



## Rachel Elizabeth Powell

February 24, 1952 - August 7, 2012

Rachel Elizabeth Powell, fondly known as “Fruitty” to family and friends, was called home to be with the Lord after a long and courageous fight with cancer on Monday, August 7, 2012 at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Delaware.

Rachel was born in Felton, Delaware, on February 24, 1952 to the late Curtis Norwood Powell, Sr. and Marian Catherine (Dolly) Powell. Rachel was baptized and attended Mt. Plymouth A.M.E. Church.

Her early years were spent in Felton, Delaware and was educated in the Lake Forest School District.

After studying nursing, post high school at Lake Forest, Rachel found a rewarding career at Playtex in manufacturing. In 2011, after 40 years of service, Rachel retired from Playtex Energizer as a group leader/production coordinator.

A meticulous and compassionate soul, Rachel loved to shop, decorate and work outside in the yard.

A mother to many, she will always be remembered as a generous person who spread her love through her devotion and commitment to others, especially her family.

Rachel taught all of us about the importance of family, generosity, and the value of hard work – attributes that made us all proud.

In her union to Demerris Benson, Rachel had one daughter, Demettra LaShelle Benson.

She is survived by her daughter Demettra LaShelle (Benson) Maxwell (LeVar), granddaughter Vera Elizabeth Maxwell; brothers, Curtis N. Powell, Jr. of New York (Renee); Sheldon C. Powell of Felton; sisters, Beverly A. Dixon (Floyd) of Felton, Vanessa V. Powell (Wendell) of Bear, and Cynthia Teague of Felton, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She also leaves to mourn a devoted friend and companion of 14 years who loved her dearly, Gerald T. Morris.

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ Fruitty was a delight to work with, her smile and personality was like a magnet: one could hardly get enough of Fruitty and she was hard to leave. Rachel was one of those people that always listened to what you had to say and always gave her all. Rachel will be missed by all those that knew and loved her. We will all see her again in Heaven and we can all rejoice together at being with our Father.

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**Patti & Carl Donophan** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ When one has loved and been loved so dearly, the void left behind upon that one's passing, is very great indeed. May the pain that is being felt by all who loved Fruitty so much be eased by the hope of seeing her again. Almighty God promised: "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus'] voice and come out." John 5:28,29 My sincere condolences.

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**M. Starke** - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Maxwell, Powell family, I am sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. I won't be able to make the home going service for Rachel (fruity) Powell, Just know she will be truly missed. I love you all.

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**Shenere Benson** - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Curtis and Family:

*We are all so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*JoAnn Drost on behalf of Rensselaer's Division of the Chief Information Officer (DotCIO)*

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**JoAnn Drost** - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM