

GUSTAVA PURNELL

“ G U S S I E ”

PALLBEARERS

DALE PURNELL RODNEY GORDON JAMAL SHADEED
XZAVEION KING JAMES MITCHELL JAYDEN FRANKLIN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During these most difficult hours, the family of Gustava “Gussie” Purnell, thanks God for the precious gifts of love, calls and visits. We thank each of you for reminding us that the unchangeable love of God is a fountain of strength and serenity. May God richly bless each of you as He continues to sustain us.

INTERMENT

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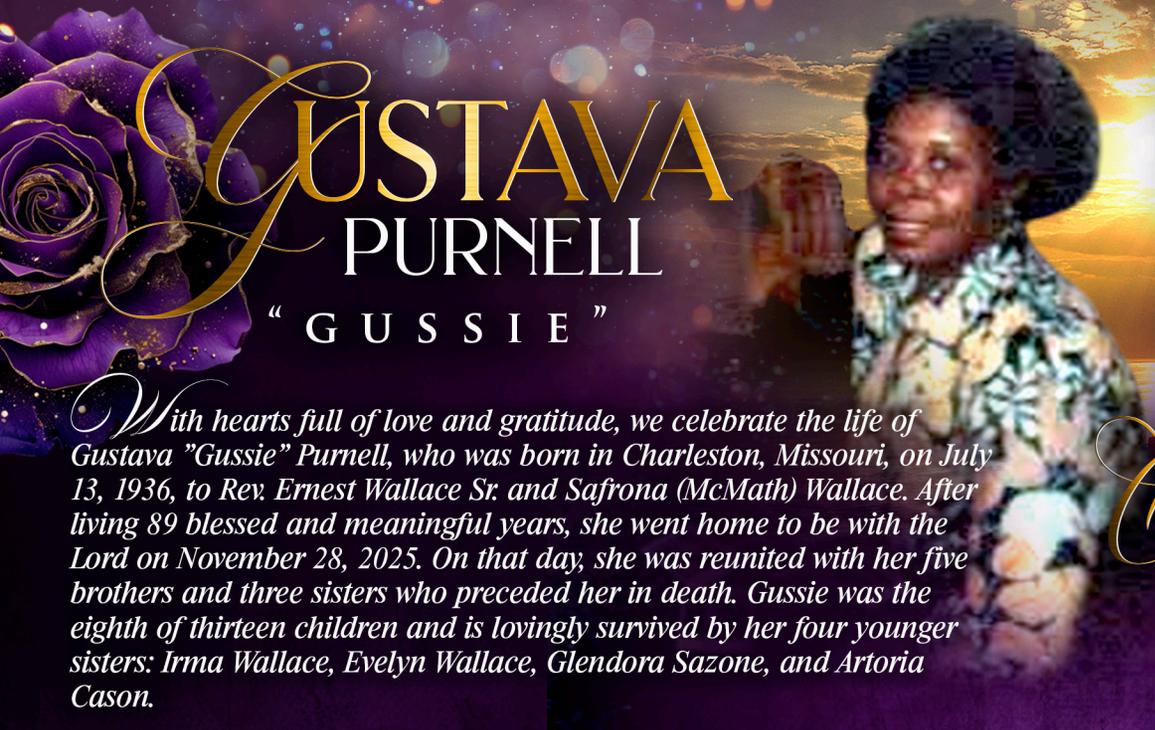
IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

GUSTAVA PURNELL

“ G U S S I E ” JULY 13, 1936
NOVEMBER 28, 2025

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025
VISITATION: 1:00 PM. | SERVICE: 2:00 PM.

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With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Gustava "Gussie" Purnell, who was born in Charleston, Missouri, on July 13, 1936, to Rev. Ernest Wallace Sr. and Safrona (McMath) Wallace. After living 89 blessed and meaningful years, she went home to be with the Lord on November 28, 2025. On that day, she was reunited with her five brothers and three sisters who preceded her in death. Gussie was the eighth of thirteen children and is lovingly survived by her four younger sisters: Irma Wallace, Evelyn Wallace, Glendora Sazone, and Artoria Cason.

Gussie graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954 and later married Leroy Purnell Sr. in 1957. Together, they had four beautiful children: Wynnetta, Leroy Jr., Dexter, and Monique.

Gussie was a woman whose love knew no limits. She embraced her roles as mother, caretaker, and servant of the Lord with a gentleness that touched everyone she met. Her kindness was steady, her faith unshakable, and her presence brought comfort and peace to those around her. To her family, she was the glue that held everything together.

Gussie loved her soap operas and Walker Texas Ranger but, her greatest joy was found in the laughter and closeness of her family, especially the moments shared with her siblings and the generations that followed.

Left to cherish Gussie's memory: her four children and her surviving siblings. Her legacy also continues to shine through her beloved grandchildren: Dominica Adams, Xyanne Purnell, Oviayre Palmer, Kendra Hall, and Precious Mayberry; and her great-grandchildren: James Mitchell, Xzaveion King, Jaidah Franklin, Jayden Franklin, and Chloe Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends.

As she leaves this world with grace, the warmth of her spirit lives on in those who were blessed to call her family.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- PROCESSIONAL
- SCRIPTURE
- PRAYER
- MUSICAL SELECTION
- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CONDOLENCES
- VIDEO TRIBUTE
- WORDS OF REFLECTION
"2 Minutes Please"
Family & Friends
- MUSICAL SELECTION
- WORDS OF COMFORT
Pastor Eric Belt
- BENEDICTION
- RECESSIONAL



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