



## Richard Arlan Mahurt

August 19, 1948 - March 15, 2022

Richard A Mahurt, 73, died peacefully at home March 15, 2022. He was born August 19, 1948 in East Liverpool, Ohio, grew up in Midland, PA and was a long-time resident of St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Willa Mahurt, and nephew Spencer Mahurt. Richard was an accomplished athlete having been a member of the 1965 Lincoln High School Pennsylvania state championship basketball team. In 1967, he was the co-MVP of the Midwestern Athletic Conference and an all-WPIAL selection in football. He played football for Pennsylvania against Texas in the Big 33 game his senior season. He then enrolled in Purdue University on a full athletic scholarship and graduated in 1972. Richard and his wife, Sarah, moved to St. Croix in 1977, where he had a career in Human Resources in the Virgin Islands Government and over 30 years with HOVIC and Hovensa. He was also co-owner of the Fort Christian Brew Pub for many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife of 45 years, Sarah Fleming Mahurt, a daughter and son-in-law, Darcy and Duncan Morel, Erie, CO; and a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Kristen Mahurt, Fort Myers, FL. He also leaves a sister and brother-in-law, Tracy and Kevin Butler, Fairfax, VA; and a brother and sister-in-law, James and Charlotte Mahurt, Carrollton, TX. He is survived by four adoring grandchildren, Sawyer and Cruz Morel and Selah and Sasha Mahurt, nieces and nephews Emily Carter, Eric Carter, Joe Slappy, Aminah Butler, Logan Mahurt, and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Leroy Keyes Athletics Leadership Fellowship at Purdue University or the Purdue University Center for Cancer Research. Please note that you are paying tribute to Richard Mahurt '72 and that you'd like notification of your gift to be given to Sarah Mahurt 10934 Dennington Rd. Fort Myers, FL 33913

Leroy Keyes Athletic Leadership Fellow

<https://connect.purdue.edu/s/jpcgivenow?dids=067845.067842&appealcode=18023>

Center for Cancer Research

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Memorial services are planned for a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Arlan Mahurt*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Richard Arlan Mahurt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *We great sadness we read the bad news.  
Our Friend Richard died so sudden.  
I had the pleasure working for him as a manager in Cruzan Barrel at  
Strandstreet Frederiksted.  
We < included Richard and his Son Matthew >  
Entertained the Cruiseship passengers tasting his draft beer.  
Richard was easy going,fun but also a man of little words.  
But determined in what he wanted.  
We missed your kindness,love and inspiration.  
Thamara Sleven Cooper.  
And Calbert Williams.  
R.I.P.  
Our Friend*

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**Catharina Sleven Cooper** - March 19, 2022 at 06:16 PM

RS

“ *Shalom and Blessings on Blessings to the Mahurt Family! Please accept my prayers of Comfort and Compassion for Mrs. Mahurt, the Children, Grandchildren and the entire Family for healing and peace during this time of grieving!*

*Although I was on a track scholarship, I walked on football and was on the 1967 Rose Bowl Champions Team, the year before Rich came. When Rich came on the football team in 1968, I was not on the team and yet I felt a bond with my former teammates and new players like Rich. I remember Sir Rich as being a gentleman with such virtues as, caring, courtesy, gentleness, and honorable.*

*On team photo, Leroy Keyes is #23, Bob Griese is #12, and I am #30>*

*As a fellow student-athlete of the African Diaspora at Purdue, Rich had a positive impact on the student movement for equal opportunities and equity for students of the African Diaspora.*

*Rich was a courageous and loyal supporter of what student-athletes as Leroy Keyes and myself did in the form of peaceful and purposeful protest.*

*The late Leroy Keyes, the late John Bullock, the late Donnie Green and I were recruited from the Hampton Roads area (Newport News, and Chesapeake, VA) during the time of the Civil Rights Movement and at the time Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968 (Rich's freshman year). The movement unified us from the South with athletes from the North (Pennsylvania) as Rich!*

*When I presented the vision for a Black Cultural Center in 1969, Rich was among my fellow students of the African Diaspora who supported me in presenting the vision to Dr. Frederick Hovde. For his moral and loyal support, I will always be grateful for Rich's support and my other fellow students.*

*The story of the experience of the African Diaspora on the campus of a PWCU (Predominately White College and University can be seen in the documentary film, "Black Purdue" on Google.*

*In loving memory of Brother Rich Mahurt,*

*Rev. Dr. Eric R. McCaskill, Sr., Member 1967 Rose Bowl  
Champions Team*

*Founder, Original Black Cultural Center, at Purdue University*

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**Rev. Dr. Eric R. McCaskill, Sr.** - March 17, 2022 at 12:00 PM

FW

“ *Our Boilermaker family has lost a dear friend. I will always remember your friendship and kindness when I enrolled at Purdue. May you rest in peace Rich. God bless you and your family. You will be dearly missed. Fred Williams Purdue '73.*

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**Fred Williams** - March 17, 2022 at 05:53 AM

HS

“ Rich, thank you for letting your light shine, so that others could see what GOOD looks like. Rest now!

*Rich and Sarah accepted me as a friend unconditionally and did so much GOOD for me in my many times of need!*

*For Rich and Sarah - to paraphrase Maya Angelou,  
"...You let Choice whisper in your ears  
And Love murmur in your hearts..."*

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**HM Stevens** - March 16, 2022 at 05:02 PM

MG

“ Bad news really does travel fast and far, and this was shockingly bad news. When the world really needs good people, we lose one of the very best. My heart is broken for the family, especially Sara and his children, and for everyone who was lucky enough to know him and call him friend.

*Michele Prodonovich-Genegabus*

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**michele genegabus** - March 16, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Arlan Mahurt.



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March 16, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Arlan Mahurt.* ”



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March 16, 2022 at 11:27 AM