



Melvin Douglas Purviance

January 28, 1921 - August 11, 2004

Melvin Douglass Purviance, son of the late Edward and Marion Purviance Boyce, was born on January 28, 1921 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on August 11, 2004 after a lengthy illness. He received his education at Dunbar Senior High School in Baltimore. At an early age, he worked at Esskay Meat Company and later he worked at Pompian Olive Oil Company, and later in life he worked at Summitt Manufacturing Company. Pro, as he was affectionately called, was known throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area for selling produce on his horse and wagon (Arabber). He served in the United States Army from 1942-1945, receiving an honorable discharge. On September 26, 1974, he married the former Alice Griffin and out of this union, one son was born, Melvin D. Purviance, Jr. who preceded him in death. Pro was a dedicated family man who loved his wife and family and made numerous friends throughout his life; sharing love and helping people. At an early age, he accepted Christ and was baptized at the Centennial Methodist Church. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Alice Purviance; four stepdaughters, Lillian, Carlene, Darlene, Jewel (who preceded him in death) and Alice; three sons, Johnnie, Dennis and Roy; twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Garfield Griffin; sister-in-law, Vivian Griffin; two brothers, Paul and Walter Purviance; a special niece, Mrs. Shirley Boone; other nieces, nephews, family and friends. From a former marriage, he leaves three stepchildren, fourteen grandchildren, forty-one great grandchildren and sixteen great-great-grandchildren.

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“ *Melvin Douglas Purviance*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. The Bible also promises that we will be able to see our dead loved ones again by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29) It is my hope that you will be comforted by these scriptures.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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