



Elisha Purnell Jr

February 22, 1932 - January 14, 2021

Elisha Purnell Jr. was born on February 22, 1932 to Nancy and Elisha Purnell Sr. in Leflore County Mississippi. Elisha was the fifth child of seventeen. He gave his life to Christ at a young age at the East Money Church of God and Christ in Money Mississippi. Elisha attended Money High School and in his senior year he was drafted to the U.S. Army. Elisha served his country and returned stateside after the war securing employment at the Ford Motor Company where he worked as a detailer for 15 years.

On December 14, 1967 Elisha married Esther. B. Copeland in Chicago Illinois and added to their union, four children. Elisha affectionately known as "Brother" loved to teach others and he was very loving and devoted to his family. Elisha loved to travel and took the family on yearly vacations. Elisha was a very quiet and reserved man, but when he spoke, like EF Hutton everybody listened. In 1969 Elisha and his brothers opened Purnell Brothers Hardware on Madison St. in Chicago Il., the first of three locations along with various businesses and properties around the Chicago area. In 2009 Elisha decided to close the businesses and retire. Elisha was known for his use of Pepto Bismol and Duct Tape (THE CURE ALL OF MEDICINES). He loved sports, especially baseball and his Chicago Cubs. When Elisha was asked for money, he would always say he only had \$2.00, but he would come home from the store with 2 cans of Alpo, a six-pack of beer, and two packs of Pall Mall.

Elisha transitioned into eternal life on January 14, 2021. He is preceded in

death by his parents Elisha Sr. and Nancy Purnell, his siblings Rosetta Purnell, Coletha Purnell, Curtis Purnell, Willie Purnell, Patsy Pebbles, Everlena Love, Easter Purnell and James Purnell. His memory will live on forever in the hearts of his family: his wife of 53 years Esther Purnell, one son John Colman (Maria) of Georgia, three daughters: Alicia Davis of Chicago, Beatrice Burton of Florida, and Felicia Smith Marzette of Georgia, 11 Grandchildren, 19 Great-grandchildren and 1 Great great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, honorary daughters, extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114-7670
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a [Click Here For Live Stream](#) in memory of Elisha Purnell Jr*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - January 26, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Remembering the family and heartfelt prayer. May your memories console you a may God sustain you, with his precious promise to someday soon will reunite us with our loved ones. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - February 01, 2021 at 03:48 AM



“ *Life will never be the same with out you my dear BROTHER but I give God all the praise for letting me share the many great years that we had together. You were so sweet and kind just like your mother but don't ruffle the feathers, With much LOVE your Baby Sister Marie*

MARIE FAIR - January 26, 2021 at 10:45 AM