



Joseph "Joe" Hubert Jernigan, Jr.

May 31, 1940 - December 1, 2021

Joseph Hubert Jernigan, Jr., 81, of Graceville, FL was called to his heavenly home on December 1, 2021. He was born on May 31, 1940 to Joseph Hubert Jernigan, Sr. and Fannie Burkett Jernigan in Lewiston, NC.

He lived 81 joy-filled years on this earth. He was a man of God, a true family man and someone who brought inspiration and joy to those around them. He graduated from West Bertie High School with the Class of 1958 and from East Carolina University with the Class of 1962.

Joe was a faithful servant of the Lord and was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Joe enjoyed teaching and guiding young people, sharing his love of the Lord. Joe was classic and timeless and embodied the values of his generation. He was a man with a strong work ethic, but an even more giving spirit. His generosity to others created a legacy that his family will carry on for generations to come. Joe had a unique way of giving of his time to special people in his life and he made a point to create lifelong memories with each of his children and grandchildren. He was known by many names: Joe, Deddy, Daddy J, Joe Joe, Uncle Joe.

Joe was married to Priscilla Everett Jernigan for 48 years. Their marriage is a true example of a Godly marriage. It was very important to them to put God first, to show love and devotion to their children and to each other. Together

they have four children: Carla Jernigan Fuller of Virginia Beach, VA, Jennifer Hickey Broder (Guido) of Canton, GA Chris Jernigan (Angie) of Graceville, FL, and Joseph (Joey) H. Jernigan, III (Lori) of Port St. Joe, FL. They also have eight grandchildren: Stewart (Alexa) Hickey, Mary-Roselyn Jernigan, Brennan Fuller, Anna-Lynn Hickey, Lauralyn (Evan) Sammons, Harrison Fuller, Daniel Broder and Jackson Jernigan; two honorary grandchildren: Lindsey Miller Williams and Leenna Miller, and two great grandchildren: Eloise and Isaac Hickey.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, children and grandchildren, sisters Evelyn Parker and Doyle Long, both of Raleigh, NC, sister-in-law Frances Swain of Big Canoe, GA, nieces, nephews, cousins and his very special friend, Billy Miller.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lacelle Parker and Ramona Saunders Bazemore, brothers-in-law J.P. Saunders, James Arthur Parker, Robert Bazemore, Cecil Parker and Joe Long and nephews Jimmy Saunders and Allen Parker.

Joe always felt blessed by his many friends and loved being a part of the Graceville community for 36 years. Joe quickly became a pillar of the Graceville community and served in many capacities. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Graceville where he served as a deacon, was a member of the choir, church treasurer and was a Sunday School teacher. He was also a member of the Graceville Lions Club and served as President for several years and was a founding member of the Graceville Arts League. Joe also served on the Board of Directors at People's Bank of Graceville. He was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge Bethlehem, FL No. 276 and the Confederate Sons Association.

He was successful in the lumber business for many years. After managing a

local mill, he acquired Arnold Lumber Company in Caryville/Bonifay and founded Jernigan Forest Products in Bonifay, along with many other business ventures.

Joe was a hero to his family, a giant of a man who loved his Lord. He lived to honor, guide, and love his family as his mission call. There is no greater honor or deeper love than that.

A Celebration of His Life will be Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the First Baptist Church of Graceville with Dr. Naethan Hendrix and Dr. Jerry Windsor officiating. Burial will follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing.

Family will receive friends at the First Baptist Church, 12 p.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions to First Baptist Church of Graceville or The Baptist College of Florida.

Pallbearers: Harrison Fuller, Stewart Hickey, Jackson Jernigan, Lance Medley, Lee Miller, David Watford

Honorary: Deacons of First Baptist Church

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Graceville
987 8th Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ We were so shocked and so saddened to hear of Joe's death! We have such special memories of Albemarle Beach with you both and your family. I shall never forget the day that Joey and Chris had been fishing all day off the dock and Joe came home from work. The boys were VERY excited and ran off the dock shouting "Dad's home and we can put a hook on our line!" We were blessed to have been able to have him in our lives if only for a shout time.

Roselyn Woolard - December 16, 2021 at 09:21 PM

SC

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Jernigan. He was my teacher and coach at Lawrence Academy. He was someone who was encouraging and supportive, a man who was easy to respect, He never forgot you, even through the years. I value what I learned from him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this is a difficult time. He will be greatly missed.

