



Melvyn Rudell Nurse

June 26, 1941 - June 13, 2024

Melvyn Rudell Nurse, born in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., passed away peacefully on June 13, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife Laurie (Saunders) Nurse, siblings Blanche Nurse Hodge, children Kim Nurse, Sharon Nurse-Edwards (Bennie Edwards), Lorne Hewson, Kesha Nurse Lewis (Asrial L. Lewis Sr.), Angela "Nikki" Nurse, 28 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father, Evans Augustus Nurse, mother, Gladys Morehead Nurse, siblings, Bernice Nurse Saunders, Violet Nurse, and his son, Melvyn R. Nurse, Jr.

A devoted family man, Melvyn will be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine. For those unable to attend, the services will be live-streamed by going to <https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/2aae7d5f-98fd-a9e6-32a7-b774547cf42c>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/> will be appreciated.

Those desiring may leave messages of encouragement by going to Melvyn's tribute at www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home

385 SR 207

St. Augustine, FL 32084

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<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvyn Rudell Nurse*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 20, 2024 at 01:06 AM

LK

“ *Our deepest condolences Laurie. He was an amazing soul who always greeted us with love and kindness. And the biggest smile. He will be missed by many. We send you strength during this difficult time. Laura and Kristian Kohrs Larry and Henry Nader*

laura kohrs - June 23, 2024 at 12:33 AM

SH

“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Service*



St Johns Family Funeral Home - June 22, 2024 at 03:43 PM

AP

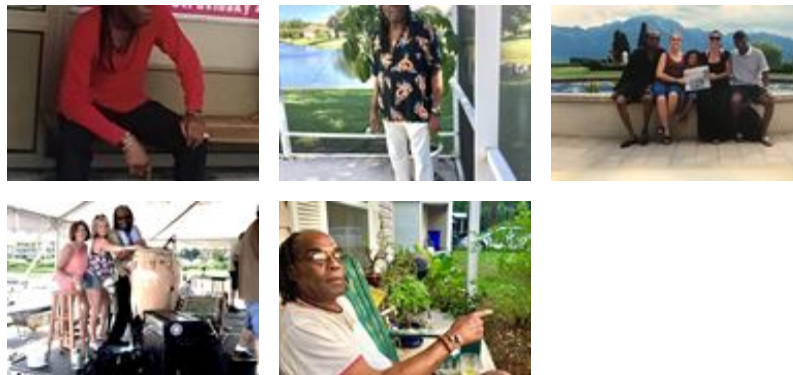
“ Hello Family! This is hard, we met years ago down in Palm Coast and remain friends through the years. He was “The Nurse”, My Brother taught me a lot about life, and was a great mentor to Me and my Son, and Family friend. Mr Smooth, Love You Brother Always! Another Soldier gone from Labor to Reward.’
Rest Well My Friend! Praying for You Family.
Blessings Always!💜🙏
Andrew & Vickie Plummer



Andrew Plummer - June 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 19, 2024 at 09:00 PM

SV

“ Laurie, I am in shock to be reading this. He was always so kind and loving and never once walked past my office without sticking his head in to tell me he loved me. I can still hear it plain as day. I am praying for you and the family during this challenging time.

steve vighetti - June 19, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JH

“ I was so saddened to read of Mel's passingr He was a dear friend to me. We spent many times together naked in the steam room at the Anastasia club commiserating about life I regret I will be unable to attend his service as my wife and I are in NY till Sept. Sad so sad

John Hunter - June 19, 2024 at 09:43 AM

BB

“ Laurie, our heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your wonderful partner. Hoping memories of your life together will bring you some peace.

Bettsie and Frank('71)

bettsie brace - June 18, 2024 at 05:23 PM

SD

“ I met him through King Eddie. He was always so kind. My heart goes out to his family. I know he will be missed. God blessed him with a loving family and blessed us with his kind heart. Shine in heaven like you did here on earth my friend. ❤️

Sherry Day - June 18, 2024 at 04:38 PM

JA

“ Melvyn was a friend of mine, we first met during Veronica's Zumba class, he was always kind, smiling and pretty good at Zumba too! And what a wonderful and gifted musician!! He kept in touch after I moved away 11 years ago via FB, his love for others, kindness and gentle spirit . . . I will always remember. RIP Melvyn, so blessed to know you.

janet - June 18, 2024 at 12:54 PM

VE

The first time I met Melvin is when he and Laurie first started dating. Mel was banging away on the congas at the Conch House Restaurant and he and his band were jamming away. They sounded awesome. I immediately named him "Cool Cat" because he was so chilled and almost Bohemian. You will be missed Mel. Thank you for providing my best friend Laurie, love, happiness, and the honor for her to call you her husband. Rest Easy Cool Cat. Love you, Veronica

Veronica - June 18, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MF

I really enjoyed working with him in Pili-Pili. He was an unconventional conga player but grooved like a monster. I always set my rig up next to him so I could follow him.

Michael Ray FitzGerald - June 19, 2024 at 05:03 PM

KL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kesha Nurse Lewis - June 18, 2024 at 12:10 PM

KL

“ My Dad has a large beautiful family that extended from him.
6 children (5 girls & 1 boy)
17 grandchildren
28 great grandchildren and
2 great great grandchildren
We will always love and keep his musical spirit in our hearts.

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Melvyn Nurse aka Conga Man 🗳️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Kesha Nurse Lewis - June 18, 2024 at 12:03 PM