



## Reverend George Hilton Purvis

October 25, 1933 - November 23, 2024

George Hilton Purvis of Ellisville, MS, left this life and stepped into heaven to greet those waiting for him on November 23, 2024, at the age of 91.

He was born in Laurel, MS, to Maynard and Marie Pearson Purvis of the Glade community on October 25, 1933. His parents preceded him in death as did his siblings, Vaughn Ray Purvis (Esther), Florence Rayner (Woodrow), Ruby Hilbun (James), Emma Kate Shows (James), John Purvis (Betty) and Helen Lowell. Also included, is his son-in-law, Leonard Kenneth Smith and one great grandchild, Mason Smith.

Mr. Purvis attended Glade School. He served in the United States Army. He went into the ministry as a pastor in the Congregational Methodist Church in 1967. After moving the family to Texas, he attended Westminster Bible School. Reverend Purvis pastored churches in Texas and Mississippi in the following years. He served as a leader in the Mississippi church conference as president, and as president of the Mississippi Adult Camp Board for many years. He was recognized for fifty plus years of pastoral ministry in the Congregational Methodist Church. He used his talents in construction to help build new facilities for the Foreign and Home Mission Boards of the CMC church and the Mississippi CMC campgrounds.

Reverend Purvis is survived by his wife of 71 years and helpmate in ministry,

Florence Eleanor Walters Purvis, his daughters Karen Partain Smith, Janise (Lee) Edmiston, Marie (Ed) Smith and Millie (James) "Chip" Williams. He leaves behind grandchildren, Julie (Jess) Partain, Jamie Partain, Kim (Billy) Smith Marascalco, Brian (Heather) Smith, Amy Smith, Max (Amy) Edmiston, David (Melissa) Smith, Vernon (Libby) Smith and Drew (Jeniffer) Smith. Rev. Purvis leaves behind brothers and sisters in-law, many nieces and nephews, and 21 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home will handle the services. Visitation will be there on Wednesday, November, 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Burial will be at Mount Vernon Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Vern Smith, Drew Smith, Gene Purvis, Rocky Purvis, Kevin Walters, and Kale Walters.

Honorary pallbearers will be John A. Purvis and David Smith.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery

839 Hwy 15 South  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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memorychapel@comcast.net  
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## Service

NOV 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.

November 26, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.



November 26, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ Love, Julie, Jess, & Jamie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.



Love, Julie, Jess, & Jamie - November 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Reba Pinner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.

Reba Pinner - November 25, 2024 at 09:07 PM

RP

“ *Reba Pinner purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.*



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**Reba Pinner** - November 25, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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“ *From the J C Glenn family, Brother George was a great man and a wonderful pastor he will surely be missed I know Brother George, my dad and Brother Holifeild are having a glorious reunion up there all our prayers are with the family and heartfelt condolences*

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**The JC Glenn family** - November 25, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Gayle Anglin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.*



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**Lisa Gayle Anglin** - November 25, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Reverend George Hilton Purvis.*



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November 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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“ CMC President and Staff purchased the Sweet S  
olace Spray for the family of Reverend George  
Hilton Purvis.



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**CMC President and Staff** - November 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM