



Ella Gaddis-Purnell

June 22, 1933 - February 10, 2020

Obituary

God, in His infinite wisdom and divine love, called home to her eternal rest our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ella Louise Gaddis-Purnell, best known as Mom-Mom Weesie. She was born on June 22, 1933 to the late Jesse O. and Annie M. Jones-Conway in Whitehaven, Maryland.

A 1951 graduate of Salisbury Colored High School, she served as Secretary for the Wicomico County Cooperative Extension Service Branch Office of the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Louise retired after thirty-one (31) years of dedicated service.

She attended St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Salisbury, Maryland where she was a faithful member who also served as President of the Deaconess Board. In 2004 she was united in holy matrimony to Bernard Purnell, Sr.

Louise sincerely loved her family, church, home and friends. She was kind, compassionate, warmhearted and made friends easily, especially with the younger age group.

Cherished memories of her life remain with: her husband Bernard Purnell, Sr.; three sons, Wardell (Pamela) Fennell, Anthony (Tonya) Fennell and Hersel

(Marcelline) Gaddis; two daughters, Karen Cottman and Deborah (Eric) Roberts, all of Salisbury, Maryland; one step-son, Pastor Bernard Purnell, Jr. (Pastor Rene) of Bowie, Maryland; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; a special niece, Shirley Morgan, a special nephew, Floyd Wright, Jr. and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and Linwood Conway and two sisters, Hester Wright and Ida Brown; one grandson Benjamin A. Fennell and one great grandson Tyrell W. Fennell, Jr.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,
THE FAMILY

Tribute Wall

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“ An angel lived among us,A gift from God above.She showered us with kindnessAnd shared with us her love.She cherished every momentWith the man who was her life;Walking hand in hand together,Facing life with all its strife.She loved her children dearly,Each one a different way,Nestled close within her heart.Though, now, she\u2019s far away.She\u2019s gone to live with Jesus.But, she\u2019s here with us, today,Smiling down on every one of us,And telling us she\u2019s O.K.We love you mommy!

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“ My mother was the most giving and caring person I have ever known. She had a sense humor that was witty and would catch you by surprise. Her spirit was completely infectious. We know she is at peace and her soul will forever be with her children, grandchildren and great grand children. She will always be our \u201cMommy\u201d.

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