



Claude Clarence Purvis

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Claude C. Purvis, age 90, owner of Purvis Construction, passed away at Heartwood Nursing Home on December 23, 2005. Claude was born on November 30, 1915, in the town of Sherlock, Thurston County, to John Anthony and Grace Lovell Purvis. He attended school through the 9th grade, leaving school to help support his family. Claude continued his schooling through "self-teaching," and graduated from the "School of Hard Knocks." As a young man he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) then joined the United States Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Sergeant. It was during this time that he married his wife of 33 years, Signe L. Johnson of Graham. In 1946 he opened and operated Purvis Automotive Service until 1950, when he joined his brothers Jim and John at Construction Engineers and Contractors, owned by James Purvis. After his brother James' death in 1955, he opened his own construction company, known as Claude C. Purvis Co. He was a well known general contractor throughout Washington and Oregon. If the color was purple it was known to be Purvis! Claude was an active member of the community. He was the past President of the Associated General Contractors of America, Tacoma Chapter A.G.C., served on the Board of Directors at the South End Boy's Club, a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee Carpenters Local 470. He was also a life member of the Elks Lodge No. 174 as well as the Eagles Aeries No. 3 for 51 years. An avid gardener, Claude will be remembered for his beautifully landscaped garden. He could often be found outside in the yard at any time of the year. He also enjoyed Ballroom and Square dancing groups. He is survived by his son Thomas Clayton Purvis and granddaughter Kimberley Michelle Greger, wife Alice Jones Purvis of 30 years, three stepchildren, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, 2 nieces and a nephew. Claude was preceded in death by his parents, twin brothers John Edward and James William Purvis and his wife Signe Johnson Purvis. Memorial services for Claude C. Purvis will



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be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, January 2, in the Mountain View Garden Chapel. A reception for family and friends will be held at the Lakewood Elks Lodge No. 2388. Memorial donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Administrative Service Center in Claude's name at 1501 Pacific Avenue, Ste 301, Tacoma, Washington 98402. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Claude's loving granddaughter, Denyce Eaton, for all her care.



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Anonymous posted:

My prayers for strength and peace for all connected to Claude by friendship or family. Arliene##imported-begin##Arliene Wilkerson##imported-end##

January 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, My love to you and to your family. I also thought purple was Signe's contribution. So it was Claude's. Many happy memories around your parent's home and garden and garage and pool from the 50's and 60's. Many fabulous meals, too.##imported-begin##Jeanne Robertson##imported-end##

January 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom- Know in your heart that your father, and mine, are in a far, far better place than either of us have ever been. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Marty & Margie Eckler##imported-end##

January 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of growing up next door to your family. I know my mom and dad had such great memories of dance club and fun. I will miss being called his "little princess". All my condolences. Nadine##imported-begin##Nadine Mobroten Hanson##imported-end##

January 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom & Karleen, Thank you for sending us this obituary. You are in our thoughts. All our love, Val & Waqar##imported-begin##Val Vandervort & Waqar Hasan##imported-end##

December 30 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Tom, Karleen and Auntie Kim - We are so sorry that Great-Grandpa Claude has passed on. We love you and are here for you if you need anything! Love, Kalli, Max and Charlie##imported-begin##Kalli, Max and Charlie##imported-end##

December 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom and Karlene - Dave and I wish to extend our condolences with your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dave & Carole Kiesig##imported-end##

December 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember the bear rug and christmas at their house. Lots of good memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you .##imported-begin##Pam Purdy Chambers##imported-end##

December 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Tom, My condolences to you and your family. I always thought it was your momthat was the gardener,and the personbehind all the purple. My mother turned 90 on Nov.1st.She's still kicking,but wedid put her in managed care thislast week. I hope you're well and happy.Sincerely, Doodie Pope##imported-begin##Margaret Pope Tomkinson##imported-end##

December 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Lois L Tobin##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Roy, Carol, Jeff Berrrens##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##JULIE HELMKA##imported-end##

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We at HHJ Construction wish to send our condolences to Claude's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Roger A. Hansen##imported-end##

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have the fondest memories of Uncle Claude all thru my growing up. We anguished over Lutafisk at Christmas time for many years. He always had a smile and hug. My prayers are with all of you... Diane##imported-begin##Diane Purdy Arnold##imported-end##

December 29 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Claude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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