



Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes

April 15, 1927 - July 11, 2014

HOLMES, Mrs. Willie Mae - age 87, passed away Friday, July 11, 2014 at her residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19, 2014 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Washington Park Cemetery, Orlando, FL. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Holmes may be viewed during the family hour only. After which Mrs. Holmes will be taken to Washington Park Cemetery, 3402 34th St., Orlando, FL. 32805 (407) 966-3172.

Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes was born April 15, 1927 in Dawson, Georgia the daughter of Willie James and Louise (Sea) Crawford. Willie Mae grew up in Dawson, Georgia and moved to Orlando, Florida, after which, she became a resident of Flint, Michigan, where she lived for an extended period of time. In 1993, she retired from AC Spark Plug. She was an active member of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as Vice President and President of the Nurses Ministry. Willie Mae enjoyed music, cooking, making ceramics and going to the movies. She will be remembered for her warmth, illuminating smile and her keen sense of fashion and style. Mrs. Holmes was the matriarch of a large Crawford family. Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes leaves behind: husband, Herbert Holmes; beloved children, Callie Parker of Southfield, MI, Lorene Washington of Pasadena, CA, Jae Williams of Chicago, IL and Darlene Williams of Antioch, TN; 2 grandchildren, Jeffrey Washington

of Virginia Beach, VA and Brittney Jamie Williams of Chicago, IL; grand dog that she named, April; brothers, Willie Lee, James, Otis and Grover Crawford; sisters, Alberta Wilson, Lula Bell Houston and Marie Shaw; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Holmes was preceded in death by her brothers, Charlie Will, Roy and Jonnie B. Crawford; half sister, Estelle Cull and Eva Bell Heart.

The family would like to express special thanks to extended family members, Ron and Alfretta Head, who have displayed love and care through the years, all the health care providers who went above and beyond assisting our mother with excellent care and love since 2011.

Previous Events

Family hour

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Very hard to believe you are gone....a part of me believed you would get better and I would see you again...Aunt Willie Mae your wittiness, encouraging words have truly blessed my life. I salute you Queen, your journey is complete. Rest in the arms of The Lord...to my cousins, you guys are in my prayers. Your family in NC is here for you. Gone but never forgotten...one love always!!! Myra Johnson*

myra - July 19, 2014 at 12:17 AM



“ *Rest comfortably Aunt Willie Mae! Your presence always lightened a room full of people. We will miss you, but we know you are not suffering anymore. We love you and hold our memories of you deep in our heart. Rest in Peace auntie!*

*Love,
Your great niece
Jasmine Martin*

Jasmine - July 19, 2014 at 12:15 AM

BW

“ Although my granny may be gone, all of the wonderful memories that I have of her will forever remain. I will miss everything about you granny. We were so blessed to have someone as beautiful as you in our lives. It is comforting to know that we a angel looking down over us as we go forward in life.
I will love you forever.
R.I.P my beloved granny.

Britney Williams - July 18, 2014 at 08:07 PM

MA

“ Callie,

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this most difficult time. I truly understand what you each are going through. I pray that God give you strength and peace during this most difficult time as well.

I am also sending up prayers for our Little April as this was truly one of Mother's best friends... I am ever so glad she was able to meet April and cherish the times they had together as well...

Should you need anything, please do not hesitate and let me know...

Mario and The Hicks Family...

Mario - July 18, 2014 at 04:56 PM

BR

“ To the Families of The Late Mrs. Holmes, I still called her Mrs. Williams because that's the name I met her as. She was a good friend to my Mom, The Late Lois F Brock. She said Sugar I will always be Mrs. Williams too you cause that's the name you knew me by. Mrs. Williams was always wonderful to me, she always had a big smile on her face and gave the best hugs.. She also told me stories about her and my Mom, some to which I knew, She will be greatly missed, but the stories she told live on in all of us. My prayers are with the families and friends, during such a great loss. Sincerely, Carolyn Brock and The Brock Family



Brock - July 18, 2014 at 02:54 PM

GW

“ Callie, Darlene, Jay and Lorene,

I know these last few years have been very difficult for you all trying to cope with your mother's illness but she has been released to heaven and be with God. She will live on within each of children. You will always remember her smile, her love, and her kind words of wisdom. Cherish the memories of your mother and may these memories bring joy to your heart for all days.

