



J. Carroll Purtle

September 15, 1952 - June 19, 2020

J. Carroll Purtle, age 67, of Jerusalem, Arkansas, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020. He was born September 15, 1952 in Malvern, Arkansas, a son of James E. Purtle and Kitesy Reynolds Purtle. He was a public school superintendent and a member of Lonoke Baptist Church. He took pride in having worked in rural schools for over 40 years and loved many students as his own. God blessed him with children of his own late in life and they became his world.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Bobo Purtle; daughters, Kitesy Purtle and Anna Purtle, both of Jerusalem; son, Caleb Purtle of Jerusalem; and two sisters, Margaret Hall of Texas and Marilyn Kelley of East End, Arkansas. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by three children, Rebekah Ann Purtle, Elizabeth Mary Purtle, and Joel David Purtle; niece, Jessica Kelley; and two nephews, Nathan Stiles and Jerry Briscoe.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Harris Chapel with Bro. Tom Mitchell officiating. Graveside service will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Holly Springs Cemetery in Spring Hill, Arkansas with Bro. Eric Fisher officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, at the Harris Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Holly Springs Cemetery
Spring Hill, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Carroll Purtle*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I came back to Spring Hill last fall and visited with Carroll and Spring Hill staff. It was wonderful talking to him and others at school. I know his family and friends will miss him and my prayers will be with you. Carroll was always willing to talk to me when I had a problem at school, when he was principal. Our sons Andrew and Matthew wanted me to tell you we all will really miss him.*

Grace Davidson

Grace Davidson - June 23, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Working with Carroll was like being in the presence of family. He was always a friend as well as my principal! I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. He sure loved his family! Sharon and your sweet family, my thoughts and prayers are with you today and the days to follow. Much love!*

Sandra Shope White - June 23, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Words cannot express how very sorry we are for you and your family's loss. You are a very special family and the few years we were around your love for everyone and especially the love of God was ever present. There is no question the legacy of love he has left not only his students from over the years but all he met. You all are in our thoughts and prayers..love to you all*

Herbert & Barbara Schmitz - June 22, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



June 22, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



June 21, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ *Morrilton High School Thespian Troupe 3131 purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Tin Tower for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



Morrilton High School Thespian Troupe 3131 - June 21, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *Margaret and Marilyn and Purtle family: I just saw Carroll's obituary and my heart breaks for all of you. I have so many fond memories of him and all of you during our Lost Creek days. You all felt like part of our family instead of just friends. My prayers and love to all of you.*

Lillie Mosley Shoptaw - June 21, 2020 at 10:53 AM

RL

“ *Mrs Purtle and children,
Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one.
Your family brought many positive blessings to our area. May God
support you all with his strength and love, Ruth Ann Looney*

Ruth Ann Looney - June 20, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased
for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



June 20, 2020 at 05:19 PM

RR

“ *There is a little less light in the world without our beloved educator,
friend and mentor. You made honorable men and women out of lost
boys and girls, just by example and understanding. You will be
greatly missed, but fondly remembered with the smile you always
had for us. I know God met you at the gate with a warm embrace
and the most sincere "Job well done". My love and prayer for the
loved ones left behind. He left a beautiful legacy for you to be so
proud of.*

Rebecca Rhodes - June 20, 2020 at 12:43 PM

TN

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YA'LL*

Terry Neal - June 20, 2020 at 11:37 AM

TT

“ *Rest In Peace, My Friend.
Prayers for All
Tommy Thompson*

Tommy & Diane Thompson - June 20, 2020 at 08:40 AM

SN

“ *I met Carroll when I was in college. He was principal of Spring Hill High School. Christa and I went on a date and chaperoned my cousin in Little Rock for a Debate Team Banquet. He was my cousin's Principal. He also knew Christa very well as he had been her HS History Teacher. When he and Sharon married I got to know him as Carroll instead of "Mr. Purtle." He was very smart, very witty, very kind and it was obvious to everyone that knew them that he loved his wife and kids. He was a wonderful man of God and led his family. It has been an honor to know him, and a privilege to call him family. My charge to his children is to live the way he taught you. Love Jesus, love others, and live life to its fullest. Live, laugh and love. Shane Neal.*

