



Mr. Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis

March 31, 1928 - February 15, 2022

Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis, 93, of Keller, TX, previously of Lakeland, Florida, passed away on February 15, 2022.

Pete was born in Keyssville, Florida, March 31, 1928, to Kneal and Grace (Taylor Young) Purvis. He retired as an electrician from Exxon Mobil and later on retired as an electrical inspector from Hillsborough County. He was an avid gardener and started a successful landscape business after retirement.

He was an accomplished gospel soloist, as well as a member of a gospel duo with his niece, Janda Moody. He was a long time member of gospel quartets that performed at various events, church services and concerts throughout Florida.

He's survived by his wife of 73 years, Hilda B. Purvis, and daughter, Carolyn Parrish of Keller, TX. His grandchildren are Meredith (Jason) Bauer, Devin (Jennifer) Parrish, Alexis (Jeff) Jones, and Rachel (Matt) Roberts. Great grandchildren include Mycayla, Jackson, Trace, Beckham, Trudy, Lockhart and Marilyn.

A graveside service will held at Friday, March 11 at 11:00 A.M. at Beulah Cemetery, 5300 Beulah Church Road, Lithia. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at [Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions honoring Pete may be made to Beulah Baptist Church (<http://www.beulahbc.info>). Expressions of condolence can be sent to HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Beulah Cemetery

5300 Beulah Church Road
Lithia, FL 33547

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 15, 2022 at 01:49 PM

SK

Pete and our Daddy, Kermit Purvis, were 1st cousins - their daddy's were brothers. We always loved Pete. He was always good to all his kinfolks and friends.

SharonDalene Purvis Kyder - March 12, 2023 at 05:08 PM

DB

“ My dear Uncle Pete you meant the world to me. My heart is broken but you are rejoicing in Heaven. You were such a humble and Godly man. I have looked up to you my whole life. You were like a father figure to me. In my eyes you were an example of the way a man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend should be. God gifted you with so many talents and blessed me with a wonder Uncle. I will miss you greatly and love you forever.



Debra Bryan - March 10, 2022 at 04:08 PM

YB

“ Your niece, Debbie Bryan purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis.



Your niece, Debbie Bryan - March 10, 2022 at 03:56 PM

RS

“ Bro. Pete was one of the most Godly men I knew. My dad is rejoicing in heaven. They worked at the county together and in quartets together.

Richard Swilley - March 08, 2022 at 09:00 PM

WV

“ Wayne Varnadore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis



Wayne Varnadore - March 07, 2022 at 10:06 AM

MO

“ Mike & Mia O'Neal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Rufus Donald "Pete" Purvis.



Mike & Mia O'Neal - March 05, 2022 at 01:16 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Purvis was a special gentleman. He and my dad, Curtis Colding worked for the Hillsborough County Zoning Department. I have some sweet memories growing up in downtown Picnic where we lived. Daddy often spoken of Mr. Purvis with respect. My dad was also a “music man” and enjoyed Mr. Purvis smooth voice, our family asked him to sing at my dad’s funeral. I still have several tapes of precious old hymns my him.*

Jane (Colding) Saranko - March 03, 2022 at 08:57 PM