not his forte.*

*May he rest now in Abraham's bosom and his family feel the comfort that only our Lord's Holy Spirit can provide during these incredibly trying times.*

*God bless you Rick!*

*R. Doug Davis M.D.*

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**rd davis** - October 02, 2016 at 05:37 PM