



## Levin A. Purnell

July 27, 1970 - April 4, 2017

Levin's Journey.....

Levin (Hank) Alexander Purnell was born on July 27, 1970 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Katrina Ann Purnell and James Lewis of Baltimore, Maryland. "Hank" was educated in the Wicomico County public school system, graduating from Wicomico High School in 1988. Hank graduated from the University of Maryland, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy, Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Salisbury State University and a Master's Degree in Physical Science. Hank worked for Verizon as a Central Office Technician for nineteen (19) years.

Hank truly loved sports, especially football, his team being the Philadelphia Eagles. During his high school years, Hank held the record for blocked shots in the Bayside Conference for 10 years. Achievements were his goal and he won the State track meet in Maryland in 1988 in the 4x400 meter race. He was also chosen to be on the state of Maryland All-Star football team while in high school. Hank played as an outside line-backer for the University of Maryland College Park in College Park, Maryland.

He attended Mills Memorial Baptist Temple in Salisbury, Maryland. Hank was a member of the Omega Psi Phi, Pi Epsilon, Class of 1996, living the life.

Cherishing Levin's memory are: his mother, Katrina Purnell; brother, Christopher James Purnell; sister, Pamela Sims of Norfolk, Virginia; uncle, James Purnell (Yolanda); aunts, Trauffine Purnell and Wanda Downes of Salisbury, Maryland, Janet Freeman and Velma Fisher of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Queenie Myers (Robert) of Austin, Texas, Alice Stewart (James) of Bryantown, Maryland; step-mother Deborah Carrington of Pomfret, Maryland; niece, Chandra Purnell of Salisbury, Maryland; nephews, Joshua Purnell of Owing Mills, Maryland and Marcus Purnell of Salisbury, Maryland and a host of relatives, associates and friends.

Hank was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Flora Purnell, great-grandmother, Mazie Ray Shockley, uncles Ernest Purnell and Edward Holden, sister Tiffany Carrington, and step-father, Charles Carrington, Sr.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Living without you doesn't get any easier. It has been a year and sometimes I still cry myself to sleep. I miss you so much. I will see you in my dreams.*

*Tonya*

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**Diatonya Chiles** - March 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *You must have been out on that field today. They did it! I know you are celebrating in heaven. I love you .*

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**Diatonya Chiles** - February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Your team made it to the Super Bowl! I wish you were here to see it. Tomorrow is my birthday and I won't be getting a Happy Birthday text from you. I miss you so much.*

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**Diatonya Chiles** - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Revelation 21:4 " I heard a voice thunder from the throne " Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good-tears gone, crying gone, pain gone. All the first order of things, gone." The enthroned continued" Look! I am making everything new write it down each word dependable and accurate."*

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**Diatonya Chiles** - October 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Happy Birthday 🎉🎁🎈

*You would have been 47 today. I miss you and it hurts. You said you would never leave me and you did. I pray your soul is at peace.*

*Rest easy my love. ❤️😘💋😔*

*Love Always*

*Tonya*

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**Diatonya M. Chiles** - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Levin My Love

*It has been a little over 3 months since we spoke. I miss you. We have gone longer without speaking. What makes this time so painful is I don't know when we will see each other again. I have faith we will be reunited one day. The fond memories of you keeps me going.*

*I often stop and think why I loved you so much. The best answer I came up with is because you needed love. It's funny because you didn't want to be loved at times. I loved you anyway because you were my friend. Another scripture that comes to mind when I think you is 1Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind, It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others. It is not self seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always trusts, always protects, always hopes, always preserves.*

*Still missing you. Still loving you. Always thinking about you.*

*Tonya* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Diatonya M.Chiles** - June 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Levin I am having a very hard time accepting your passing. I feel like I need one more fight, one more hug, one more kiss, one more text in the middle of the night when you can't sleep, one more 6 minute conversation. You were never one for many words. I could not keep you on the phone for long. I would always joke we will be senior citizens and still fighting. I had no idea you would have to go before we retired. You were in my life for 17 years and I am missing you. You are one of my oldest friends. I want my friend back.

