



Mr. Ernest James Holman

February 14, 1934 - November 16, 2020

HOLMAN, Mr. Ernest James - Age 86, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at his residence. Mr. Holman will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd, Holly, MI. Ernest James Holman was the youngest of five children born to Jessie and Charles Holman in Jackson, Michigan. During his youth, Ernest enjoyed participating in the Boy Scouts troop his father started as Troop Leader at Jackson's AME Church, but his pride and joy was his paper route. As a youth Ernest learned a lot about people and handling money while delivering papers. After graduating high school, Ernest served in the United States Army and received an Honorable Discharge in 1956. Following his service, Ernest attended Central Michigan University, and pursued a career in education in Flint, Michigan. On a blind date orchestrated by two good friends in Washington, DC, Ernest met and later married his wife of over 50 years, Leslie Holman. While working and raising a family in Flint, Ernest was a faithful member of Quinn Chapel AME Church where he served as a Trustee and as a member of the Scholarship Committee. After a lengthy and fruitful career as a classroom Teacher and Counselor at McKinley Middle School, he retired with thirty years of service. In retirement, Ernest pursued several passion projects. He wrote a book entitled Blackbottom's Blackwell about his experiences on his childhood paper route. He stayed engaged in social activism with grassroots organizations in Flint and attended

the Million Man March in Washington, DC. He also collected Black History artifacts and enjoyed presenting to youth and at community/church functions. Ernest James Holman leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Leslie Holman; daughter, Nicole (Roscoe Sr.) Wallace; grandchildren, Mackenzie and Roscoe Jr.; sister, Constance Curtis. Also, he leaves beloved cousins, Jesse Cochran, Jean Moon, Lee Holman, William (Maxine) Thomas, Albert (Camilla) Reeves; beloved sisters-in-law, Lee Alice Holman and Patricia Taylor; a host of relatives and friends.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Charles Holman; sisters, Zelma Davis and Shirley Mackins; and brother, Charles Holman Jr. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making a donation to your local food bank, the HBCU of your choice, or the NAACP, in the name of Ernest J. Holman.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Lie In State

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ernest James Holman*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Condolences*

To Aunt Leslie, Nicole, Roscoe and the children. I love and will forever miss Uncle Ernie. He was a strong man, inspiration and an Author as well. I want to make this mention as Denzel Washington just helped to produce a film called “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom” on Netflix. No relation to the book that I am aware of but I thought this is interesting history Uncle Ernie spoke about in the book. Seeing Life through his eyes as a paperboy in his childhood. He accomplished so much in his life that inspired me. We love you and will never forget you. Sherree Wilson



Sherree Wilson - December 23, 2020 at 05:37 AM



“ *Beatrice Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Beatrice Horton - November 30, 2020 at 04:27 PM

EP

“ *Earnest & Nancy Pouncy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Earnest & Nancy Pouncy - November 24, 2020 at 07:01 PM

MS

“ *God be with the family as they adjust to the transition of their love one. Arnold, Deirdre and Mary Burwell Scott*

Mary Burwell Scott - November 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Holman and I integrated the staff at a middle school in Flint thus beginning a long friendship. He was a giant of a man, full of wisdom and compassion that was shown in many ways. He was always ready to assist in anyway that was necessary. My children think of him as their uncle and love him as such. We express our sympathy to the family and say if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to call us. Arnold, Deirdre ,and Mary Burwell Scott*

Mary Burwell Scott - November 24, 2020 at 11:45 AM

CR

“ *Dear Mrs. Holman and Roscoe & Nicole (along with your precious children) words cannot express how Mr.Holman & your family have touch our family's lives down through the years! Thank you for all the sweet memories of times @ Quinn Chapel, NC, Las Vegas, College graduations, weddings , and Homegoing Celebrations! We Love You & will continue to pray for God's Peace which surpasses all understanding!! Love Always. Charlotte (Feaster) Riddick & Angela(Feaster) Tucker.*

Charlotte Riddick - November 24, 2020 at 09:08 AM



I Miss Cousin Ernest All Ready He Was So Awesome And A Blessing to Be Around

Kathleen Holman - November 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM

EH

“ *Eileen Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Eileen Hayes - November 23, 2020 at 09:33 PM

MR

“ *Mr. Holman always made the effort to connect with students at their level and treat them with respect. I am a better person today for having him involved in my childhood.*

Mike Rensberger - November 23, 2020 at 06:40 PM

CS

“ *Cathryn Williams Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Cathryn Williams Sanders - November 23, 2020 at 05:44 PM

MS

“ *Our condolences to Leslie and Nicole. Ernie a really nice man may he Rest In Peace.*

Marshall Sanders and Sharon Simeon - November 22, 2020 at 09:59 PM

JJ

“ *Jacqueline And Zelton Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Jacqueline and Zelton Johnson - November 22, 2020 at 07:01 PM

GH

“ *With deepest and heartfelt condolences to Mrs Leslie Holman, Nicole, Roscoe, Mackenzie and Roscoe Jr. Love and the peace of God to each of you.*

Randall and Glenda Hodges

Glenda Hodges - November 21, 2020 at 10:48 AM

BP

“ *To my Aunt and Cousins, Uncle Ernie will be genuinely missed. You all are on my heart and in my prayers. Love, Bernadette*

Bernadette Potts - November 20, 2020 at 09:08 PM

SF

“ *Mr. Holman was a wonderful man that I always looked up to. We will keep the Holman Family in our hearts and thoughts.*

Scott and Deb Filer

Scott Filer - November 20, 2020 at 07:49 PM

RM

“ *May the Lord, the source of all consolation, be a comfort to you and the family in your loss.*

Rosalee and Jerry Minor - November 20, 2020 at 07:18 PM

LR

“ *The Christian Education Department of Quinn Chapel AME Church will certainly miss having Mr. Holman's Black History Month presentations in our annual celebratory plans!*



Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Holman and the Holman family. May your faith and loving memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Linda Ryals-Massey - November 20, 2020 at 06:05 PM

LR

“ *Linda Ryals-Massey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman*



Linda Ryals-Massey - November 20, 2020 at 05:54 PM

KJ

“ *Mr. Holman was a great man to know, he will be truly missed.*

Krishna Jackson - November 19, 2020 at 05:51 PM

AM

“ *Mr. Earnest Holman will be truly missed. Any question you had about history he could give you the answer with no hesitation. God has the best*

Alexis Murphy-Morris - November 19, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DF

“ Our sincere condolences to the Holman family. May God continue to comfort you through it all.



Driskell Family - November 17, 2020 at 11:57 PM

SP

“ Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman



Sheila Phillips - November 17, 2020 at 06:15 PM

DB

“ Dr. Lee Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest James Holman



Dr. Lee Bell - November 17, 2020 at 08:20 AM

SS

“ Mr. Holman was my counselor at McKinley ('81-'82) He was always nice and helped out his students any way he could...RIH
Mr.Holman



Sukenta Smith - November 16, 2020 at 06:00 PM