



## Deacon Maceo Purdie

September 7, 1949 - September 10, 2024

On September 10, at 1PM, my heart shattered into a million pieces. The OG HIMSELF spread his wings to join his brother Russell, his parents Geneva and Henry, and his daughter Cindy in paradise.

He fought an incredible fight, was every bit the tough as nails wiry vet he always was, but his time had come to pass on from here.

His life was marked by being a better man each day than he was the day before, distinguished by service to his country (USAF, 20 years, retired and fully combat connected disabled, former Commander of Bladenboro American Legion Post), his county (EMS, Poll Worker), his church (Deacon at Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church for over two decades), and his family (devoted Grandfather and loving Dad, caregiver to his wife until the very end).

As he has now fought his fight, I say to him:

Dad, knowing you made me a better man. Losing you today is a loss to our entire community. Remembering Maceo Purdie should be an inspiration to all of us to be better tomorrow than we were today.

Love,

Garrick Jermaine Purdie

# Cemetery Details

## Butters Cemetery

Bladenboro, NC

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **15**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home and Cremations  
1904 Elizabethtown Road  
Lumberton, NC 28348  
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<https://www.HMColvin.com>

## Celebration of Life

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bryant Swamp Baptist Church  
61 Bryant Swamp Rd.  
Bladenboro, NC 28320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon Maceo Purdie*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - September 20, 2024 at 02:01 PM

PH

“ *To the Family of Deacon Maceo Purdie:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this very sad. We are deeply sorry! Please accept our loving condolences. Rest in Eternal Peace, Deacon Purdie!  
Deepest sympathy,  
Ponetta Hull and Family  
Hickory, NC*



Ponetta M Hull - October 22, 2024 at 10:57 AM

MR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God comfort, strengthen and keep them in His loving care.* 🙏🙏🌹🌹❤️❤️

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Ruffin - September 16, 2024 at 11:55 AM

RJ

“ To the family of Deacon Purdie: I learned of your loved one's transition Sunday afternoon. A flood of Bryant Swamp memories raced through my mind. Deacon Purdie was always a very nice Christian man. I was young when my father, the late Rev. Dr. Calvin Johnson, Sr., was his Pastor. Even though my brother & I were just "preacher's kids," we remembered the love & kindness shown to us by the Purdie Family & so many others. We were at Bryant Swamp for many years.



As you mourn the loss of Deacon Purdie, cherish the memories and let God be the present help that He promised He would be. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

The Reverend Judy Johnson-Truitt, Roseboro, NC

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Rev. Judy Johnson-Truitt - September 16, 2024 at 01:42 AM

RH

“ Rev. Delois Hines lit a candle in memory of Maceo Purdie



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Rev. Delois Hines - September 14, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ Heartfelt condolences and continual prayers for the Purdie Family & Friends.

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Rev. Delois Hines - September 14, 2024 at 04:16 PM

NG

“ To the family of Maceo Purdie. He was a friend and my partner at Bladenboro EMS. He loved his community and was kind and had patience with everyone he came in contact with weather it be day or night. He will never be forgotten. Prayers to the family. From Paramedic Nancy Gowens

Nancy Gowens - September 14, 2024 at 12:13 PM

DJ

“ David Jacobs purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Deacon Maceo Purdie.



David Jacobs - September 13, 2024 at 07:59 PM

VM

“ It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of my truly beloved friend my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to you Anne and your family I pray God's comfort will continue to heal you and sustain you during this difficult time I am deeply

Veda Mckoy - September 12, 2024 at 10:59 PM

RF

“ Revs. Johnas M. & Viola L. Freeman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Maceo Purdie



Revs. Johnas M. & Viola L. Freeman - September 12, 2024 at 04:11 PM

PB

“ I remember him from when I worked at food plus he was such a great loving man of God and loved his family rest in peace in your new body and in the arms of god

pamela s bell - September 12, 2024 at 12:51 AM

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“ Remembered the ole times on Bladenboro Rescue Squad, I've really enjoyed working with you. RIP Maceo. Prayers and Blessings to the family.



Elizabeth Christain (Lucy) - September 11, 2024 at 04:24 PM

SF

Praying for the Purdie And Lewis Family

Sadie R Freeman - September 12, 2024 at 10:38 AM