



Louella Purcell

May 16, 2013

Louella Marie Hahn Purcell, 92, of Olathe, KS, and formerly of Scott City, MO, died Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. She was born December 19, 1920 in Eleanor, OH, to the late Norton and Rosa Clark Hahn, the ninth of ten children. She grew up in southern Ohio near Cincinnati. Louella often talked about the fun times she shared with her siblings, especially those closest to her in age. On October 25, 1941 she was married to Edward K. Purcell in Goshen, OH. To this union were born four children. They started their marriage as farmers but "EK" (as Edward was known) soon left a pregnant wife and 18-month-old son to serve his country in the Navy. Things weren't easy for the military families with such poor communication opportunities available to them. After her husband pastored for several years, the family went to South America to be missionaries in the jungles of Suriname, South America, where Louella became nurse, school teacher, mid-wife, and friend to all. Later in life she referred to those days of snakes, alligators, hammocks with mosquito nets, vampire bats, fire ants, along with drinking, bathing, washing dishes and laundry all from the same river as "the good days". From there the family was transferred to Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Her greatest joy was in helping people; making a pot of soup, a cake, baking pies, entertaining church people, and especially baking cookies for teens or children. Her hobbies were raising flowers, camping, fishing, and canning from the bountiful harvest of hers and EK's garden and orchard. She worked in nursing homes quite a number of

years, the last place of employment for seventeen years being the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. She is survived by her children, Ed (Doris) Purcell of Olathe, KS, Barbara (Frank) Crockett of Silvis, IL, Minnie Martin of Topeka, KS; Tim (Dawn) Purcell of Charles City, IA, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by all of her siblings, as well as her husband of 67 years. "Her children rise up and call her blessed" Proverbs 31:28 Visitation will be Friday, May 24, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with Tim Purcell officiating. Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to Global Partners for work being done in Suriname, South America. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

GF

“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to you. All of us have experienced the loss of a loved one. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34;18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

GFORD - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Tim and Family, We were in NY at the time of your mother's passing. Sorry that we did not have immediate word. We have been thinking of you and praying for you and your family in this time of grieving. With our thoughts and prayers, J.K. and Bobbie Strand

JK and Bobbie Strand - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ So sorry ..Lou worked for me at the Lutheran Home..what a wonderful friend and a great employee. I am out of town and can't be at the service. Again, sorry ...she was a great person. Janice unger

Janice unger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I have very fond memories of Lou and cherish the times I spend with her and Ed. They are together again and perfect in body and spirit. Both of them are a testimony of goodness, love, and charity - the lasting impact they made on my life will always be dear to me. God bless your family and give you peace. She will be missed but heaven is even lovelier now.

Linda Wharton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Hello to the Purcells, and my sympathies. I am glad for the time your mother was in Brookings, and what a great adventure her life was as she was living for the Lord! Quite a legacy. Praying God's best for you.

Nancy Stewart - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Tim, Dawn and Family: Our hearts and prayers are with you. How deeply we praise the Lord for your mother's life, her wonderful accomplishments and gifts for others, and her deep love of the Lord. A dear blessing sent by Jesus for all of us!

Larry and Connie Swain - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Tim, Dawn and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Amid the sorrow may the joy of knowing you mother is again at home with her Lord for all eternity and that she is at peace. May the wonderful memories fill the void her passing has left. Prayers the God's peace brings you comfort and strength to you.

Lue Baker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Grandma will be dearly missed, though we are all glad that she has been reunited with Grandpa, and more importantly, she has gone home to her Lord.

Becky Martin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rev. Tim Purcell and family, we at Greater Praise Church send our condolences and prayers for you and your family during this time of grievance. The word of God tells us to mourn with those who mourn, we bow our heads and shed tears with you. And to rejoice with those that rejoice. Therefore, we also rejoice with you, believing that your mother has gone on to a place of rest in God. Lovingly submitted, Pastor David S. Browne and Greater Praise Church family.*

David S. Browne II - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM