



Veda Irene Purcell

September 28, 1942 - September 11, 2016

Veda Irene Purcell, age 73, passed away on September 11, 2016 at Brookdale Tanglewood Retirement Center in Houston, Texas. Irene was born on September 28, 1942 in Salisbury, North Carolina, and was the daughter of the late Irene zumBrunnen Purcell and Samuel Mitchell Purcell Jr.

She graduated from Boyden High School in Salisbury NC in 1960, and from Sullens Junior College in Bristol, Virginia in 1962. She completed her Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Houston, majoring in physics, mathematics, and statistics. She was a longtime employee of American General Life Insurance Company at their international headquarters in Houston, Texas, starting as a keypunch machine operator, and working her way up to underwriter. She was also an underwriter for The Prudential Life Insurance Company and for Aetna. Prior to accepting a position with Prudential, she passed the Actuarial Exam with Tower Perrin in 1997. She retired in 2004. She had many friends in Houston, who will sorely miss her dry wit and honest opinions.

She was preceded in death by her brother, George Ernest Purcell, in 2002. Surviving family members are her aunt, Alice Josephine Purcell, Salisbury, North Carolina; one brother, Samuel Mitchell Purcell III of Washington, North Carolina, and one sister, Marion Elizabeth Purcell Whatley, of Fletcher, North Carolina, and one nephew, Christopher Lawrence Whatley, of Mills River, North Carolina.

Her service will be held at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, North Carolina on October 29, 2016, at 11:00 AM, with burial to follow at City Memorial Park. The family asks that in Lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Veda Mae Beaver Scholarship Fund at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 West Council Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Purcell family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Marion Purcell Whatley lit a candle in memory of Veda Irene Purcell



Marion Purcell Whatley - October 29, 2016 at 07:37 AM

TA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tammie - October 26, 2016 at 03:00 PM

LM

“ Liz Meuser lit a candle in memory of Veda Irene Purcell



Liz Meuser - October 25, 2016 at 12:30 PM

LM

Rest in peace sweet Irene. You will be missed!

Liz Meuser - October 25, 2016 at 12:32 PM

TJ

“ *Tammie Jones lit a candle in memory of Veda Irene Purcell*



Tammie Jones - October 24, 2016 at 01:01 PM

TJ

I will miss Irene - from our lunches at Lopez's to our annual baseball games. I enjoyed my 7 years working with her and our almost 20 year friendship. She was one of a kind! If you earned her trust and respect, you got that back and then some! Piper is doing well but I know he misses her too. Rest in Peace!

Tammie Jones - October 24, 2016 at 01:04 PM