Gene Washington

Gene Washington - July 18, 2014 at 02:04 PM

AB

“ *Darlene,
I am sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts. I remember a few years ago your mom came to class and danced with us - I could see then where you got your "moves".
Sincerely,
Andi Baes*

Andi Baes - July 18, 2014 at 09:35 AM

WC

“ *Willie & Nellie Crawford purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes.*



Willie & Nellie Crawford - July 18, 2014 at 07:52 AM

JW

“ *My Granny Willie Mae has always been a bright spot in my life... She taught me things without her knowing so. She was my favorite reason to come to family reunions as a kid... To listen to her laugh and speak with a swagger and confidence like no other. I followed her style... She would always say "Child" !! Granny could make me smile no matter what mood I was in... I wish I was able to be here for the service. Gone but never forgotten R.I.P Granny Rest In Paradise!!*

Jeffrey Washington

Jeffrey Washington - July 18, 2014 at 03:46 AM

SM

“ To my cousins keeping you all in my prayers & thoughts. Aunt Willie Mae will be missed. She made the family Reunions fun. We all waited to see what sharp outfit she would be wearing. She was a fun aunt & her presence will be missed. RIP sweet Aunt Willie Mae.

Stephanie Wilson Mitchell - July 17, 2014 at 08:49 PM

AS

“ To my nieces & nephew. I am keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers. I know your mom will be missed. I will miss my older sister. She taught me all I needed to know, about being a fashion Diva. Her last family reunion was in Greensboro, NC. I enjoyed hanging out with her, Lula Belle & Maine It would be the last time the four sisters would be together. Those are the moments I will cherish forever. RIP sister girl, don't get it twisted I will see you again. Gone but never forgotten. See you on the other side Willie Mae. You sister Albert Wilson

Alberta Wilson, her sister - July 17, 2014 at 08:34 PM

AW

“ Callie,

So very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You have been on my mind these past few months. Will keep you and your brother and sisters in my prayers. Praying that the peace of God will visit you in a mighty way over the coming days.

*Love,
Amber Webb & Family*

Amber Webb - July 17, 2014 at 12:08 PM

ME

“ Callie,
You and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful mother. My heart felt condolences go out to you and your family. I pray the fond memories you created with your mother help lift your spirits and help you find peace in difficult times.

-Melinda

Melinda - July 17, 2014 at 10:45 AM

MW

“ Callie,

You have my condolences on the loss of your mother. I want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers.

-Mark Watkins

Mark Watkins - July 17, 2014 at 10:19 AM

LD

“ Callie,

I'm sending positive thoughts to you and your family during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

- Lauren Duprey

Lauren Duprey - July 17, 2014 at 10:01 AM

JM

“ *Janice M. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes.*



Janice M. - July 17, 2014 at 08:41 AM

DL

“ *Our sincere condolences to and prayers of comfort for the family.*

Daniel Lewis & The Lewis Family

Daniel Lewis - July 16, 2014 at 10:57 PM

JV

“ *Family, we are sorry we are unable to attend the service with you. Our prayers and love are with you. I am glad I got a chance to see Aunt Willie Mae when I was in Detroit last year. She will always have a special place in my heart because she gave me my name. We will miss her calling us those pet names; sugar and honey. She made us nieces and nephews feel special. We Love you guys. Keep looking to the Lord for your strength.*

Love, Juanita Crawford Vinson and Family

Juanita C Vinson - July 16, 2014 at 09:44 PM

DL

“ *Daniel L. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes.*



Daniel L. - July 16, 2014 at 02:57 PM

OS

“ *Ometrice Page and Latha Srinivasan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes.*



Ometrice Page and Latha Srinivasan - July 15, 2014 at 05:51 PM

OP

“ *Callie,*

I'm so sorry for you loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ometrice Page

Ometrice Page - July 15, 2014 at 02:46 PM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Head purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Holmes.*



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Head - July 15, 2014 at 10:59 AM

CH

“ *Darlene,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers.
Charlotte & Daniel Holleman*

Charlotte & Daniel Holleman - July 15, 2014 at 10:39 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mother Holmes. May precious memories forever keep her close, always warm your heart and make you smile. Love, Carol*

Carol Gardner - July 14, 2014 at 10:36 PM