



Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis

March 7, 1951 - May 21, 2019

Lou Pearl Purvis was born in Martin County, on March 7, 1951 to the late Ernest “Jake” and Beulah Mae Bridges. Lou was the daughter-in-law of the late Elisha and Nancy Purvis. She attended Martin County Schools and was later baptized in Williamston, NC.

Lou met and married William Earl “Bill” Purvis. They moved from North Carolina and decided to reside in Brooklyn, New York. The two of them embarked on a journey together that lasted for fifty-three years until God called her home. Together they raised eight children. Lou, a quiet, yet feisty red head was very smart and spoke her mind. She was kind and had a very loving heart. Lou loved laughing, joking and playing with her children. She also loved to read, write, draw, shoot pool, and enjoyed watching golf, basketball games, “Wheel of Fortune” and other games shows. Lou also loved playing bingo and liked to cook.

Lou briefly worked at the New York Telephone Company as a Telephone Operator. She would often babysit children, so their parents could work. Lou was hired by the New York City’s Housing Authority as a Caretaker. She was very happy, proud and enjoyed her work. Lou loved meeting people. Affectionately, known as “Mama P” she could often be found in “her” building 550 or the basement, often surrounded by her friends and co-workers, Shorty, Latishea, and Pig who would often run errands for her. The family “thanks”

you very much!

Lou was preceded in death by her son, Michael F. Purvis; her two sisters, Connie Perkins, Mary L. Brown; one brother, Ernest Bridges; her brothers-in-law, Ernest Bennett, Willie Perkins, Albert Purvis, and Elisha Purvis Jr.

Lou leaves to cherish her precious memories, her loving husband of fifty-three years, William Earl "Bill" Purvis, her loving children who will miss her dearly! Her five daughters, Nancy J. Purvis, Lashanda Purvis, Yovonne Purvis, Kimberly Purvis, Selena Purvis, and Deserey Purvis, all of Brooklyn, New York; son, William Earl Purvis Jr. of Brooklyn, New York; three sisters to cherish her memories, Verna Rodgers (James), Irene Bennett, Ann Norfleet (Rufus) all of Williamston, NC; two brothers, William E. Bridges (Betty) of Virginia, John Bridges (Sylvia), of South Carolina; her brothers-in-law, Albert Purvis, Elisha Purvis Jr. of Brooklyn, New York, James C. Purvis (Bertha) of Robersonville, NC, Ray Purvis (Mary), of Queens, New York, and Charles S. Purvis of Brooklyn, New York, Walter Brown of Williamston, NC.; her sisters-in-law, Carolyn Purvis of Oak City, NC, Rhonda Purvis, of Pantego, NC, Nancy P. Greene (Billie) of Hamilton, NC, Shelia Roy, Juliette Purvis, Kathleen Purvis all of Brooklyn, NY; thirty-nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; her NYCHA friends and co-workers a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other friends and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

299 W Pine Street
Williamston, NC 27892

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

United Holy Church Of Deliverance
611 Warren Street
Williamston, NC

Service

JUN 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Williamston, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 31, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ *FROM CHARLES & MINDY purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis.*



FROM CHARLES & MINDY - May 30, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis*



Kay Peele - May 28, 2019 at 11:20 PM

VW

“ I’m going to miss you auntie...😭😭



verna wilson - May 28, 2019 at 01:45 PM

MC

“ Minister Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Pearl Purvis



minister dora cox - May 26, 2019 at 11:33 PM

LI

“ Mrs. Lizzie Higgs Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pearl Purvis.



Lizzie - May 26, 2019 at 09:43 PM