



## Joseph F. Purvis Obituary

August 3, 1917 - October 9, 2004

Joseph Fred Purvis, of 1009 n. Harding Street, a longtime resident of Albany, died on Saturday, October 9. He was 87 years old. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 12 at 2 PM at The First Baptist Church in Albany. Officiating will be Rev. Don Driskill and Rev. Bill Hurdle, of Macon. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Albany. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Army in campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and Italy during World War II. He was always patriotic and proud to be an American and enjoyed activities surrounding our national holidays. Joe was retired from several business interests in Albany, and had many friends and past associated who enjoyed his wit and fellowship. He was president and manager of Security Storage and Moving Service for 19 years. Following his retirement from Security, he became interested in real estate and was a realtor with Slappey Real Estate for a number of years. Subsequent to that time, and at an age when most men would have long been retired, Joe's love of his church, his love of good cooking and his love for people lead him to take the position of Food Service Director at First Baptist Church until his final and "official" retirement several years back. He was a lifetime Deacon at First Baptist Church and was a Director of Adult Sunday School Department for a number of years. In 1967, Joe became the charter president of the newly formed Exchange Club of Downtown Albany and served twice in that office, as well as serving as Secretary-Treasurer for 17 years. In recent years he enjoyed his membership in the Kiwanis Golden Key Club with fellow longtime

friends and business retirees. He and his wife were very devoted fans of the University of Georgia Bulldogs football team, and had attended all home games in Athens for more than 20 years, as well as following the Dogs to several bowl games and other Bulldog activities. He leaves many friends in a special group who shared the excitement and fun of those weekends "between the hedges". He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sara Ware Purvis, formerly of Cuthbert. Also surviving is their daughter, Julie Virginia Purvis Montgomery and son-in-law, Arthur L. Montgomery, both of Atlanta and an adoring and precious little dog - Molly. Joe and Sara were very proud to be the godparents of Karen Reddish of Newnan, GA and Lindsay Reddish of Athens, GA, both formerly of Albany. The family is grateful for the love and longtime friendship of three very special friends, John Harold, Beatrice Lockett and Marie Jones, all of Albany. In addition, they so appreciate the support and care of a more recent, but no less devoted friend, Mary Murray. Those desiring may make memorials to "Present Location Fund" First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, Albany, GA 31702 or their favorite charity. The family will receive friends Monday, 7 to 8:30 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph F. Purvis Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. We have many memories of Mr Joe at FBC, Albany.*

**Neil and Cindy Brown** - October 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *May the love that surrounds you be a source of comfort at this time.*

*Love you Ms. Sara and Julie*

**Carol Oliver** - October 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Today is Football Friday at the Georgia Center Hotel and we are missing you and Sara out in the lobby. Our hearts are with you. We love and miss you both very much.*

*Mary Sue*

**Mary Sue Hullender** - October 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *DEEPLY SORRY ABOUT THIS*

**TK** - October 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Mr. Joe was a fine person and will be missed by all. I certainly appreciate the support you both gave me over the years. Bucky*

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**Bucky Brookshier** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *I love you Daddy.  
Always have .... always will.*

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**Julie** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Dear Aunt Sarah and Julie,*

*I am the daughter of James and Joanne Wilson. When I was a little girl, my dad worked for you at North American Van Lines. You were so very kind to us. You always made us feel like family. When my brother, James and I get together and talk about old times, we always speak fondly of you and your family. Your kindness made a huge difference in the lives of two little kids. And though we are adults now, we still remember so many nice things about you and your family. Thank you for your love, care, kindness and concern, we have never forgotten you.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers, and will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Uncle Joe was quite a man, and will certainly be missed by many.*

*Love,  
Cathy D. Wilson-Johnson  
and  
James L. Wilson, Jr.*

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**Cathy D. Johnson-Wilson** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ For Mrs. Purvis,  
You and Mr. Purvis were such special people to my parents, Carl and Eileen Callaway. I always enjoyed spending time when I was a teenager talking with Mr. Purvis and my dad. I pray for your comfort and peace in this difficult time. May God Bless you and your family.  
Sincerely, Don Callaway & family

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**Don Callaway** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Mrs. Purvis, the staff of the 3rd floor at Phoebe wish you well and our thoughts are with you in you time of loss. Mr. Purvis was a genuinely gracious person and made us all laugh with his wonderful humor. Please call us if we can help you in any way.

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**Rita Strickland & 3rd Floor Staff-Phoebe Putney** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“ Julie,

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless your family and help you not to feel alone in this most sad time.

With love,  
Elizabeth & Barry

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**Elizabeth & Barry Zuber** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Julie:

*He was a great man and lead a full life. You were lucky to have him as your father.*

*Love,  
Barry & Elizabeth*

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**Barry Zuber** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *May God put his arms around you and give you comfort during this time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and one day we will see Mr. Purvis as we gather at the river in Gloryland. God Bless You.*

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**Teresa, Chuck, Will & Johnathan Stanfield** - October 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM