



## Russell Lynn Purtle

January 5, 1949 - August 31, 2015

### Obituary of Russell Purtle

Russell Lynn Purtle, 66, of The Villages, Florida died August 31, 2015 at Leesburg, Florida. He was born January 5, 1949 in Texarkana, Texas. Russell is survived by his loving wife, Jo Ann Rogers Purtle; son, Tim Purtle of Avondale, Arizona and daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Jared Hauser of Birmingham, Alabama; grandsons, Owen and Luke Hauser of Birmingham, Alabama; brother, Don Purtle and sister-in-law, Anne of Hot Springs Arkansas; two nephews, Steven and David Purtle of Arkansas and his aunt, Bonnie Sanders of Dallas, TX. He is also survived by brother-in law and wife Allen and Martha Rogers of Water Valley, MS; sisters-in-law and husbands, Lynn and Ben Oberholtzer of Germantown, TN, Bill and Carol Latimer of Union City, TN; niece and husband Amanda and Gerald Glickman and great nephew, Bruce Glickman of Richmond, VA. He is predeceased by his parents, Lindel and Sarah Purtle of Texarkana, Texas. Russell was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. After retiring from International Paper as a controller, he had devoted himself to writing and recording Christian music. He was a man who lived his strong Christian faith and is walking with the Lord. Honorary Pallbearers: Greg Muller, Doug Morin, Bob Jordan, Jack Bambury, Tom Benefield, Art Michaels, and Marty Edelman. Visitation on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 1 pm followed by services at 2 pm, Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake Chapel, The Villages, FL. Burial will be at Elbridge Cemetery, Elbridge, TN on

Saturday, Sept. 5. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 237 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL 32803.

# Tribute Wall

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Wayne & Lana & Joy Craig - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“*JoAnn and family. We were all shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Russell's passing, We just wanted to express our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences for the loss of Russell. He was such a talented kind, warm and cheerful person to all who were fortunate to have known him & he will be greatly missed by all. You will be in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Wayne & Lana & Joy Craig - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“*Russell Lynn Purtle*

Wayne & Lana & Joy Craig - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“*Mrs. Purtle, please accept my condolence for your loss. I worked briefly with Russell at the Pine Bluff, Ar. mill and worked many years with his brother Don. I see he was strong in his faith, please take comfort in that knowledge. Your family is in my prayers.*

Stan Fisk - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“*My prayers go out to you and your family. I know how special a man Russell was. May you hold on to God's promise of eternity during this difficult time.*

Cindy Keough - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Jo Ann, Greg & I want to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We are on our way to Hernando, MS for the funeral of Greg's godmother and happened to read about Russell's death in the paper. We were so shocked! You had told us you would be gone for awhile so not to worry, we have thought about you both often and knew we would see you soon in class. We are so sad and I pray the Lord gives you the Strength to get through this very difficult time. Our love and friendship.

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**Greg & Cathy Meek** - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Was very saddened to hear of Russell's passing. I worked with Russell over the years from Pine Bluff to Memphis. He was a talented musician and I loved hearing him play the piano. The family will be in my prayers.

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**Ann Costello** - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ JoAnn and family, I am so sorry to learn about the passing of Russell. I know that he is in a better place! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**Steve Smith** - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Russell Lynn Purtle*

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