Susan Lilley Chappell - December 15, 2021 at 10:23 PM

DC

“ Mr. Jernigan's sweet spirit will truly be missed. He was a jewel to my father, Albert Capehart. From the depths of my heart, I send continued prayers of comfort to Mr. Chris and the rest of the family. - Danielle (Albert's daughter)

Danielle Capehart - December 04, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MJ

“ Mr. Joe was a good saw mill man. That gave you an opportunity to grow if you worked for it. He was also a good Christian man. Never met a stranger. Our sincere condolences
He will be greatly missed
Tim & Monique Jones

Monique Jones - December 04, 2021 at 09:50 AM

JJ

“ He was a “bad Montana” for sure. So honored to have known him as a teacher and a coach during my years at Northeast Academy. He met my daughters during the 40th anniversary of NEA and the following year, while they were on spring break in Florida, he and Priscilla took the two of them along with two of their friends to dinner and served as a safe place for them while they were there. He was truly a good man. RIP Mr. Jernigan, you touched many lives and now your job here is finished. God speed ...

Jay Jenkins - December 03, 2021 at 11:32 PM

BK

“ I love and appreciate the Jernigan family. Joe and my wife, Diana, along the me became friends through the First Baptist Church of Graceville. He was always supportive and caring to us and our family. He was a dedicated member of our choir and my ministry there and with BCF. Pricilla and please know of our love and prayers for now and months ahead.

Bill Knowles - December 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM

CH

“ Howard and I were so sorry to learn of Joe's passing. His presence in the community will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with all of the family for comfort during this time.

Cheri - December 03, 2021 at 06:49 PM

LF

“ *What an honor it is to have such a great friend as Joe!! He always had a smile and friendly welcome whenever you seen him!! He has touched our hearts and have so many wonderful memories. Thoughts and prayers for his family & we are thinking of you. Your friends from Tabiona Utah. Luke Defa Family*

Luke Defa Family - December 03, 2021 at 06:22 PM

SH

“ *Mr. Joe was a wonderful man! I enjoyed seeing him at church each time I came home, always a big hug! My best/favorite memory is that each year he would do a pig roast for the new students at Baptist Bible College. He would take my Daddy (who had Dementia and Parkinsons) to go get the pig. Daddy loved those outings with him so much. Mother and I appreciate you taking him out. He also enjoyed the mission trips to West Virginia, it brought so much joy to his life. Mr. Joe, you were Jesus with Skin On and gave so much to others! My prayers are with all of you! Celebrate a life well lived tomorrow!*

Sherry Heywood - December 03, 2021 at 06:09 PM

MW

“ *Our most sincere condolences to the Jernigan family. Mr Jernigan was a true Southern Gentleman. Impeccable character, manners, conversation and always perfectly dressed. We never knew when he would show up with a dog or occasional cat (he wasn't much on making appointments) but always so apologetic and gracious that Dr. Woodham always made time for him and they both enjoyed visiting with each other . He certainly will be missed but when I think about him it makes me smile.*

Marsha Woodham - December 03, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SL

“ To Joe's family my prayers and thoughts are with you all, I have known Joe just about all my life his wife was my teacher during my years at Lawerence Academy in Merry Hill NC and I just saw this past summer at lunch down here in Washington County NC and it was so good seeing them! Once again my prayers goes out to whole family and God's Speed to you all all my love... Sandy Lowe



Sandy Lowe - December 03, 2021 at 12:38 PM

NP

“ Nadine P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joseph "Joe" Hubert Jernigan, Jr..



Nadine P. - December 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JH

“ Joe. Seeing his picture, reading these words of tribute, bring memories of good times, as I never saw him without a smile. I thought of him as a good husband, a good father, and a good man. A good example for young men to follow. My heart goes out to Priscilla and the children. He loved you so. Jane Campbell Hayes

Jane Hayes - December 03, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BT

Joe was always a kind man. Priscilla, my love and prayers to you and your family
Brenda Toole

Brenda Toole - December 04, 2021 at 04:50 PM

RB

“ *Mr. Joe was one of a kind, he could make you laugh in an instant or put you deep in thought in the next instant. He was very kind and supportive and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was always there to listen and gave some of the best sound advice you could ask for. He loved to hunt and I'm proud to have "helped" him sight in his rifle more than once so he could "fill" his deer orders for his customers. He will be greatly missed by the community, his family and leaves big shoes for someone to try and fill.*

Rob Burks - December 03, 2021 at 09:52 AM

TO

“ *The first time I met Daddy Joe at Carla's house, he gave me his big smile and hug, making me feel as loved as if he were my own Daddy. He was so special, loving, caring and a joy to be around with a smile that makes us all feel special. He will always hold a special place in my heart. . My thoughts and prayers are with Priscilla, Carla, Jennifer, Joey.*

Tricia OBrien - December 02, 2021 at 11:46 PM