



Ms. Rosa Lee Purvis

November 11, 1947 - September 19, 2014

Rosa Lee Purvis, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, foster mother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and friend hearkened to God's call on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Martin General Hospital in Williamston, NC.

Rosa, the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Ann Purvis was born on November 11, 1947, in Williamston, NC. She was the seventh oldest of nine children. Four siblings, Robert Jr., Charles, Mary Elizabeth, and James Hugh preceded her in death.

Rosa, at an early age, attended Green Memorial Methodist Church in Williamston, NC. After graduating from E.J. Hayes High School in 1966, she relocated to Philadelphia, PA where she found gainful employment at J & A Incognito Sewing Factory. On October 13, 1968, she and her partner Charles Mobley were blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Charles Lamont Purvis. Having such a large capacity for love, it was only natural that other children would gravitate towards her.

In 1969, Rosa moved back to Williamston, NC and worked as a seamstress at June Day, Southern Apparel and Workers Owned until the companies became insolvent. Her love for cooking peaked in 1980 when she acquired the job as a dietician at Roanoke River Nursing & Rehabilitation Center where she worked

diligently for over thirty years until she retired in 2013. Rarely did Rosa seem too tired or too sick to cook. All of her family and friends benefitted greatly from all of her savory soul-food dishes. Her unconditional love for her family and friends was evident when she continued to nurse ailing relatives and friends, even though she was not well herself.

Rosa's strong faith and belief in God drew her back to the church. She joined Peterson Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Windsor, NC where she served over ten years as a faithful member until her demise.

Rosa, who was lovingly called "Rose", will always be remembered for her loving kindness, beautiful smile, charming personality, and great cooking. Surely, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rosa leaves to cherish her memories and not to mourn her demise, her son, Charles (Raina) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Charles Jr., Christian, Shakim, Devonta, Aniar, Diamond, Benjamin; great-grandchildren, Che-Nya, Ziy'Nae; foster children she embraced as her own, Christina Lyons, Kim Brown both of Williamston, NC, Richard Jackson, Mark Johns, Craig McCullough, Chris White all of Philadelphia, PA; sisters, Virginia Gilliam, Gail Wilson (Zachariah), Cheryl Freeman (James) all of Windsor, NC, Vivian Speller (James) of Williamston, NC; former daughter-in-law Angela Purvis of Williamston, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemetery

Hyman Ave.
Williamston, NC 27892

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Grove Missionary Baptist
332 Morning Road
Windsor, NC 27983

Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Rosa Lee Purvis*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *John And LaTarsha Lee lit a candle in
memory of Ms. Rosa Lee Purvis*



John and LaTarsha Lee - September 25, 2014 at 08:30 PM