



## Mr. John Ross Purvis MD

June 26, 1952 - March 26, 2021

On March 26th, 2021, John Purvis passed into eternal rest and was welcomed into the arms of his Father.

John was born on June 26th, 1952, to Ross and Lillian Purvis. He was born and raised in Miami, Florida, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping in the Everglades with his brothers Dave and Russ. In 1974, after graduating from the University of Florida, he married Julie Melvin in Gainesville, Florida. John then attended medical school at the University of South Florida. After completing his first year of family practice residency at the Tallahassee Memorial Family Practice Residency, he finished his residency at Carolina's Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

During that time, he became a father to Rachel. His second daughter, Megan, was born three years later. He later started Union Family Practice with John Vick, MD, in Monroe, North Carolina. After years building up the practice, he was invited to join the faculty at East Carolina University Department of Family Medicine, where he was eventually Vice Chairman of Clinical Services.

Missing Florida, the family returned to Tallahassee where he joined the Tallahassee Memorial Family Practice Residency Program, advancing to the role of Director for a number of years. In recent years, he retired from practice, and worked part-time for the Florida Department of Disability Determination.

Throughout his career, he mentored and earned the respect of many physicians, and won the affectionate admiration of numerous patients. In addition to his skill as doctor, John was known for his intellect and wry sense of humor. An avid gardener and adept fisherman, John helped plant one church in North Carolina, and served three congregations as an elder. More importantly, he sought the Lord all his days.

John is survived by his wife, Julie; daughters, Rachel Woodham (Jay) and their children James, Daniel, and Julianna; Megan Andino (Rolando) and their children Matthew and Isabella; and his brothers, Dave and Russ.

His funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, at Wildwood Presbyterian at 11 o'clock, with a private burial following. A preceding visitation will be held at 10 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to World Vision International or Compassion International. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 31.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wildwood Presbyterian Church  
100 Ox Bottom Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

## Funeral

**MAR 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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100 Ox Bottom Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall

 Justin  
Conley  
Conley

“ Mr John had an exceptional impact on my life when I was facing some hard times in my life. He told me about the lord Jesus christ and poured the love of the lord upon me. I ended up in the hospital after becoming homeless with liver and kidney failure and he helped me with things such as food clothing and medicine even helped me with transportation from the hospital after my release from icu. I will never forget mr john he had a huge impact on my life and even gave me some wisdom im using today in my life. He asked me one day if he gave me a hundred dollars would I want it now or would I want him to invest it in a stock for me and he said that was the way to see if he should invest in me by my decision unfortunately I chose the wrong decision but until this day I always remember to make better decision ones that have greater benefits and that is Jesus christ. God bless your family Mr john and may you rest in peace and thank you for all you done for me

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**Justin Conley Conley** - June 14, 2021 at 06:42 PM

KM

“ He was a great doctor and teacher. I had the privilege to have him as my faculty at TMH residency program from 2003 till 2006. He taught me so much specially in the psychiatry world of medicine as a family medicine doctor this is very need it. My deepest sympathy to his family.

*Keila Hoover, M.D.*

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**Keila Hoover, M.D.** - April 13, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DC

“ Julie, my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. John was loved and admired. May God bless you and give you peace and comfort. Love you.  
Deb Carmen

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**Deborah Carmen** - March 31, 2021 at 06:21 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ross Purvis MD.



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March 30, 2021 at 04:53 PM

MT

“ Dear Julie, Rachel and Megan, and family:  
This is bitter/sweet--so thankful that John is with our dear Heavenly Father knowing His peace and healing; yet so sad for you all. I pray for God's strong comfort to wrap around each of you and reminding you that God has John and each of you in His big loving hands.  
Martha Thompson

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**Martha Thompson** - March 30, 2021 at 01:18 PM

AN

“ I always loved consultations with Dr. Purvis. His words were few, but, always, he hit the nail on the head. What a beautiful obituary.

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**Amy Reimer Neal** - March 29, 2021 at 06:43 PM

AR

“ *Leanne and Russ, Love you both so much!!!  
Angie*

Angie Raef - March 29, 2021 at 05:16 PM

PM

“ *Leanne and Russ. There are no words to ease the pain. I love you,  
Aunt Patty*

patricia mitchell - March 29, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Mr. John Ross Purvis MD.*



March 29, 2021 at 10:02 AM

JW

“ *My deepest condolences to John's family and friends. Julie, I hope  
you feel the love that surrounds you. Janet Wroblewski*

Janet Wroblewski - March 29, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DL

“ *Heaven has a new star. We thank John for sharing his love with us.  
He will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love to all, Mam and Grandpa D*

Daniel Laycock - March 28, 2021 at 04:18 PM

JM

“ My dear friend John Purvis and I founded a great medical practice in Monroe, North Carolina. This practice has grown to include 9 private practitioners, 3 residency faculty, and 9 residency positions (3 per year). We have now trained 45 family physicians and sent them out in the world. I learned much from John , who was a brilliant clinician, an organizational genius, and an outstanding medical educator. I passed all this knowledge to many, many physicians. He made an impact with everyone in Union County. We are all so blessed that he came our way. I know he is with our dear Savior. May the Lord bless his loving spouse, daughters, and grandchildren.  
John C. Vick, M.D.

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**John C. Vick, MD** - March 27, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ross Purvis MD.



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March 27, 2021 at 11:50 AM