



## Mabel Smith Purnell

November 29, 1917 - December 17, 2013

Mabel Elizabeth Smith Purnell, 96 of 297 Atwater Street, Yanceyville, N.C. went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 after being in declining health for the past several months.

Mrs. Purnell was born in Caswell County, N.C. on November 29, 1917. She was the daughter of the late James Nathaniel Smith and the late Mary Green Laws Smith. Mrs. Purnell had retired from Hanover Mills where she had worked as a Technician in the Laboratory. Prior to working at Hanover, she worked for the former Dan River Mills, Inc. for twenty years. She was married to the late Arthur David Purnell who died on October 23, 1986.

Mrs. Purnell is survived by one daughter, Patsy P. Johnson of Yanceyville, N.C., two sons, Harold L. Purnell and wife, Marion of Danville, Va., Donnie R. Purnell and wife, Michele of Elon, N.C., one brother, Reverend Curtis Smith of Danville, Va., five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Melvin L. Purnell, one grandson, Harold L. Purnell, Jr., a sister, Viola S. Laws and five brothers, Clarence Smith, Herman Smith, Luther Smith, Corbett Smith and Johnny Smith.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Community Baptist Church in Yanceyville, N.C. with the Reverend Jonathan Hamilton and the Reverend James Albert officiating. Interment will

follow in the Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday evening, December 20, 2013 at the Church and at other times at the home of Patsy Johnson, 1183 Main Street, Yanceyville, N.C.

Online condolences at [www.wrenn-yeatts.com](http://www.wrenn-yeatts.com)

Wrenn-Yeatts Memorial Funeral Home, Yanceyville, N.C. is respectfully serving the Purnell family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mabel was a soft spoken, kind and gentle soul. She would always greet you with that sweet smile of hers. She was, also, one of my customers. I can still see her at work at Joe's Charcoal Burger. Her family was blessed to have such a wonderful person among them.*

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**Richard Schivley** - December 28, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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“ *To the Purnell Family, I am sorry for your loss. I send my condolences to you and yours.  
May Jehovah God the God of all comfort be with you and your Family?  
The Bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die.  
As the Bible explains: "Through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because they had all sinned." Romans 5:12.  
Jesus Christ himself said: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." John 5:28&29.  
May Jehovah God and Jesus Christ be with you and your Family?*

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**Loretta Womack** - December 26, 2013 at 12:17 PM

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“ *Patsy, Donnie, Harold and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss!  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time!*

*Harold and Judy Williamson*

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**judy williamson** - December 18, 2013 at 05:48 PM