



Emmalyn V Thornton

April 1, 1946 - September 14, 2023

Emmalyn Viola Thornton, also known as “Emily”, made the final journey of life on September 14, 2023 at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland the age of seventy-seven (77). Born on April 1, 1946 at Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Percy H. Purnell and Edna Purnell of Stockton, Maryland.

Emily attended the public schools of Worcester County and graduated high school with the Class of 1964.

Employed at Campbell Soup Company and Mid Atlantic in Pocomoke City, Maryland, she also worked at Marty’s Playland in Ocean City, Maryland and Lord and Taylor in Atlanta, Georgia until her illness.

She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Salisbury, Maryland, where she was loved and vice versa. Emily loved to sing and her favorite song was the Lord’s Prayer. Our mother loved dressing, especially for going to church, along with her hats.

Married to Willie Rubel of Pocomoke City, Maryland, their union produced four children—Antonio W. Rubel, Sr., Terrance L. Rubel, Troy L. Rubel and daughter Andrea Purnell. Emily was married to Troy Thornton until his death.

Emily leaves to cherish loving memories: her three boys, Troy (Shatterria) Rubel and Terrance Rubel, both of Atlanta Georgia and Antonio (Takisha) Rubel of Salisbury, Maryland; seven grandchildren, Latasha Jones, Ilaya Thomas, Antonio Rubel, Jr., Terria Rubel, Capri Rubel, Kayla Boykins and Keon Anderson; eight great grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce Pitts of Berlin, Maryland and Cleola (Oscar) Shockley of Snow Hill, Maryland; one brother, Oliver (Valerie) Purnell of Salisbury, Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her wonderful parents, Percy H. Purnell and Edna (Ewell) Purnell and her husband, Troy Thornton, Emily was also preceded in death by one brother, Percy Purnell, Sr., one sister, Juanita Drummond, one daughter, Andrea Purnell and her godmother, Roxie Manuel.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Beginnings Outreach Ministries (Pocomoke, MD)
1541 Ocean Highway
Pocomoke, MD 21851

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Praying that God will give you all the strength to get through this difficult time .*

Gardenia Matthews Dixon

Gardenia Dixon - September 21, 2023 at 10:23 PM