



John R. Pursselley

November 14, 1927 - February 2, 2010

JOHN R. PURSSELLEY John Robert Pursselley, 82, Pleasant Hope, died Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at his home. The son of Alfred and Veda (Moore) Pursselley, he was born November 14, 1927 in Mount Vernon, Missouri. John and Ruth Billingsly were married April 5, 1950 and have three children Robbi, Krista and Scott. John spent over 50 years in the ministry as a pastor, missionary and a teacher at Baptist Bible College in Springfield and as president of Baptist Bible College of Great Britain. He was a World War II U. S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Ruth of the home; 3 children and their spouses, Robbi and David Almanzar, Canon City, CO, Krista and Kenneth Dowell, Managua, Nicaragua and Scott and Cheryl Pursselley, Bolivar; 10 grandchildren, Jonathan and Shannon Almanzar, Courtnee and Jason Eutsler, Jordan and Crissy Almanzar, Cody and Amber Almanzar, Rachel and Cory Barker, Eli and Rebekah Dowell, Mary Pursselley, James Pursselley, Caleb Pursselley and Karri Pursselley; and 16 great-grandchildren; Jacob and Hannah Almanzar, Gracie, Abby, Zach and Faith Eutsler, Catherine Almanzar, Poppy and Zeke Almanzar, Isaac, Micah, Aaron and Eden Barker, and Joel, Ethan and Seth Dowell. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Bolivar Berean Baptist Church with Rev. David Almanzar and Rev. Kenneth Dowell officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar. In lieu of flowers donations in John's memory may be made to the church building fund at Iglesia Bautista Amistad, Managua, Nicaragua.

Make checks payable to Kenneth Dowell, C/O Murray Funeral Home, P O Box 506, Bolivar, MO 65613.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Purs Kelley*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *John R. Purs Kelley*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Im so sorry Ruth to hear about John. When I came back to MO and Judy had the reunion for us, John asked me if I went to a church out here. I told him I hadnt found one we felt comfortable with yet and he offered to help me. I thought that was so kind that he would go to the trouble. Im glad I got to meet him and*

Becky - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My love and prayers go out to you, Ruth and the whole family. John was so kind to me when I was going through such a hard time so many years ago. I will never forget all the love I have received from your family over all these years.*

Peggy Davis - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ You can certainly treasure your good memories of Brother Pursselley, because he was an exceptionally good and faithful man. I appreciate his leading me to the Lord in Wasco, and his friendship. You'll find, as I did after losing Mom in October, that memories of a life well invested are extremely comforting, and heaven becomes more real than ever before. Love you all.

Noel and Janice Greenwalt - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are both so very sorry to hear that you've lost John. I know he's in Heaven praising His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God healed him the second he hit Heaven's door. He was one of the sweetest and nicest men we have ever had the pleasure of knowing, even for a short time.

Jim and Maxine Hennis - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Though it has been over 25 years since I last saw and spoke with Mr. Pursselley, I remember him well as one the most humane, thoughtful and accomplished pastors I have ever known. I am saddened at his passing, but I know all of us are happy in the knowledte that he is with his Lord. My condolences to all the family.

Terry Walker - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I just want you to know that I'm praying for you and your family. I know your hearts are heavy, but Brother Pursselley is having the time of his life with his Saviour. This is what it's all about. I love you, Ruth, and will continue to pray for you. Vicki

Vicki Whitfield - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Ruth, Robbi & David and other family members. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and give you the comfort and peace you need. Know that we will be praying extra for all of you tomorrow. May God go before you. In Christ love, Arnold & Charlotte Robinson

Arnold & Charlotte Robinson - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Robbi, Sorry to hear about your Dad's death, but he is in a better place now and jumping with joy. It's hard lossing a loved one but it makes it a whole lot easier when you know they are going to be with the Lord. Me and Peggy are praying for you and your family in this difficult time, we are also praying for traveling safety on your trip back home. Love you all. Bob & Peggy

Robert & Peggy McGuire - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ A friend called me today with the news of John's passing into the very presence of God. Immediately my mind raced with memories of his impact and imprint on my life...all endearing memories. Only heaven will reveal the full impact of his Christ-honoring life. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all the family. We know you ache for the loss of John's earthly presence, but rejoice that he is in the tender eternal embrace of Christ. Grace, Love and Peace, Richard & Jerral

Richard & Jerral Rockwell - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We certainly appreciated the times we spent with John!

Rocky & Julie Harrill - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM