



Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris

January 7, 1946 - November 1, 2022

Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris was born on January 7, 1946, to the late Mr. Turner Purnell, Sr. and the late Mrs. Edna Page Purnell. Ruth transitioned to her heavenly home on November 1, 2022.

A 1963 graduate of Henderson High School, Ruth was formerly employed as Assistant Director of MSU Dining Services at Mississippi State University.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; spouse, Nathaniel Morris, Sr.; son, Elbert Garcia Vaughn; daughter, Shelia Faye Vaughn-Morgan; sisters: Cloteria P. Johnson Robinson, Minnie Dell Purnell-Ashford, Patricia Ann Purnell, Gaile Purnell-Smith; stepsister, Beverly C. Poole; Brother, James E. Purnell; and stepbrother, Leroy Calmes.

She is survived by her children: James Kennard Purnell, Nathaniel "Bobby" Morris, Jr. and Barron D. Morris; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters: Brenda Collins and Cynthia Garner; brother, Turner Purnell, Jr.; stepsisters: Linda Bonner and Rebecca Foster; stepmother, Mrs. Mary Calmes-Purnell; stepbrothers: John Calmes, Calvin Calmes, Arthur Calmes, Randolph Calmes, Melvin Calmes and Ricky Calmes.

Cemetery Details

Greater Ebenezer MB Church Cemetery

Park Road
Starkville, MS 39759

Previous Events

Funeral Services - Graveside

NOV 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
314 Yeates Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Pastor Michael Taylor, officiating pastor Pallbearers: David Tucker, Michael Purnell, Michael Johnson, Steve Robinson, Troy Robinson, and Kory Hill Live-stream on Facebook Live at Hairston&Hairston Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Macie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



macie Sanders - January 27, 2025 at 05:52 PM

PR

“ *Peggy Rogers lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Peggy Rogers - April 28, 2023 at 04:26 PM

LN

“ *Sympathy to Keva, Lil Michael, Stevie & Troy. Sorry to hear you loss your aunt. May she rest in peace.*

Linda Nicholson - November 07, 2022 at 02:52 PM

PD

“ *Our deepest condolences goes out to the family of Ruth Morris; you are in our prayers!! 🙏🙏🙏*

Pam Dancer & Annie Dancer - November 05, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 04, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lenetra Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Lenetra Outlaw - November 04, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 04, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Queen Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Queen Malone - November 04, 2022 at 02:35 PM

NH

“ *Nettie Hickman-Mathis lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Nettie Hickman-Mathis - November 04, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JU

“ *Rest In Peace*

Julius - November 04, 2022 at 02:04 PM

PM

“ *Priscilla Clark Minor sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Priscilla Clark Minor - November 04, 2022 at 02:03 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Clay lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Deborah Clay - November 04, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ True definition of an Earth Angel Mrs. Ruth, thanks for always coming to my rescue. I'll be loving you always. She loved her family dearly and impacted many lives. May the blessings of the Lord be with you always. Love and peace to her precious family 🙏❤️
Deborah Clay and Family

Deborah Clay - November 04, 2022 at 11:51 AM

FS

“ To Cynthia, Brenda, Turner Jr., Ruth's children, grandchildren and all of those who love and miss her: It is with much love and deepest sympathy that I express my condolences on her passing. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. You all are in my thoughts and prayers as I pray for PEACE to bring you comfort, COURAGE to face the days ahead and boundless, beautiful MEMORIES to forever hold in your hearts.

Flavelia Stigger Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Flavelia Stigger - November 04, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.



November 04, 2022 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ Our condolences and prayers for the family. We pray God will give you strength, comfort and peace during your time of bereavement!!!!!!



Mary Lowery and Family - November 04, 2022 at 09:21 AM

MP

“ Margie A. Peters lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris



Margie A. Peters - November 04, 2022 at 06:35 AM

RB

“ I remember you Ms. Ruth as a gentle sweet loving lady will miss you.



Rose Billups - November 04, 2022 at 06:12 AM

KF

“ Karen Young & Family's sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris



Karen Young & Family's - November 03, 2022 at 10:56 PM

CT

“ *Clifton & Catherine Tate lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Clifton & Catherine Tate - November 03, 2022 at 08:27 PM

EB

“ *Ellis & Kristen Burnett lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Ellis & Kristen Burnett - November 03, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 03, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 03, 2022 at 06:50 PM

AN

“ *Annie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Annie Norman - November 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

LW

“ *We're Praying the Family Strength doing this Difficult time. With our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers...*
John & Lula Watson



Lula & John Watson - November 03, 2022 at 03:02 PM

LM

“ *Linda Robinson Milton lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Linda Robinson Milton - November 03, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 03, 2022 at 10:02 AM

LO

“ *Lenetra Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Lenetra Outlaw - November 02, 2022 at 10:35 PM

MM

“ *Marguerite Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Marguerite Moore - November 02, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris.*



November 02, 2022 at 07:35 PM

GR

“ *Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Glenda roberts - November 02, 2022 at 01:16 PM

CH

“ *I will forever cherish Mrs. Ruth and the memories. She was my supervisor at MSU Union during my Freshman year at MSU and my caterer at my wedding. May God comfort the entire family.*



Cynthia Harris - November 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Winnie Ruth Purnell-Morris*



Cynthia Robinson - November 01, 2022 at 11:09 PM