



Pearl Hattie Purnell

June 1, 1929 - January 12, 2018

PEARL H. PURNELL, daughter of the late Andrew and Hattie Dickerson, was born on June 1, 1929 in Pocomoke, Maryland. On Friday, January 12, 2018, God dispatched an angel to her room (101) at Anchorage Health Center in Salisbury, Maryland. She answered His call after a brief illness.

Pearl was educated in the public schools of Worcester County, graduating from Stephen Long High School in 1944. Pearl held various jobs during her life. Her jobs were few because of traveling throughout the United States as well as overseas locations such as Okinawa, Japan with her military husband, Oliver (deceased June 21, 1996). Pearl and Oliver wed on September 2, 1952. They were blessed with a daughter, Brenda.

Reared in the church from an early age (Tindley's Chapel), and after Oliver's retirement, they settled back to Pocomoke City. It was at that time, Pearl joined Macedonia Baptist Church and faithfully served for more than forty-five years. At Macedonia, Pearl joined the Gospel Choir and sang beautifully and melodiously with her soprano voice. Pearl walked a Christian life. You would never hear her speak negatively about anyone. She was a mentor without having to utter a word. It was through her acts of kindness and her spiritual demeanor that set an example to all of how one should live.

Pearl loved her family immensely and would always be waiting for pictures.

She had a “giggle” that would have you laughing. She would giggle, extend her hand, and yes, wait for pictures! She enjoyed cooking and looked forward to her daughter and family visiting so that she could prepare a delicious meal. Her annual Christmas dinner was a favorite pastime that she proudly prepared and served.

Pearl leaves a void in her loved ones’ hearts. Left to celebrate her life are: her loving daughter, Brenda (John) Campbell, of Dumfries, VA; two grandsons, Jaye Tyrone (Lisette) Purnell of Woodbridge, VA and John Wesley (Madelyn) Campbell II of Springfield, VA; one granddaughter, Carmen Booker of Fredericksburg, VA; five great-grandchildren, Desean, Melina, Markeith, Marquise, and Maurice. Pearl leaves one best friend, her sister, Beatrice Jones of Pocomoke, MD; one special daughter, Sandra Nock of Pocomoke, MD and two special friends, Louvenia Phillips and Esther Robbins, both of Pocomoke, MD. Also cherishing Pearl’s life are many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her deceased husband and parents, Pearl was preceded in death by ten 10 siblings—Glenmore, Selbert, Beulah, Alice, George, Clifford, Willie, Elwood, Dorothy, and Norris.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Pearl Hattie Purnell, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

H. Fields - January 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!*

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. It hurts to lose someone you love in death. The bible calls death an enemy to us all. In Revelation 21:4, the bible tells us that death, tears and pain will soon be removed. Please look forward to that time, and until then may the God of all comfort grant your family peace.*

Doretha Sampson - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. How comforting it is to know that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear Christ’s voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of someone who was loved by you. Read *Psalms 34:18* for comfort and peace.

Irene - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the Family, extended family, and friends: I am deeply saddened for the loss of this Woman of God, Pearl Purnell. She always treated me with warmth and love. I will miss her greatly. My hope is the Lord will send a comforter, and he will wrap His arms around everyone during this extremely difficult time.

Continued prayers for the family!

Rev. Delbert (Tony) Sanders - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“*My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).*

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He 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). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ So saddened to read of Cousin Pearl's death. One of our oldest relatives. To my family I may not be able to be with you during this difficult time. However, you all are in my prayers, my heart and thoughts are with you. Cousin Beatrice Jones I pray that GOD gives you strength as she was your last sibling to be called home. GOD bless each of you and I love you.

Ernesteen (Teene) Corbin - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ May the God of all comfort strengthen the family during this time of deep sorrow. Those who pass on, God keep in his memory because they are precious in his eyes. Please except my sincerest condolence.

JoyceA - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM