



## Mr. Joseph T. Purvis

June 7, 1949 - May 31, 2023

Joseph Thurston Purvis was born on June 7, 1949 in Pitt County to the late Wallace T. and Agnes Roxanna Smith Purvis. He was united in holy matrimony to Carolyn Bunn Purvis on January 30, 1971. To this union was born one daughter. He transitioned to be with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at The Service League of Greenville Inpatient Hospice in Greenville, NC.

Joe, as he was affectionately called, graduated from Bethel Union High School in Bethel, NC. After graduating, he served in the United States Marine Corps. After serving his country, he got married in 1971. After some years, he relocated to Danbury, CT and worked various jobs. In 1990, he relocated back to NC where he worked at TRW until the company closed. Joe then furthered his education receiving an Associate in Applied Science degree in Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology from Pitt Community College in December 2006. Afterwards, he worked for J and J Mechanical, Inc., as well as owned and operated his business Purvis Heating and Air. He was an active member of New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Male Choir member, maintenance HVAC technician and faithfully served on the Food Ministry until his health declined.

Joe was an outdoorsman enjoying hunting in his earlier years. He had a strong passion for fishing. It was nothing for him to catch hundreds of fish and share with family and friends. He loved bowling, as he was a member of

bowling leagues, competed in tournaments, and received trophies averaging 275. He enjoyed cooking on the grill and could make a mean homemade Chocolate Cake. He enjoyed sports, watching Westerns and channels about animals and the outdoors. Most of all he loved studying God's word and sharing his wisdom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace T. Purvis and Agnes Roxanna Smith Purvis, and his brothers, Alton Jenkins, Gerald 'Tony' Purvis, and Bobby Glenn Purvis.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Carolyn Bunn Purvis of the home in Greenville, NC; six children, Monica Crawford (Michael) of Greenville, NC, Tammy Harper (Sydney) of Cibolo, TX, Beatrice Murray (Gerald) of Goldsboro, NC, Reggie Hudson (Tonya) of Waldorf, MD, Taelar Williams of Riverview, FL, and Adrian Shipman of Pleasant Valley, NY; ten grandchildren, Trevon Moore of Greenville, NC, Richard Knight III of Goldsboro, NC, Andrew Murray of Goldsboro, NC, Cassie Murray of Wilmington, NC, Jeremy Williams and Sydney 'Jaleel' Harper of Cibolo, TX, Xavier Floyd of Nashville, TN in transition to Germany, Sianne McClean of Houston, TX, and Jayden Shipman of Pleasant Valley, NY; seven siblings; brother, Wallace Purvis, Jr. of Falkland, NC; sisters, Joyce Carolyn Purvis of Greenville, NC, Marie Payne (James) of Alexandria, VA, Agnes Clemons of Robersonville, NC, Brenda Purvis of Williamston, NC, Debra Clayton (Theaoseus) of Raleigh, NC, and Michelle Clare of Canal Winchester, OH; four sisters-in-law, Doretha Purvis, Nedra Harris Purvis, Dorothy Purvis, Mary Purvis; two brothers-in-law Sterling Bunns (Annie), Zachary Bunns; one aunt, Ester Lloyd Smith; one uncle, George Smith (Linda); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
191 Package-Craft Road  
Bethel, NC 27812

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
191 Package-Craft Road  
Bethel, NC 27812

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - June 07, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Maree Norfleet Williams, Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Maree Norfleet Williams, Texas** - June 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Nestilene Chance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Nestilene Chance** - June 07, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Purvis family. May God provide you the Strength and Comfort during your time of loss family. Lenise Dugger*

**Lenise** - June 07, 2023 at 09:40 AM

LE

“ *Lenise lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**Lenise** - June 07, 2023 at 09:37 AM

EL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time -- Blessings!*

*Mother Gladys Little and Family*



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**Evelyn Little** - June 07, 2023 at 09:09 AM

LC

“ *LaForis Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**LaForis Clark** - June 07, 2023 at 09:06 AM

AC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Purvis Family.*

*The Carr Family  
Peggy, Fred and Anthony*

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**Anthony Carr** - June 06, 2023 at 10:18 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hollis-Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**Barbara Hollis-Carr** - June 06, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JS

“ *To Carolyn, Monica & Michael, Trayvon & the Purvis/Bunns Family, my deepest condolences to you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of bereavement.*



*- Joseph (Gene) Slade & family*

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**Joseph Slade** - June 06, 2023 at 09:23 PM

BO

“ *Betty Outerbridge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**Betty Outerbridge** - June 06, 2023 at 08:39 PM

BO

“ *My Condolences,prayers to the Purvis family.*

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**Betty Outerbridge** - June 06, 2023 at 08:38 PM

BM

“ *Beatrice D Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**Beatrice D Murray** - June 06, 2023 at 07:53 PM

GS

“ *George & Carolyn Stocks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**George & Carolyn Stocks** - June 06, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences to the Purvis family.*



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**Juanita Purvis-Brown** - June 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM

LB

“ *Larry Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



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**Larry Barnes** - June 06, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RM

“ Robert & Pearl Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



Robert & Pearl Mason - June 06, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ Shirley Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



Shirley Sneed - June 06, 2023 at 03:06 AM

KP

“ Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



Kay Peele - June 05, 2023 at 11:18 PM

PA

“ Our heartfelt condolences for your loss.



Peggy Norfleet Allen - June 05, 2023 at 10:38 PM

DW

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Joe we worked together at TRW praying for strength and comfort for the family today and days to come

Debbie Williams - June 05, 2023 at 07:00 PM

JD

“ May the peace of God be with you and your family.



Joyce Daniels - June 05, 2023 at 06:45 PM

"R

“ Our condolences to the family. For sure, if your heating or air was out, Joe was your man. He came to my family's rescue many times. So thankful to God for his life on this earth and his humble spirit.  
THE GLOVERS, FAYE & RODNEY

"Ross" - June 05, 2023 at 04:30 PM

IJ

“ Carolyn & Family:  
How awesome is our God! Everyone's heart is heavy with grief today. However, anyone that has graced Joseph's presence knows that he loved God and didn't miss an opportunity to praise and rejoice in HIS goodness. When you are feeling sad, remember the happiness, beautiful smile, and encouraging conversations Joseph presented each time he talked with you.  
May God comfort you today and always.  
Love,  
Cousin Izora Willis-Ebron and Family

Izora & Mack Ebron Jr. - June 05, 2023 at 02:39 PM

CW

“ *Deacon Joseph T. Purvis  
I have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept  
the Faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of  
Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge shall give Me  
at that day. Mother C. Purvis, Lady Monica, Family & Freinds, we  
are holding you up in Prayer. We Loved Deacon Purvis, but God  
Loved him so much more! Well Done Man of God, take your Rest!*

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**Charles & Renee Purvis, Mildred White** - June 05, 2023 at 08:30 AM

CH

*May the grace of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, which  
rule, and abide in your hearts May the grace of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit, rest  
rule, and abide in your hearts at this time.*

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**Christine Hubbarf** - June 05, 2023 at 05:59 PM

DP

“ *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept  
the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me, a crown of  
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at  
that day. Mother C  
Purvis,  
Lady Monica and the entire family, we are holding you up in prayer.  
We loved Deacon Joseph Purvis, but God loved him so much more.  
Take your Rest Deacon J. Purvis, we will miss you!  
Mildred White  
Debra R & Charles Purvis*

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**Debra Renee Purvis** - June 04, 2023 at 09:43 PM

ML

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Purvis family, praying that God will give you strength, comfort and peace at this time and the time to come..God Bless 🙏🙏🙏😊



MILDRED AND WILLIAM LITTLE - June 04, 2023 at 07:13 PM

BC

“ Barbara Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



Barbara Council - June 04, 2023 at 01:26 PM

WO

“ Clifton & Anne Woods



woods - June 04, 2023 at 01:47 AM

BH

“ Barbara Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



Barbara Highsmith - June 03, 2023 at 08:27 PM

DL

“ *Deborah McNeil Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



Deborah McNeil Lloyd - June 03, 2023 at 05:50 PM

MK

“ *Condolences to my family I'm the lost of a beautiful soldier* 🕊️🕊️👤👤👤👤



marilyn knight - June 03, 2023 at 03:37 PM

SJ

“ *Sylvia Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis*



Sylvia Little Jones - June 03, 2023 at 11:22 AM

TH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your husband. Condolences to the family.*



