



John L. Grubbs

June 29, 1951 - December 29, 2025

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/lbsO5PAZ8Yo?si=XdPSfRa5ikN7cyXd>

The Last Mile of the Way Video

<https://youtu.be/lgY-1DFTUpU>

If anyone should ever write my life story—for whatever reason—this is what it would say:

I was born John Lee Grubbs on June 29, 1951, to the late James B. and Rosalyn A. Grubbs in Zellwood, Florida. Life was not always easy, especially when I was young and attending college. My parents and siblings worked in the fields and orange groves to help me get by. With God's help, all things are possible.

I attended Frederick Douglass Elementary School from 1st through 6th grade, after which I attended Phyllis Wheatley Middle and High School, graduating in 1969. During my time at Phyllis Wheatley, I played football and earned the

nickname “The Fabulous Thunderbolt.”

Following graduation, I continued my educational journey at Valencia Junior College, completing my studies in 1972. I then matriculated to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)—located on the highest of the seven hills in Tallahassee, Florida. At FAMU, the greatest HBCU in America, where they “Strike, Strike, and Strike Again!”, I quickly adapted to campus life. Early on, I became quite a pool shark, learning to shoot pool well enough to help pay my school tuition. Hustle had to start early! I proudly graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1976.

As you can see, I loved my Wheatley Panthers and my FAMU Rattlers.

After completing my studies, I wasted no time in pursuing my professional path. I studied for and passed the State of Florida Pharmacy Board Exam, earning my pharmacist license. My first job was in Fort Myers, Florida, working for Eckerd Drugs, beginning what would become a 40+ year career in pharmacy. Over the ensuing decades, I was privileged to work for several drug store chains, including SuperX Drugs, Walgreens, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Winn-Dixie. Most recently, I worked for Clermont Family Pharmacy and CareNow Pharmacy. Would you believe—I was called into work during the first week of December! I would have gone, too, but my lovely wife refused to drive me because I was simply too weak. (She always knew best, well, sometimes)

During this time, my personal life also flourished. I met my beautiful wife, Ms. Henrietta Claudette Davis-Grubbs, in 1979, and we spent 44 wonderful years together as husband and wife. We were blessed with three amazing children: our sons Brandon (Randi) and Brian (Michelle), both of Apopka, Florida, and our daughter Dr. Chantel Grubbs (Coming Soon) of Apopka, Florida. I also leave behind three precious grandchildren: Cameron, Caden, and Brayden

Grubbs.

I was preceded in death by my parents, James and Rosalyn Grubbs; my brother, Edwin David Grubbs; my in-laws, James and Rena Davis; brothers-in-law, Aubrey Davis and James L. Johnson; and my good friend, Mr. Rodney Reynolds—along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends

I am survived by my brother, Mr. Julian Grubbs (his wife Shelly) of El Paso, Texas; my sister, Ms. Carol Grubbs-Johnson of Zellwood, Florida; and my brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: James Davis (his wife Sybila) of Arizona, Larry Davis of Trilby, Florida, Starlee Alexander of Florence, South Carolina, Virginia Grubbs, the wife of my late brother, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, and Betty Davis of Dade City, Florida.

I was blessed with several very good friends, including Mr. Dan Davis, Mr. Gregory Brown, Sr., Mr. Gerald Cunningham, and Mr. Lee Hill, all of Orlando, Florida.

To all of you in attendance today, thank you for coming and for supporting my family. To Brandon, Brian, and Chantel, now, Dad must go and take his rest. I did my best to give your mother, as well as you all, what you needed—and even some of what you wanted. I was never disappointed in you all; you made me proud to the very end. I supported you unconditionally, always.

Claudette, you held my hand, cried, walked the floors through the night, and did everything you could to ease my pain. There is no more pain and no more suffering. But know this: I will love you forever. I know you will grieve for me. But I must ask you—please take care of each other. I have simply transitioned to my heavenly home.

Also now, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.” ~Job 16:19

Cemetery Details

Zellwood-Tangerine Cemetery

5453 Cemetery Road
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

JAN **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Deepest condolences*

Sherrie Parker



Sherrie Parker - January 11 at 02:40 PM

GB

“ *Grubbs family in West Palm Beach purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



Grubbs family in West Palm Beach - January 10 at 06:29 PM

GB

“ *Grubbs family in West Palm Beach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L. Grubbs.*

Grubbs family in West Palm Beach - January 10 at 06:29 PM

CF

“ *Curtis Barnes (Martha) and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



Curtis Barnes (Martha) and Family - January 10 at 03:12 PM

CF

“ Curtis Barnes (Martha) and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L. Grubbs.

