



## Mr Jimmy M Purnell Sr

June 29, 1953 - April 15, 2021

James M. Purnell, Sr. was born on June 29, 1953, in Lexington, Kentucky to Jean McKelvey and the late James M. Woolfolk. At 67 years old, our beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, cousin, uncle and friend was called home to be with the Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital.

Jimmy, as he was affectionately known, graduated from Henry Clay High School with the Class of 1973. He attended Canaan Pentecostal Church of God in St. Stephen, South Carolina.

Jimmy enjoyed fishing, cooking, drawing and being around his family and friends. He was a loving and caring person and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Besides his late father, Jimmy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gertrude Purnell and Harold G. Purnell, Sr.; his step-father, Willie McKelvey, Jr.; a sister, Trina Ann Purnell; a brother, Rickie Lee Purnell; and a sister-in-law, Vickie D. Purnell.

In addition to his loving mother, he leaves to cherish his memory his three children, a daughter, Jonelle M. Norris, and two sons, James M. Purnell, Jr. and Darrius Davis; two granddaughters, Amia Norris and Serenity Davis; four grandsons, Omar Norris, Jalen Norris, Javion Purnell and Princeton Purnell; a sister, Lanita Purnell; a brother, Wendell Green; four nieces, Sandra Smith,

Larphine (Craig) Dotson, Jawana (Darrick, Sr.) Minniefield and Seaira Gentry;  
and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hawkins-Taylor Funeral Home  
425 Race Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
(859) 255-7633  
taylor632@gmail.com  
<https://www.hawkinstaylorfh.com>

## Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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