



William Purnell

April 11, 1920 - July 1, 2003

On Tuesday, July 1, 2003, our family circle was broken once again. The first child of twelve (12) children, WILLIAM PURNELL, JR., son of the late Gertrude and William Purnell, Sr., was born on April 11, 1920 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life after a courageous battle of illness at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Bayview). He received his education at Dunbar Senior High School in Baltimore, Maryland. He was employed at Merchant and Terminal, as a warehouseman for 10 years. He then moved on to work for Pollack & Bloom, as a salesman for 20 years, retiring May 1, 1985; and later continued to work at the Box, Shop & Save as a meat cutter for 7 years when God called him to rest. William made numerous friends and loved laughing. There was never a time when he was not laughing, even while in pain; his humor and determination was extremely outspoken. As his sickness lingered, he continued to be the William that we knew until he was called home to be with the Lord. He leaves to join his dearest friend, the late Catherine Rice; and to cherish his memory: three daughters, Gertrude Fayall, Delores Farrar and Vera Cifarelli; one brother, Ralph Purnell (four brothers preceded him in life); four sisters, Catherine Coleman, Bruce Wright, Jenny Dickey and Alma Vice (two sisters preceded him in life); nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends including his devoted buddy, Jerry Cifarelli.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Purnell*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *William Purnell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *HI UNCLE WILLIAM, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I LOVE YOU###imported-begin##TINNESHA WILSON###imported-end##*

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