



## Laura P. Powell

April 20, 1923 - August 17, 2014

Laura Purnell Brittingham Powell was the sixth of twelve children born to The Late Rufus and Sallie Mary Miller Purnell on April 20, 1923. She peacefully departed this life on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Bay Health Hospital in Dover, DE.

Laura received her formal education in the public schools of Worcester County and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age and was a long time member of New Bethel and St. Paul United Methodist Churches in Berlin, MD and Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover, DE.

Laura was married to The Late Leroy Brittingham and from this union two daughters, Vernetta and Glenda were born.

She was employed by Delaware State University as a House Mother and retired after many years of service. For years, Laura enjoyed walking in the mall with a group of friends. Her hobbies were shopping and listening to different kinds of music. During the senior years of her life, she loved to travel and did so often. She enjoyed having lunch with her fellow DSU retirees. Throughout her lifetime, she enjoyed the close family ties with her siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins. Special times in her life included the Purnell Miller Family Reunions.

Laura leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Vernetta (Jesse, Sr.) Williams of Wyoming, DE and Glenda (John) Bowen of Dover, DE; four grandchildren, Jesse (Gelaine) Williams, Jr., Shawn (Gary) Thompson, Jomelle Bowen and Jai Bowen; four great grandchildren, Jared Thompson,

Jesse Williams, III, Camille and Nicholas Thompson. She also leaves one sister, Norma Conquest of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers Miller (Arlene) Purnell of Accomac, VA and Philip (Gloria) Purnell of Fayetteville, NC along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, William Powell; siblings Avalon White, Anthony, William, Joseph, John, Arnold Purnell, Carrie Russell and Sally Landrum.

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”

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**Sherry** - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Pastor,  
Our prayers and thoughts go out to your family during your time of loss on this side, but victory up yonder. I can tell by her picture and by her offspring that she was a lady of beauty and grace. May mother and grandmother's memory continue to live in each of you.  
To God be the glory

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**Rev. Emery & Min. Regina Ailes** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ 'Cast all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you'. We are sadden to hear of the transitioning of your dearly beloved. May the God of Comfort and Peace be with you all.  
We are Praying...The Hudsons of Bronx, New York

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**Lawrence Hudson & Family** - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ May the God of all comforts surround you with his love today and in the days to come. You are in our prayers.

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**Timothy and Andrea Bailey** - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May God renew your strength and comfort you and family during this time of bereavement. We are thankful for a life well lived by Sister Laura Powell. May the God of all comfort bless and keep you now and always.

*Deacons James and Mamie Logan  
Convent Avenue Baptist Church  
New York, New York*

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**Deacons James and Mamie Logan** - August 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ It is with deep sorrow and sadness to hear about passing of my friend and co-worker. Glenda and family remember that GOD is able and he said he would never leave you or forsake you. Mrs. was loving and kind to everyone she will surely be missed. Rest In peace MY Friend.

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**Ronald Miller** - August 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ It is with deepest sympathy that we offer condolences to your family during this time of reflection. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Brother Tony & Sister Jackie** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I wish to extend our deepest sympathy for the passing of your mother, grandmother, and friend. It is times like this that we need an anchor to hold us secure in our spiritual beliefs. Remember that Jesus is your anchor- for he said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you, I will be with you to the end." Buttercup, Glenda and John our prayers are with you.  
Loving Submitted,  
Grace Purnell and Family

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**Grace Purnell & Family** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ It's with a deep sense of Sympathy and Sadness that I send these words to reflect my true sentiments to the Family. Laura, just thought I was So Special, She would always lift my spirits with Her Very Kind comments. Knowing me from birth and from the community, She treated me like I was a Person of Honor. I was So Proud to be Her "Boyfriend." Surely, I felt She was a Great Lady and one of my "Purnells". Glenda & John, Buttercup & Jesse, please know that I grieve with You in this departure of such a Beautiful Person. I'll continue to pray for God's comfort and compassion to be all round and about You and the Peace only He can give, will be Yours in abundance as He enfolds You with His LOVE. God Bless You, Should I be able to be of any further support or assistance....  
Let me know, Please

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**Gregory Purnell** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *To Sister Vernetta and Family  
Please accept my sincere sympathy as you mourn the los of your dear love one. My thoughts and prayers are for you strength and comfort. We know earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Hold onto God's unchanging hand as He is with you now and forever. God loves you and so do I. Peace and Prayers.  
Deacon Mary D. Redd, Convent Avenue Baptist Church, Harlem, NY*

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**Deacon Mary D Redd, CABC, Harlem NY** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *To the family of Laura Powell: My mother, Pauline Shockley and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy for the passing of mother. It is times like these that we need anchors to hold us secure in our spiritual lives. The Lord God is your anchor."I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you...The lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Josh.1:5,9). May you find peace in knowing that your love one is resting in the arms of our creator.  
Betty Washington & Pauline Shockley*

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**Betty Washington** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *To the Powell and Williams Family. I was sadden to hear about your lost of your mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother. "May the love of God comfort and strengthen you, during your hour of sorrow. May the Good Lord bless and keep you in His unchanging hands."*

*Submitted in Sorrow,  
Min. Dr. Evelyn Perkins & Son, Associate Minister of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church, NYC.*

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**Min. Dr. Evelyn Perkins & Family** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss please accept my deepest sympathy. I hope you will find your strength and comfort in Jesus promises of the earthly resurrection(:Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4; Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - August 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM