



JOHN WILLIAM HURLEY

Mr. John William Hurley, age 66 of Kennard, went home to join the Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Mr. Hurley was born April 7, 1943 in Elkader, Iowa.

Prior to retirement, he and his wife, Betty purchased property in Kennard in 1988. They enjoyed sharing their home and land with family and friends; most holidays and weekends were spent there. Betty moved to the tree farm February of 1996, and two and a half years later, on July 1, 1998 upon retiring from Shell Oil Company in Houston, Mr. Hurley joined her. He lived in Kennard until the time of his death.

Mr. Hurley was a graduate of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa where he grew up. After his graduation, he went to work for Shell Oil Company in Houston, and stayed with them for 30 years. For most of his Shell Oil career, he worked as a project and purchasing manager. He was a loyal member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett, and served on the church board for several years.

Mr. Hurley was a skilled business man, as well as a skilled craftsman. He built and helped build various structures on his tree farm. He was very talented in many areas, and enjoyed hobbies such as all types of metalwork and woodwork projects. He loved tinkering with old vintage automobiles, tractors and other farm machinery. Whenever something broke, he could fix it. If something needed to be built, he could build it. He had many talents.

Survivors include his wife Betty Newton Hurley, of Ken-
nard; daughter Deborah Hurley
Dawkins and husband William
A. Dawkins, of Houston; sons
Albert Richard Hurley and wife
Dr. Mary Ann McCrackin,
DVM, of Hamilton, MT. and
David S. Hurley and wife Kristi
Nau Hurley, of Lufkin; sister
Gertrude Mirable and husband
Joe Mirable, of Greenville,
S.C.; seven grandchildren Ash-
ley LaShae Hurley, Joshua
James Hurley, both of Hamil-
ton, MT., Adam Taylor
Dawkins, of Houston, Brooke
Elise Hurley, Kristin Jean Hur-
ley, Mindy Ann Hurley and
John David Hurley, all of
Lufkin.

Preceded in death by his
grandfather Rev. John Arthur
Hurley; parents Herbert T. Hur-
ley and Ula Bower Hurley.

A Memorial Service to cele-
brate the life of Mr. John
William Hurley will be held
Thursday, October 15, 2009 at
2:00 p.m. in the First United
Methodist Church in Crockett.

In lieu of flowers, contribu-
tions may be made to the John
William Hurley Memorial
Fund, First United Methodist
Church, Crockett; or to the
American Cancer Society.