I Received My Crown Today

I can't promise you that yours will be shiny, with big sparkles, diamonds and pearls.

Mine was more like tough trials that I overcame, tall hills that I had to climb, and days, sometimes months of weariness. At the end of the day though, I received my crown.

God's Glory was upon me, it looked like no fear, no questions, because it came with all the answers. I said that his glory was upon me. I received my new body, like they talk of in the bible.

I looked at my hands & they were new, my feet brand new too. Nothing was held up. The time was due. Due blessings to walk the streets of gold.

I cannot promise you all, that your crown will not have thorns along the way. I cannot promise you a life with no aches and pains, with no heart aches to bear. One thing I can promise you is a life with Jesus, the king of the Crown, will have its rewards not only here on Earth, but in the Aftermath of life.

I received my crown today. Your day will come too. I can't promise you that yours will be shiny, with big sparkles, diamonds & pearls, but if you Live your life with Christ, you will receive what's due.

I received my crown today.

BY MRS. C. INGRAM

Acknowledgement

The family of **SARA C. PURDIE** is sincerely grateful for all acts of kindness shown during these hours of bereavement, from your messages of condolence, prayers and other expressions of sympathy.
May God continue to bless each of you.

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Celebrating The Life And Legacy Of



Sara Christine Purdie

SUNRISE: JANUARY 13, 1962 - SUNSET: NOVEMBER 10, 2026

Funeral Service

Friday, November 20, 2026 • 6:00 P.M.

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ELDER PHYLLIS COPELAND, *Officiant*

Pastor of St. Stephens Church Disciples of Christ

REVEREND DR. ERIC B. TURNER, *Minister of Music*

Interment

Saturday, November 21, 2026

ROSEDALE CEMETERY

Linden, New Jersey

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION ..... Elder Phyllis Copeland

SELECTION ..... "Take Me To The King"

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Psalm 91 ..... Debbie Ledgister

New Testament: John 14:1-7 ..... Joseph Brown

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Elder Limbeck Smiley

SELECTION ..... "Going Up Yonder"

POEM ..... Christina Ingram

REFLECTIONS ..... Family & Friends

(Two minutes please)

OBITUARY ..... Eneida Watkins

EULOGY ..... Elder Phyllis Copeland

BENEDICTION ..... Elder Phyllis Copeland

FINAL VIEWING ..... Funeral Director

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Obituary

Sara Christine Purdie, affectionately known as "Chris," was born on January 13, 1962, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Charles Purdie Sr. and Eva Dell Purdie. She was the youngest of her brothers and the only daughter, a special place she lovingly held throughout her life.

Chris received her education in Brooklyn, attending P.S. 257, I.S. 49 William J. Gaynor Junior High School, and Bay Ridge High School. From an early age, she demonstrated a strong work ethic and a determination that would follow her throughout her life.

A dedicated and hardworking woman, Chris devoted 27 years of service to Citibank, where she worked in the Accounts Receivable and Discrepancy Unit. Following the company's closure, she continued her career at Brooklyn Hospital, where she worked for another 11 years as a Billing Specialist. After decades of commitment and dedication, she was looking forward to the next chapter of her life and preparing for retirement.

Her Faith, Her Passions, and Her Joys

As a child, Chris attended church with her mother, who helped instill in her a foundation of faith that she carried throughout her life. Her faith remained an important part of who she was.

Chris believed in enjoying life and making memories. Growing up, she looked forward to weekly roller-skating outings at Empire with her childhood and lifelong friends, affectionally known as her sisters Valerie, Arlene and Marilyn. Those special moments and lasting friendships remained close to her heart.

She enjoyed traveling, reading, crocheting, and spending quality time with her mother doing word search puzzles and watching old late night TV shows like the honeymooners. She also enjoyed hanging out with her coworker Pernell from Citibank who became a close friend. Chris also had a special love for animals, especially dogs, and cherished her pet turtle, Franklin, who held a special place in her heart.

A Heart for Family and Friends

Family was everything to Chris. She treasured holidays spent at her cousin Nina's home and enjoyed going to Mason and Eastern Star dances with them. She loved attending family barbecues, gatherings, and celebrations at the homes of her cousins Detra and Shawima. These occasions brought laughter, togetherness, and memories she held dear.

Chris had an extraordinary love for her godchildren. She was always there for them, willing to go above and beyond to show her love, offer support, and lend a helping hand. Her kindness was not limited to family; she was a genuine supporter of everyone around her.

Chris was kindhearted, loving, generous, and dependable. She had a beautiful spirit and a way of making people feel welcomed and cared for. She was loved and respected by her family, friends, coworkers, and everyone fortunate enough to cross her path.

Her infectious smile and unforgettable laughter could brighten any room. She leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship, generosity, and beautiful memories that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Those Who Preceded Her in Death

Chris passed away on Tuesday November 10, 2026. She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Eva Dell Purdie; her father, Charles Purdie Sr.; and her three brothers, Charles Jr., Willie James, affectionally known as Lonnie, and Donald.

Those She Leaves to Cherish Her Memory

Chris leaves to cherish her memory, God sister, Katrina Doli; her godsons, Terrence Weeks and Terrell Weeks; her goddaughters,
Tristina Poitier, Kristina Poitier-Wells, Nichelle Hampton, and Nickia Smith; and a host of nephews, nieces, loving cousins, dear friends, former coworkers, and an entire community of people whose lives she touched.

Forever in Our Hearts

Though our hearts are saddened by her passing, we are grateful for the years we shared, the memories we created, and the love she gave so freely. Chris may no longer be physically present, but her spirit will continue to live through the lives she touched, the friendships she nurtured, and the family she loved so dearly.

Her smile will never be forgotten, her laughter will forever echo in our memories, and her love will remain with us always.

Rest peacefully, Chris. Your work here is done. You were loved, you are missed, and you will never be forgotten.