



RODNEY L. HURST, SR.

LIVING LEGACY AWARD

Rodney Lawrence Hurst, Sr., is a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, a widower, a cancer survivor, a civil rights activist, a Black historian, a military veteran, and the award-winning author of three books. Hurst is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and a 1960 high school graduate of segregated Northwestern Junior-Senior High School in Jacksonville. He was the sixteen-year-old President of the Jacksonville Youth Council NAACP and was one of the leaders of the 1960 sit-in demonstrations, which resulted in the infamous Ax Handle Saturday. Hurst served two four-year terms on the Jacksonville City Council. He is a member of ASALH through the James Weldon Johnson Branch in Jacksonville. Hurst is a Silver Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is involved with many Boards and Agencies in the Jacksonville Community. In addition, Hurst is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Hurst is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Hurst's late wife Ann passed on September 5, 2016, three months before their Fiftieth Anniversary on December 10, 2016. Hurst is the father of two sons, Rodney II (Vandlyn) and Todd.