



Bertha Geneva Purnell

December 15, 1914 - March 24, 2011

BERTHA GENEVA PURNELL, daughter of the late Alfred and Bertha Young, was born December 15, 1914 in Baltimore, Maryland. In the evening hour on March 24, 2011 God quietly lifted Bertha from her hospital bed to be with him in heaven.

Bertha grew up in a Christian Home and received her early Christian Training at Morning Star Baptist Church. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In 1924 she joined The Morning Star Baptist Church and was Baptized.

Bertha was united in holy matrimony to the late Franklin E. Purnell in February 1974. True Love was there Moto.

Bertha received her formal education in The Baltimore City public school system and was graduated from The Frederick Douglass High School. She continued her education at the Community College of Baltimore.

Bertha's working career enable her to reach employment in State. Local and Federal Governments. She delighted in being an aircraft assembler for Martin Marietta From 1941 to 1961. She was blessed with the gift of music and gained the position of organist at Morning Star Baptist Church for several years. Her love for the organ extended from 1937 to 1997 providing musical

direction for various churches. She also was actively involved with in home nursing and was a volunteer for the life support program for the City of Baltimore. She received numerous awards and letter of Commodations during her working career.

Bertha enjoyed a wide variety of social activities. Her favorite was playing the organ at family gatherings. She enjoyed the summer outings sailing on the chesapeake bay. The fellowship and reunions at the garrison restaurant were always a special treat.

Bertha Purnell leaves to cherish her memory: one niece, Sheila Gayles; one nephew, Herbert Carter; one great nephew, Eric S. Gayles; one niece-in-law, Tiruye Yeshita Gayles; two grand nephews Robel and Mikias Gayles; two devoted friends Daniel Gross and Gail Pinson and extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

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1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 30. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Wake

MAR 31. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Geneva Purnell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *MY LADY, MY FRIEND, MY ADVISER, MY ELDER LADY OF WISDOM, I WILL MISS U SO VERY MUCH. YOU GUIDED ME THRU MANY TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS, I HOPE I THANKED U ENOUGH. I WILL MISS OUR LONG TALKS @ BURST OF LAUGHTER FROM SOUL TO SOUL, OUR KINDRED SPIRITS MEETING. MEMORIES NEVER DIE. U ARE NOW IN THE MEMORY BANK OF MY LOVE. GOD BE WITH YOUR FAMILY THRUOUT THIS TIME OF HAVING TO LET U GO. LUV ALWAYS, MARGARET*

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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