



Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley

September 13, 1962 - March 23, 2012

Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley, 49, passed away on March 23, 2012. She was born in Hampton, VA on September 13, 1962 to William Frazier McLain and Shirley Ann McLain.

Vickie's father William (Bill) was a member of the United States Air Force, so she spent her childhood moving around the world. From Langley AFB, VA to Yakota AB, Japan. Ultimately, they ended up in Rantoul, IL where Vickie graduated from high school in 1980.

In May of 1986, Vickie decided to follow in her father's footsteps and entered active duty in the United States Air Force. Her first assignment following technical training school to become a medic was at Tinker AFB, OK where she eventually met her future husband John. In 2000, they both moved to San Antonio, TX where she was assigned to Brooks AFB. John and Vickie married on August 31, 2002. Eventually, Vickie was transferred to Lackland AFB where she retired as a Master Sergeant in May 2008. During her exceptional career she deployed to many locations which included Cuba, United Arab Emirates, and Germany. Among her many medals and citations she earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

After retiring from the Air Force, Vickie went back to school and became a certified Medical Coder.

In 2009, Vickie and John moved to Houston, TX. Vickie was a prolific reader and a fan of "reality" television. She also enjoyed riding with her husband on

their Harley-Davidson, having traveled 21,000 miles in three years to include trips to both California and New Jersey. However, her biggest, most enduring hobby was a collector of life-long friends. She loved unconditionally with total commitment.

She is survived by her mother Shirley, husband John, three brothers Danny, Mike and Bruce. She has two step-children LJ and April, a grandson, Benjamin and many loving family members and friends.

The Hurley family will be present to receive friends from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM Saturday, March 31, 2012 at D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 2:00 PM at D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors Chapel. A Reception will follow in the Grand Room. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made in Vickie's memory to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

MAR 31. 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *It was a great pleasure working with Vickie at the Brooks Clinic at Brooks AFB, San Antonio from 2004-2006. She was a superb non-commissioned officer, wonderful mentor, and overall terrific human being. I know her vibrant spirit will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have shared part of their life with her.*

Tom Duquette, USAF, Ret

Thomas Duquette - April 18, 2012 at 12:11 PM

SM

“ Sue Ann McLain sent a virtual gift in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley



Sue Ann McLain - March 31, 2012 at 09:28 AM

SM

My thoughts and prayers are with John, Mom, Danny, Mike and my beloved husband, Steve (Bruce) today as they attend Vickie's service. I will be thinking of you today with a heavy heart. May God comfort you with family and friends that loved Vickie so much and celebrate her life with laughter and memories. God Bless You All.

Sue Ann McLain - March 31, 2012 at 09:46 AM

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“ Sue Ann McLain sent a virtual gift in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley



Sue Ann McLain - March 31, 2012 at 09:25 AM

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“ Sue Ann McLain sent a virtual gift in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley



Sue Ann McLain - March 30, 2012 at 09:42 PM

SM

I have so many memories of Vickie and how she touched my life as I never had a sister till I married Steve (Bruce) in 1990. I remember her catching the bouquet at our wedding and how I thought my one friend was going to tackle her for it. But Vickie prevailed. I always had such admiration for Vickie as I always thought of her as a strong independent woman and the love she had for her family and country. The happiest I ever seen her was the day she married John, her true soul mate and I remember Vickie sitting in Dad's lap and hugging him like she did when she was a little girl. I know she is sitting in his lap now with her arms tightly around his neck and looking down upon us. In memory of you Vickie, I promise to keep your spirit alive and cherish our family. Till we meet again sis. I Love You

Sue Ann McLain - March 31, 2012 at 06:52 AM

SM

“ *Sue Ann McLain lit a candle in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley*



Sue Ann McLain - March 30, 2012 at 09:41 PM

DM

“ *My memory of Vickie is when I first met her. It's very intimidating to meet your husbands family for the first time. I was so nervous. Meeting Vickie immediately calmed my nerves and within minutes I felt a part of the family. I will miss her stories of the past about my husband Michael, her smile, her sense of humor and her undying support of her family. She's also a great book critic! In memory of you Vickie, I promise to maintain that smile and warmth you have given all of us. Give your Daddy a kiss for us...we will see you both soon.*

Donna S Mclain - March 30, 2012 at 12:04 PM



“ Pat Sandland lit a candle in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley



