



Valora Marguerite Stokes-Purnell Mills

September 30, 1954 - August 1, 2022

Life Story

Valora Marquerite Stokes Purnell Mills affectionately known as Laurie was born on September 30, 1954 to the late Samuel T. Stokes and the late Marquerite P. Harris-Stokes of Chester, Pennsylvania and was the last born of fifteen children. She received her heavenly wings on Monday August 1, 2022 in Detroit, Michigan.

Valora was educated in the Chester-Upland School District in which right after she met and married her first husband David Purnell (deceased) and out of this union came six children. Five sons and one daughter.

Later in life she met and married her second husband of 22 years Albert Mills who recently preceded her in death. Laurie loved to sing with her angelic voice, coloring, cooking, playing Pokeno with her family and collecting horses. But most of all she loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with all her heart.

Valora was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Lyndell Stokes and four brothers Norman, Theodore, Leonard and Darryl Stokes.

She leaves to cherish her memory sons David Stokes of New Jersey, Raymond Stokes (Lorraine) of Chester, Pa. Damon Purnell (Rose) of

Claymont, Delaware, Karam Purnell (Reese) and Desmond Purnell of Chester, Pa. One daughter Ashanta Purnell-May (Valdez) of Detroit, Michigan. Brothers Lamont Stokes (Cynthia) of Chester, Pa. and Derek Stokes (Ruth) of Hampton, Va. Sisters Joyce Rather of Dorchester, Mass, Gloria Allen and Janice Alexander (Rahn) of Chester, Pa. Sandra Porter (Ron) of Grafton, Ma. Barbara Stokes-Hammond of Chester, Pa., Patricia Cooper of Brookhaven, Pa. and Sheila Joyner of Wilmington, De. Two sisters in law Roberta Stokes of Chester, Pa. and Isaiah Holmes of Killeen, Texas. Two brothers in law Jackie and Joey Purnell both of New York. Thirteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, etc.

May we live to enjoy that day when the Lord may say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler of many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" Matthew 25:21
Sorrowly submitted The Family

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church
1121 Tilghman Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Valora Marguerite Stokes-Purnell Mills*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Valora Marguerite Stokes-Purnell Mills*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Ms Lora was my girl so glad I got to spend time with you angel rip*

Alesia mcnair - August 17, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *Elyse Brown lit a candle in memory of Valora Marguerite Stokes-Purnell Mills*



Elyse Brown - August 16, 2022 at 02:29 PM