



William Purnell

March 20, 1959 - December 18, 2021

William Randall Purnell, “Randy,” of Felton, DE, was called home to be with Jesus on Saturday, December 18, 2021. He was 62.

Born in Chestertown, MD on March 20, 1959, he was the son of the late Elmer Randal Purnell and Clara Virginia Purnell. He attended public school in Queen Anne’s County, MD.

Randy visited 46 states as an over-the-road truck driver in his early adulthood prior to working as an auto mechanic. He was employed for a number of years with Hickman Overhead Door Company in Milford, DE but had transitioned to a career in construction, home improvements, and repairs, specializing in the details. Randy was a self-described “Jack of all trades, master of none,” but those who knew him best believed he was the fixer of all things.

In his spare time, Randy loved spending time near the water and most enjoyed fishing, as well as feeding the wildlife in his own backyard.

In recent years, he attended Harmony United Methodist Church where he had been accepted into the church family.

Randy is survived by his wife, Tamera L. Purnell; his brother, Danny Lee Purnell of Raeford, NC; his sister, Lou Ann Justice and her husband Junior of Dover, DE; daughter,Carolynn Murphy and her husband Allan of Greensboro, MD; daughter, Melissa Kraus and her husband Neil of Hamilton, VA; step-daughter Kaitlin Norris and her husband Josh of Hartley, DE; step-daughter Taylor Kelley of Claiborne, MD; 7 grandchildren: Jacob Rogerson and Garrett Stamper of Geneva, OH; Kayden, Preston, and Oakleigh Kraus of Hamilton,

VA; and Caleb and Avery Norris of Hartly, DE. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brandon William Purnell in 2016.

A Celebration of Randy's life will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2022, at 2:00 pm at Harmony United Methodist Church, 6221 Bethlehem Road, Preston, Maryland 21655. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Harmony United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 145, Preston, MD 21655.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Harmony Methodist Church
6235 Bethlehem Road
Preston, MD 21655

Tribute Wall



“ *William Purnell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Purnell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Purnell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Like a bird singing on the rain, let wonderful memories survive in a time of sorrow. After not seeing you for many years it was wonderful that we got to visit last spring. We will always remember your funny humor and smiling face. Dan and Sue Hawkins*

Sue Hawkins - January 08, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Purnell.*

January 07, 2022 at 09:50 PM



LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of William Purnell



Lisa - January 07, 2022 at 09:49 PM

EB

“ My condolences to Randy's family. It was sad to hear of his passing. We spent Lot of time fishing together and hunting and camping in the past. Will surely miss him.

Ed Bachman - January 01, 2022 at 06:37 PM

LP

“ Lynn Purnell lit a candle in memory of William Purnell



Lynn Purnell - January 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM

LT

“ Lynn Tyler lit a candle in memory of William Purnell



Lynn Tyler - December 23, 2021 at 09:53 AM