



Mr. John A. Purl Sr.

October 21, 1935 - November 7, 2017

John Albert Purl, Sr. was born on October 21, 1935 to Mr. Thomas Purl and Mrs. Myrtle Purl in Guthrie, OK. John was the last of four children.

He attended and graduated from Douglass High School. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Army and served for two years.

John had a great passion for body building which in turn became a great passion for health. He entered several body building contests and won Mr. Atlantis and Mr. Sooner. He was also featured in Jet Magazine.

John began his own carpentry and roofing business.

One of the homes that he built from the ground up can still be seen on the east side of Oklahoma City. John later became a very skilled welder, working for W. H. Stewart Steel Fabricators and WW Steel for several years, ending his career in welding in 1995.

John married Ila Lee Brent and to this union came John Albert Purl, Jr. - his spitting image. This marriage ended in divorce. John later married Julia Ann Davis and to this union came LaDonna Lyn Purl. In this marriage he also had five stepchildren: Anthony C. Davis, Carla A. Versey (Gene), Vincent T. Colbert (LaQuita), and Aaron C. Davis.

They later divorced.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Myrtle Purl; his brother, James Purl; and his sister, Joann Banks.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two children, John Albert Purl, Sr. (Sally) and LaDonna L. Purl; grandson, Cameron B. Purl; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

12813 NE 50th
Spencer, OK 73084

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home
2936 N.E. 36th
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 424-4136
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

NOV 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember coming home after school everyday and he would sitting there in his chair by the door "what's goin on cam!" Me and my cousin bubba would sit and listen to his old stories of being in the military, old partying days and other misc. Things ..All my friends that ever stopped by before they left he knew his favorite exiting quote "walk slow, talk low, BUT carry a big stick" sounded like a threat to a couple of my friends ha ha but after coming over a few times they got used to it and knew it was just wise words from granddaddy! He even gave me a few tips from his bodybuilding days that I still use in current workouts ! I could go for hours about the memories from when I was younger till the last time I saw him! I'll forever have these memories to keep me laughing especially his signature point and step dance ! I love and miss you granddaddy I'm proud to carry on the PURL name. We will multiply soon . Save me a seat and a cup next to you ill bring some water haha !

Cameron Purl - November 11, 2017 at 07:19 AM



Anthony
Davis

“ Remembering when I would leave with him and LaDonna in his Blue Cutlass to his place and stay the night and go swimming. HE would have his weights out and I try to lift them and then try to do pushups with him. you'll be missed JP
He would call me "Bug"

Anthony Davis - November 10, 2017 at 09:40 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss May you Fine peace in THE memory you share so that your love one is always very near. THE DENMARK FAMILY💕💕

Elva Denmark - November 10, 2017 at 08:15 PM

VC

“ I remember him saying cool “cool .When would dance he pop his finger and left up his legs one at time that his way of dancing.

Vincent Colbert - November 10, 2017 at 09:26 AM

LP

“ Daddy used to sing a song a lot to me when I was a little girl. The song goes: *If I had nickel,I tell you what I would do, I'd spend it all on candy, and give it all to you, that's how I love ya, that's how I love ya baby. There were others but that was my favorite. Love you forever daddy, LaDonna.*



LaDonna Purl - November 10, 2017 at 04:25 AM