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**Diatonya Chiles** - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My heart is so heavy. First and foremost to the Purnell Family, I am very sorry for your loss. Please find comfort in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 which reads: "Brothers and Sisters we do not want you to be uniformed about people who sleep in death, so that you grieve like mankind who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again , so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." The scripture tells us we will see Levin again. Please be encouraged.

*My Dearest Levin Alexander: As I told you thousands of times while you were alive, I love you and I always will. You made it difficult at times LMBO but I never went back on my word. Rest easy Baby until we meet again.* 🥺❤️💋

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**Diatonya Chiles** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Katrina, what a shock it was to be looking for the obituary of a classmate and come across Hank's passing. We are sending our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your precious son. Please know that you are in our prayers. Love Selina (Neenie) & family. Atlanta, GA.

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**Selina Dashiell** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Katrina,  
I was deeply saddened to hear of Levin's passing. Levin was a joy to have as one of the manager's of our UMES women's sports programs. I loved having him traveling with us and could always count on him to put a smile on my face. He was just a great person! Please accept my condolences and I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Lisa Jones** - April 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Revelations 21:4 reads: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Please know that we are keeping the entire family in our prayers. May "Hank" RIP.

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**Starr & Jamar Purnell** - April 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty God is going to remove death, sickness and pain in the near future. The bible also gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again at John 5:28&29, when the dead will be resurrected. Please look forward to that time and until then may your entire family have peace.

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**Doretha Sampson** - April 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I met Levin at UMES. We danced, we laughed and he walked me back to my dorm. Ever the gentleman. His kind and gentle spirit will be deeply missed.

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**Melinda Tinsley** - April 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *May you Rest in peace My Brother . Will Miss the Battle Talk between us of our Redskins VS Eagles. You now have your own wings Rest easy My Brother.*

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**Samuel Paige Jr.** - April 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Dear Katrina sending love and prayers to you for your terrible loss. Stay strong and find the comfort you need in our Heavenly Father.*

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**Annabelle Disharoon** - April 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Please draw comfort from John 5 28 29 that talks about a time when dead loved ones will be raised up back to life in conditions free from sickness and death.*

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**Jess** - April 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I have known Levin for over 15 years and I can see him walking over to my desk so we could share a good laugh. He left a indelible imprint on all he met and left us to soon.*

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**Stephanie Hayes** - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Loved you like a brother. Your infectious smile will be missed. Your grilling skills was unmatched. Rest in God my brother.*

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**Dion Pollard** - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I worked with Levin at Verizon. He had a beautiful spirit and will be missed by his work family. Praying God will wrap you all in his loving embrace after Levin's passing.

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**Gloria Hensel** - April 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I used to work out in the gym with Levin at Verizon. I can see him riding one of the bikes, working out with the ropes and walking on the treadmill in the gym. I enjoyed laughing with him. We encouraged each other. Rest in peace Levin.

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**Diane Dickens** - April 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;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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**Gertrude Williams** - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I am so sorry to learn that Levin has passed. We were sorority/fraternity brother and sister and I met him during my tenure at Verizon. Of course it wasn't a standard introduction. Levin was the man around the gym and made sure that every newcomer was properly greeted. He made sure you were putting in work, had the correct form and didn't duck out of the gym too early. :-) That first day I let him know that I didn't need a personal trainer, but that didn't stop him and from there we became buddies. Just last week I realized it had been a minute since I'd heard from him (I no longer work at Verizon), but I'm now so sorry that I didn't just take a moment to pick up the phone to call or text to say hello. This would be around the time that he and the bruhs would start plotting to go eat crabs at the spot in DE.

*He will be missed by so many.*

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**Christol Powell** - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, please also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that he gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; Proverbs 3:5,6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be blessed (Psalm 1:1-3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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George Ragusa - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM