

Reflections

It is with profound sadness and enduring love that we announce the peaceful passing of Rowena "Petely" Purcell Carter on June 2, 2026, after a lengthy illness. Born on November 29, 1934, in Rockingham County, Petely was a beloved daughter of the late Council and Rowena Joyner Purcell. Her life was a testament to the values of hard work, faith, and family.

Petely's life was a rich tapestry of service and love. She dedicated much of her career to domestic service, where she cared for the well-being of others and maintained the sanctity of their homes with grace and diligence. Her work extended beyond employment; it was an extension of her nurturing spirit and her commitment to improving the lives of those around her.

A lifelong member of Hayes Chapel United Methodist Church in Madison, NC, Petely found joy and purpose in her faith community. She sang joyfully in the choir and served with dedication on the culinary committee, where her extraordinary culinary skills were a blessing to those who knew her. Her cooking was not only a craft but an expression of love, which she generously shared with family and friends.

"Petely was cherished by her family, who were the center of her world. She is survived by her grandchildren, Roger "Punkin" Carter, Kingston Carter and Shenelle Carter of Madison, NC, and her great-grandchildren, Destynee Carter, Christian Carter, and Bently Carter. In addition, she leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who will forever hold her memory close. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Edith Joyner Hairston, her sister Carlean Purcell and five brothers, Charlie Leo Purcell, William Cleo Purcell, Clarence Purcell, Kenneth Purcell and O'Neil Purcell.

Known for her infectious smile and talkative spirit, Petely never met a stranger. Her gentle yet strong demeanor, coupled with her caring but disciplined nature, made her a beacon of confidence and reliability. She was self-sufficient, independent, and God-fearing, qualities that endeared her to all and made her a cherished, admired, and loved figure in the lives she touched.

As we gather to remember Rowena "Petely" Carter, we honor a life well-lived, marked by love, service, and unwavering faith. While she will be deeply missed, her spirit and legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know her.

Order of Service

PRESIDING: ELDER STEVIE LOWE

- Processional Clergy & Family
- Family Moments of Visitation 12:30 PM -1:00 PM
- Opening Selection
- Scriptures Readings.....
 - Old TestamentPastor Charles Hayes, Holy Mountain Ministries
Alene Loop - Madison, NC
 - New Testament Pastor Janet Hayes, Holy Mountain Ministries
Alene Loop - Madison, NC
- Prayer of Comfort Elder Stevie Lowe
- Acknowledgments Ann Joyner
- Obituary Read Silently
- Solo Ruby Lowe
- Eulogy Elder Stevie Lowe, New Light Refuge Temple
Madison, NC
- Recessional

Interment

EDEN GARDENS CEMETERY
EDEN, NC

"I Made It Home"

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.

Everything is so pretty here, So white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me.... I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now.... I've just got to try my wings.

P.S..

I'll be the first face you see
when you get here.

Casket & Floral Bearers

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Acknowledgments

The family of Rowena Carter acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude all expressions of kindness shown during our hours of bereavement. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and healthcare providers at Annie Penn/Cone Health and Ancora Compassionate Care of Reidsville, NC, for their unwavering support and compassionate care. May God continue to bless and keep you all in his loving care.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

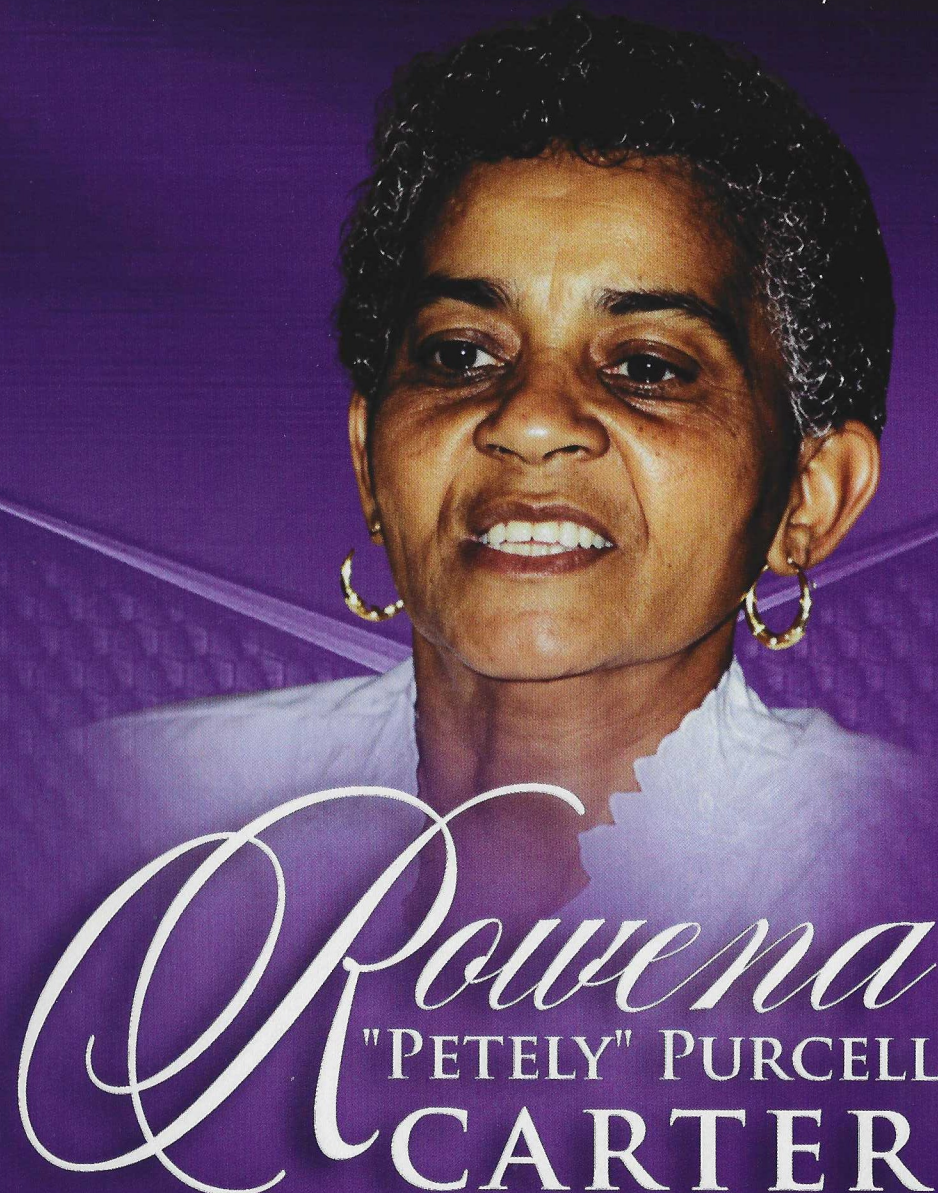
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Celebrating the Life & Legacy Of



Rowena "PETELY" PURCELL CARTER

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 29, 1934 SUNSET: JUNE 2, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
VISITATION: 12:30PM | CELEBRATION: 1:00 PM
MARY D. PERRY MEMORIAL CHAPEL,
PERRY-SPENCER FUNERAL HOME
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