Thetus Harris - June 02, 2023 at 10:23 PM

EF

“ Ernest Clemons & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis



Ernest B. Clemons & Family - June 02, 2023 at 10:17 PM

JJ

“ Jean Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis



Jean Jackson - June 02, 2023 at 08:08 PM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis



Teresa Fleming - June 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM

TF

“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis



The Williams Family - June 02, 2023 at 06:40 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph Purvis*



Rev.Milton & Delores Staton Family - June 02, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AC

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Carolyn and the family. May God bless, strengthen and comfort the family.* 🙏🙏



Angela Carmon - June 02, 2023 at 02:07 PM

MA

“ *Mary Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



Mary Andrews - June 02, 2023 at 11:48 AM

PC

“ *Paul A. Cherry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



Paul A. Cherry - June 02, 2023 at 10:04 AM

CA

“ To Carolyn and the Purvis/Bunns Family:  
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Joe.  
May the special memories you made together  
help you through this difficult time.



**Cora Andrews** - June 02, 2023 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ Jeanette Bunn+Family lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



**Jeanette Bunn+Family** - June 02, 2023 at 02:24 AM

ZB

“ Acknowledging the passing of my Brother n  
Law,we had so many many good times and  
so much laughter together,the memories I  
shall keep scared in my heart,get your well  
deserved rest soldier you fought and won..  
Sorrowfully Missed



**Zachary Bunns** - June 01, 2023 at 09:30 PM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



**Patricia McNeil Modica** - June 01, 2023 at 07:01 PM

MR

*Missing you*

**Marsha Rodgers** - June 02, 2023 at 01:35 AM

EH

“ *Earnest Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Earnest Hudson** - June 01, 2023 at 04:16 PM

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“ *May God comfort and strengthen the family during this time of transition. We are praying for you.....Eddie and Faye*



**XXX** - June 01, 2023 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ *Carlton Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Carlton Clemons** - June 01, 2023 at 02:02 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Clemons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



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**Dorothy Clemons** - June 01, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



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**Dorothy Clemons** - June 01, 2023 at 01:46 PM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis



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**Patricia McNeil Modica** - June 01, 2023 at 01:00 PM

DE

“ To Brenda and the Purvis /Bunns Family:  
The Class of '72 were saddened to hear the passing of your beloved brother, Joe. We pray that the Lord will strengthen and comfort all of you during this difficult time of bereavement.

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**Dianne Ewell** - June 01, 2023 at 11:09 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Ben Wooten** - June 01, 2023 at 10:32 AM

VD

“ *Von And Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Von and Hazel Brown Davis** - June 01, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RA

“ *Rev. Dr. Barbara V. Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Rev. Dr. Barbara V. Akins** - June 01, 2023 at 08:37 AM

DA

“ *Donnie Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph T. Purvis*



**Donnie Andrews** - June 01, 2023 at 05:28 AM

JS

“ To Carolyn, Monica & Michael, Trayvon & the Purvis/Bunns Family,  
We were so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Our Peace and Love, Joseph & Peggy Slade



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**Joseph/Peggy Slade** - May 31, 2023 at 09:46 PM

M(

“ We were so sorry to hear about Deacon Purvis you have our deepest sympathies. We will miss him . May God be with all of you.  
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**Mr.&Mrs. Robert (Minnie)Brown** - May 31, 2023 at 08:25 PM

EH

“ My Deepest Sympathy Are With You Brenda  
And The Rest Of Your Family.



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - May 31, 2023 at 10:44 AM

SH

*Thinking of you Carolyn and Monica. Prayers are with you all. Love  
Sophia Highsmith*

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**Sophia Highsmith** - June 03, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 31, 2023 at 10:21 AM

KL

Sorry to hear passing of your love.

Kathy Little - June 01, 2023 at 05:49 PM

TF

To Tammy Harper and the Purvis Family,  
Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.  
Our hearts are with you.  
The Williams Family!  
Ed, Lita, Scooter, Ebone', Zachary & Percy

The Williams Family - June 02, 2023 at 08:52 PM

GP

Rest in peace cousin joe, quiet and strong, go with God 🙏

Glenn Purvis - June 08, 2023 at 04:11 PM