Shane Neal - June 20, 2020 at 01:42 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry and sad to hear of Mr Purtle's passing! He was always so nice! I really thought a lot of him! He was an awesome supporter of Wonderview Basketball! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mrs. Purtle and your children and family! I pray for peace and comfort for you all!*

Lisa Sensabaugh - June 20, 2020 at 12:37 AM

DM

“ Sharon, Kitsey, Anna, Caleb my hearts go out to you. It is a sad day and my hearts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. He was a great man and left many behind that loved him and love you.

Dorrie McCosh - June 19, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RH

“ Sharon...we are so very sorry for your loss. Carroll was a fine man whom we both highly respected and were proud to call him our friend. Our sincerest condolences and love and prayers are with you and your family.

Rick and Janice Horton - June 19, 2020 at 09:32 PM

BO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Brint and Johnie Faye Odom

Brint and Johnie Faye Odom - June 19, 2020 at 09:15 PM

VS

“ Sharon, Margaret and Marilyn and families. My heart hurts for you and rejoices at the same time. Carroll was like an older brother to me. We grew up on same street and went to church together. You all are in my prayers. Love Vickie.
Vickie Ewing Sipes and Clinton Sipes

Vickie Ewing Sipes and Clinton Sipes - June 19, 2020 at 08:21 PM

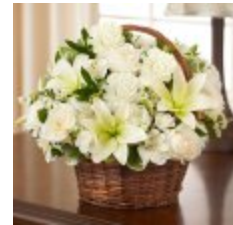
SE

“ *It is with a broken heart I read of Carroll's passing. Lord knows He received a great singer and Christian into His fold today. Sharon and you kids, I know nothing I say will ease your heartaches right now. Just know you are loved by many throughout the state because of who you and Carroll were. God bless each of you during this trying time.*

Sheryl England - June 19, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



June 19, 2020 at 07:19 PM

PT

“ *Sharon and family, This was absolutely a sad shock to me. We share so many awesome memories- especially your trips to Mexico with Audie, our memories at Central and our friendship. The world was a better place with Carroll in it and education was blessed by his efforts. Our deepest sympathy and prayers for you, your children, family and friends that will miss him so much. God be with you, Our love, Pam and Audie Teague (Prescott and Camden)*

Pam and Audie Teague - June 19, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SE

“ *Spring Hill Class of 2000(Lyndsi Hill Easterling) purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of J. Carroll Purtle.*



Spring Hill Class of 2000(Lyndsi Hill Easterling) - June 19, 2020 at 07:06 PM

SH

“ *I know it's been 20 yrs since I had seen him, but I always wondered where his life had taken him. He was a hard nosed principal when needed, and a teddy bear if you needed it. I was just telling my wife about him the other day, and how the last day of my JR year, I had got in trouble and he wore my butt out with that paddle he had! I definitely will never forget this man!!! Love you Mr Purtle!!!*

Shane Harrington - June 19, 2020 at 06:53 PM

KJ

“ *Sharon I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Carroll was such a good godly man. We so enjoyed our time with you all at Central. You are in our thoughts and prayers!*

kathy johnson - June 19, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sharon and family, I am so sorry. Just know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Cindy Upchurch - June 19, 2020 at 05:42 PM

RK

So very sorry! A great an and a wonderful teacher. Prayers for the family.

Rosa kidd - June 19, 2020 at 07:07 PM



Sharon, my heart just breaks for you and your beautiful family. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and for you! He was a very much respected member of all our School students and faculty! One of a kind....will miss him! 🙏

Laura Johnson Zimmerman - June 20, 2020 at 01:38 AM