Curtis Barnes (Martha) and Family - January 10 at 03:12 PM

FR

“ praying that God give you strength day by day. You are in my prayers.



Freddie Mae Reed - January 10 at 10:44 AM

EA

“ Our condolences to the Grubbs family may God Bless you during this of bereavement. Marion and Ernestine Alston



Ernestine Alston - January 09 at 04:51 PM

TE

“ Terry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John L. Grubbs.



Terry - January 09 at 02:48 PM

YM

“ Yulanda Manning lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs



Yulanda Manning - January 09 at 02:37 PM

OP

“ Olivian Peterson-Brown lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs



Olivian Peterson-Brown - January 09 at 10:22 AM

VE

“ Veronica Anderson, Esq. lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs



Veronica Anderson, Esq. - January 08 at 02:21 PM

TF

“ The Brunson Family lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs



The Brunson Family - January 07 at 10:31 PM

DL

“ Please know that Nathaniel & I pray for comfort and your family!

Doris Lockhart - January 07 at 08:39 PM

TN

“ The Grubbs Nieces purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John L. Grubbs.



The Grubbs Nieces - January 07 at 03:54 PM

AM

“ Arreta M McKenzie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John L. Grubbs.



Arreta M McKenzie - January 06 at 08:26 PM

TD

“ Lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs



Terric Durden - January 06 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Scott lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Minnie Scott - January 06 at 01:25 PM

UR

“ *Uncle Robert purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



Uncle Robert - January 06 at 08:59 AM

JG

“ *Julian and Shelly Grubbs purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



Julian and Shelly Grubbs - January 06 at 08:26 AM

JG

“ *Julian and Shelly Grubbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L. Grubbs.*

Julian and Shelly Grubbs - January 06 at 08:26 AM

T'

“ *Tasha Grubbs 'Whiting lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Tasha Grubbs 'Whiting - January 05 at 11:13 PM

EB

“ *Please know that we're praying for your family's strength and healing. John was a great guy. We will miss him.*



*Your neighbors,
Eddie & Beverly Blanding*

Eddie & Beverly Blanding - January 05 at 08:27 PM

MA

“ *Mary L. Alston lit a candle in memory of John Grubbs*



Mary L. Alston - January 05 at 05:08 PM

ST

“ *Sizzlin' Southeast Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



Sizzlin' Southeast Team - January 05 at 02:27 PM

ST

“ *Sizzlin’ Southeast Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L. Grubbs.*

Sizzlin’ Southeast Team - January 05 at 02:27 PM

JJ

“ *Jillian Jennelle lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Jillian Jennelle - January 04 at 01:40 PM



“ *Michelle Grubbs lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Michelle Grubbs - January 03 at 12:05 PM

SD

“ *Shirley Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Shirley Davis - January 03 at 07:35 AM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family..praying for you all*



Beverly Sweet - January 01 at 11:14 AM

PR

“ *Pamela Randall-Gaines lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Pamela Randall-Gaines - January 01 at 09:49 AM

ML

“ *Misti Lee lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Misti Lee - December 31, 2025 at 09:55 PM

AB

“ *Angela Britten lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Angela Britten - December 31, 2025 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ *“Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.” ~ Isaiah 35:10.*



Mary Missouri - December 31, 2025 at 08:20 PM

QM

“ *We send our deepest condolences family.*

Quel Moragne - December 31, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John L. Grubbs.*



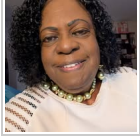
December 31, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CD

“ *Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Clara Desue - December 31, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *Rosa Brown lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Rosa Brown - December 31, 2025 at 05:48 PM

AM

I'll miss his sense of humor when Pastor Moss tease him about singing

Aprasa Mckenzie - December 31, 2025 at 09:01 PM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Sadie Lowman - December 31, 2025 at 05:14 PM

CD

“ *Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Clara Desue - December 31, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of John L. Grubbs*



Dot Newsome - December 31, 2025 at 01:57 PM