Pat Sandland - March 29, 2012 at 08:13 PM

LC

“ In February of 1979, a feisty young lady walked up behind me on my *FIRST* day at a new school in Rantoul, IL and asked me "where in the heck have you been?" Apparently I wasn't who she thought but surprisingly, that was the the start of a friendship that has spanned more than three decades. We laughed, we loved, and we even fussed sometimes, but we were joined at the heart. During one of our last talks, as she lay on her bed in the hospital, she had the sweetest smile on her face as she reminisced about her life and how blessed she had been. She related to me that her life had been "very good"--she'd had so much joy in her short life and said she had often wondered what she had done to deserve it--I wonder what I did to deserve such a loyal, loving friend. Vic wasn't just my friend, she was the "sister" I chose and was so much a part of our family...we are all saddened by her passing. She was very special--I will miss her but I am comforted by my memories of her and will forever cherish our time together. Thirty three years seems like a long time--it just wasn't long enough....

My condolences to those Vickie loved so much--John, Mrs. McLain, Danny, Mike, Bruce, April, L.J., Ben, her extended family and many friends.

lisa casteel - 17 hours ago

Lisa Casteel - March 29, 2012 at 05:52 PM



“ Vickie and I and her brothers were childhood friends never saw each other more than once a year or so when the family came back to Staunton to visit. Though I haven't seen her in years, its always hard to say goodbye to a friend my thoughts and prayers are with Shirley, Danny, Mike and Bruce and the other family members.

Tami Quick - March 29, 2012 at 04:51 PM



“ Tami Quick lit a candle in memory of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley



Tami Quick - March 29, 2012 at 04:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Victoria Lee (McLain) Hurley.



March 29, 2012 at 10:53 AM



“ Vickie, I never thought I would have to look back on our 49 years together knowing that there would not be a 50th year. For as long as I can remember you have been a part of my life. The stories our parents used to tell us about when we were babies together; the stories we used to tell people about “how we grew up together... apart”. That one always confused people. We are more than friends...we are family...sisters. You will always be a part of my life...in my heart and my memories. Whenever I see “young adults” sitting on Santa’s lap, two young women shopping and laughing hysterically at some awful looking outfit, red Mustangs, motorcycles...really everything will remind me of you. We have shared so many things over our 49 years together. Some were great...some not so great. I will always feel blessed for having had you in my life for as long as I did. I always love when I would get those calls, “hey Pat, it’s Vic...we’re coming to NJ but don’t tell anyone...I just want to see you”. I will treasure the last time you came to New Jersey and snuck away for the day and spent it with me but we did go surprise my Dad for a couple hours. For some reason we were nice and shared you that time. Vic...we will see each other again and the laughter will continue as it was did in the past. I love you and will miss you.

My deepest sympathies to Vickie’s beloved family...John, Mrs. McLain, Danny, Mike, Bruce, April, L.J., Ben, her extended family and many friends.

Pat Sandland - March 29, 2012 at 10:35 AM



“ As I sit here writing it’s difficult to imagine a world without you. I was privileged to be your friend for more than 20 years. You never cease to amaze me with your strength and outspokenness. I think this is what I love the most about you. Thinking about Vickie I will always remember our first deployment together. We deployed to Cuba, which turned out to be one of the best deployments I have ever had. I remember when we got our orders it was just before Thanksgiving and she told me to bring civilian clothes. She told me to make sure I brought my bathing suit because it was going to be hot. I being hard headed just couldn’t believe that in the middle of winter it could be hot. I remember telling her, “What do I need a bathing suit for I am NEVER going to go in the ocean?” To this day I can hear Vickie telling me you should listen to me. Of course, she knew what she was talking about. We got there after a week’s delay in Florida and of course she was right. I think it was 90 degrees and I brought sweaters. Yeah, she never let me forget that. Not only was she right about the heat but after about a week there we were down at the beach. It didn’t take me long before I had to get into the ocean and who would have thought I never saw one shark. Thank God! I think during our 4 months there she might have gone in the water a few times and I went every chance I could. To this day she never let me forget that Vickie always knows best and to listen to her advice. Vickie I will forever cherish our friendship.

Caroline Newell - March 28, 2012 at 10:44 PM

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“ So many memories about Vickie but mostly that she always made me laugh and usually everyone around her. She helped me through one of the darkest times in my life and was not only a great coworker but dear friend. I loved her for her honesty. She was the friend that would tell you if you looked fat in the jeans you were gonna buy!! I got to see her military and medical knowledge and the kindest most giving woman in the world. I was there on her first date with John and it was a perfect fit. I could fill this page with amazing things and good memories. We had lost touch over the last few years but the day we talked it was like yesterday and even then she was trying to be strong for me.

LeeAnn Elliott - March 28, 2012 at 08:42 PM