

*A Celebration of the Life  
Of*



*Margaret Frances Purnell*

*Born into Life: March 12, 1944*

*Born into Eternity: July 24, 2014*

## *Obituary*

*Margaret Frances Purnell, was born March 12, 1944 in Newark, Maryland to the late Charles E. Purnell, Sr. and Julia F. Marshall-Purnell. She was the fifth of thirteen children. After the death of her birth mother, her father remarried the late Naomi B. Tindley who gave her motherly love.*

*Margaret was educated in the public school system in Worchester County in Maryland. After her schooling she relocated to New York City and obtained a job as an Administrative Assistant. Upon coming to New York in 1965, she joined Second Providence Baptist Church where she was baptized and became a member of the senior usher board for many years. Margaret loved the Lord and was steadfast in her faith. She enjoyed hearing and connecting with the word of God through the reading of His word and through song.*

*Margaret departed this life, Thursday, July 24, 2014 at Isabella Geriatric Center in New York. She leaves with us a legacy of strength, courage, humility and selflessness. Margaret stood firmly on her faith and walked with God throughout her journey. Her resilience was inspiring to all who encountered her. Margaret had a warm quiet welcoming spirit that touched the lives of many.*

*Six sisters preceded her in death: Brenda Mae Purnell, Vivian Wilson, Mildred Purnell, Blanche Purnell, Hattie Purnell and Rachel Freeman.*

*Margaret leaves to celebrate her life and not her departure from the Earth: her two children, Reuben and Shenetta Purnell; two grandchildren, Kayla Purnell and Christopher Bertrand (New York City); siblings, Winifred McClarin (New York City), Helen Sappleton (Tobyhanna, PA), Martha Riddick (Aurora, IL), Jacqueline Purnell (Berlin, MD), Charles E. Purnell, Jr. (Berlin, MD) and Eugene E. Purnell, Sr. (Laurel, DE); Aunt-in-law, Shirley Purnell (Brooklyn, NY); four brothers-in-law, Calvin McFerguson (New York City), Leroy McClarin, Sr. (Brooklyn, NY), Zerrell Sappleton (Tobyhanna, PA) and Craig Riddick (Aurora, IL); sister-in-law, Deborah Purnell (Laurel, DE); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.*

*Submitted with love and fond memories,  
The Purnell Family*

Service

Thursday, July 31, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

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Rev. Dr., Kyshawn C. White, Sr. D.Min, M.Div., BBA.

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Officiate & Eulogist

*Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*

*Processional*

*Selection*..... “Victory Is Mine”

*Scripture Readings*

*Reverend L. B. Wilson*..... *Psalms 23*

*Reverend C. Williams* ..... *Revelations 21:1-4*

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*Deacon Carl Wyman*

*Acknowledgements/Obituary*.....*Training Deaconess,  
Winifred McClarin*

*Selection*..... “God Has Smiled On Me”

*Eulogy*.....*Rev. Dr., Kyshawn C. White, Sr.*

*D.Min, M.Div., BBA.*

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*Final Viewing*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory*

*Chester, New York*

# *I Am Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now*

*He set me free!!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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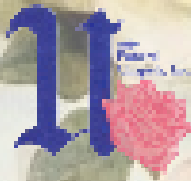
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