



Joseph (Joe Pete) Lenton Hurdle Jr.

May 25, 1941 - August 4, 2025

Joseph (Joe Pete) Lenton Hurdle, Jr. passed peacefully at home on August 4th, 2025. Joe was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina to India Marie Simons Hurdle and Joseph Lenton Hurdle, Sr.

While in the US Air Force as a meteorologist stationed in Ft. Smith, he met his wife Nancy Brooks (deceased). He is survived by their three Children, daughter Tammy and her husband Scott Wallman of San Angelo, TX, daughter Kimberly and her husband Dale Lunningham of Maumelle, AR and son Joe and his wife Tracy Hurdle of Sherwood, AR; grandson JB Lunningham, his wife Jennifer and their son Cameron of Little Rock, AR; grandson Steven Wallman of San Angelo, TX; granddaughter Kimberly Kennedy of Springfield, VA and her husband James and their son Thomas; grandson Alexander Hurdle of Sherwood, AR; sister in laws Kathleen Hurdle, Anna Brooks and Johanna Brooks and his dear friend and caregiver Jean Laymon and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He is also survived by 4 dogs and 2 cats. Most notably his adoring dog Phoebe, who never left his side.

Joseph graduated from Arkansas Tech University and went on to work for and retire from the Social Security office in Russellville, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his mother India Marie Hurdle and her husband Joseph Hurdle; sister Doris and her husband Daniel Hoffman; brother Charlie Mizelle Hurdle and his wife Marie; sister Emma Hurdle Fletcher and husband Charles; brother, Fred Smith; brother, Harvey Lemuel Hurdle; brother, Carlton Leroy Smith and wife Ann.

Joe lived in the apartments that he owned and considered all his tenants through the years, not just tenants, but family.

A private family gathering of remembrance will be held in August.

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am saddened to learn of Mr. Hurdle's death. When I joined the Russellville Social Security Office, Joe was welcoming and helpful. He always brightened the room with a funny anecdote or clever story, helping to make coming to work a pleasant experience. My condolences to Kim and Dale Lunningham, as well as Mr. Hurdle's extended family. Best Wishes to you all during this difficult time.

Brian Rezin - August 06, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ Joe was one of a kind. He always had stories to tell that would make me laugh and started my work day off with a good laugh. He was a lot of fun to work with and made me feel like family. I remember most how he used to call me kid at work. I will never forget him! Dale, Kim and family you all are in my thoughts and prayers! Friends that have become like family.



Christy McCray - August 06, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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“ So sad to hear the loss of a long time friend. Just talked to him last week and as always he had a positive outlook on life. My heart goes out to Tammy, Kim, Jody and their love ones. As he always ended a conversation “God Bless”.

Barbara Quisenberry - August 06, 2025 at 08:37 AM

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“ Joe not only considered all his tenants family but all of us he worked with at Social Security for so many years. There simply isn't room to recount all the memories and stories. Joe was a loyal friend, and there is a void left with his loss. Another “family” member gone. May God bless and comfort his family.

Margaret Nezhadpour - August 05, 2025 at 04:54 PM