



## Mr. George Randall "Randy" Purdy

January 7, 1950 - December 27, 2024

George Randall "Randy" Purdy, 74, of DeWitt, Arkansas, passed away on December 27, 2024, at DeWitt Nursing Home. Randy was born in DeWitt on January 7, 1950, to G.W. and Ann Purdy, who preceded him in death.

Randy was saved at the age of nine at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, where he made his commitment to Christ on the eastern front pew. He later became a charter member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church, where he found solace and, in his own words, renewed his faith after a season of worldly wandering. Deeply devoted to Unity Baptist Church, he cherished the opportunity to work with the church's youth groups, finding great joy in supporting them. Randy loved his country and was profoundly moved by patriotic songs, which often brought tears to his eyes. He attended Southern State College in Magnolia, Arkansas, where he met his former wife, Lanelle Atkinson Purdy, who preceded him in death.

Randy's professional career included work in the steel warehousing industry, hospital administration, and Purdy Manufacturing International which began as his family's business in DeWitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Ricky Purdy; his son, Matthew Aaron Purdy; and an unnamed baby whom he looked forward to meeting in heaven.

Randy is survived by his daughter, Kristen Elizabeth Siler (Scott); his son, Jason Alexander Purdy; and his granddaughter, Stormy Cheyene Purdy, whom he and his late wife, Lanelle, adopted. He is also survived by his grandsons, Landon Chlapecka, Sean Siler, and Shane Siler. Randy's grandchildren knew him as their devoted and caring "Poppy." He is further survived by his sister, Rachelle McCarty (Tim), as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. His greatest wish was for his children, grandchildren, and extended family to know how deeply he loved them.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 30, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home in DeWitt. Randy's celebration service will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Unity Missionary Baptist Church in DeWitt followed by a graveside service at Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens in DeWitt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Unity Missionary Baptist Church, 823 W. Fourth St., DeWitt, AR 72042, or simply keep Randy in your prayers and honor his memory by showing love to your family and community.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens

Hwy 1  
DeWitt, AR 72042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
1405 South Grandview  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
(870) 946-3104  
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

## Service

DEC 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Unity Missionary Baptist Church  
823 W 4th St  
DeWitt, AR 72042

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ See ya later, Randy!! Prayers for the family!!  
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Ester Poston Hageman, LPN - January 01, 2025 at 12:23 AM

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“ Randy has been a lifelong friend. We went to school together, but knew him mostly through being raised together in Unity Baptist Church. We were there from its beginning , and his parents G.W. and Ann were very instrumental in it's growth and expansion. Randy and his friend Jackie Forest were the first ones that confronted me about my salvation, because of that , I later gave my life to Christ. Thanks Randy, see you later . Donald Lee Ruffin

Donald Lee Ruffin - December 31, 2024 at 07:57 AM

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“ Angie Flaherty lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Randall "Randy" Purdy



Angie Flaherty - December 30, 2024 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Randall "Randy" Purdy*



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**Prentice and Sue Davis** - December 30, 2024 at 09:57 AM

PD

*I always enjoyed being around Randy, He was a good friend and a good worker.  
Prayers for all his loved ones.*

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**Prentice and Sue Davis** - December 30, 2024 at 09:58 AM

AF

*Randy had a wonderful sense of humor. He used to call me at work with a new blonde joke each week. It's just one of many memories. I will miss my dear cousin. Prayers and much love to the family.*

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**Angie Flaherty** - December 30, 2024 at 02:10 PM