



Edward Thomas Holmes Jr.

February 18, 1938 - October 15, 2018

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

Psalm 116:15

Edward Thomas Holmes, Jr. slipped peacefully into eternal rest on Monday, October 15, 2018. Edward was born on February 18, 1938 in King and Queen County, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Thomas Holmes, Sr. and Effie Corbin Holmes. Thomas was educated in the King and Queen public school system. He was always called by his middle name "Thomas." Thomas joined Bethlehem Baptist Church at an early age and served in many capacities in his church.

Thomas married Mary White Holmes in 1958 and they have four sons. After moving to Richmond, Thomas obtained employment at the Firestone Tire Company where he worked for eight years. In 1965 he was employed by Philip Morris Tobacco Company, from which he retired after 33 years of service.

Thomas joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church where he became a very active and committed member until his illness. He was a member of the Trustee and Men Ushers Ministries, The Voices of Zion Choir, Male Chorus and Men's Ministry. He was a faithful and dedicated church van driver. Thomas other interest included singing with the well renowned Celebration Male Chorus.

His hobbies were singing, gardening and listening to music. He was a dedicated family man and was best described as a quiet person with a big heart and smile who gave tirelessly of himself and his time for the care and maintenance of his church.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Mary Holmes, four sons, Donald, Michael (Andria), Robert (Carmella), and Paul (Pamela). Six grandchildren, Tara Abney (Robert), James Michael Holmes, Michaela Holmes, Tyrika Bradby, Ronald Bond (Ciarra) and Caronda Bond. Four great grandchildren, Jaiden Bradby, Cameron Abney, Josyah Bond and Calvin Hodges, Jr. One sister, Estelle Burch, one nephew, Richard Hoskins (Karen). Three sisters-in-law, Helen Josie, Barbara Ross and Ellen White. He also leaves a host of other loving and caring family and friends.

Memories grow more precious still
When loved ones have to part
And remain forever blooming
In the gardens of the heart

Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman St.
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Thomas Holmes Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mrs. Holmes, Tara, and the rest of the Holmes Family. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Holmes, but through my interactions with his wife, I know that he was well loved and will surely be missed. Any time you need an ear or a shoulder, Mrs. Holmes, myself and the other tellers at the Hanover Branch will be more than open to you.*



With love,

Morgan Dark

Morgan Dark - October 22, 2018 at 11:13 AM



I am do sorry to hear about Mr. Holmes, one of the nicest persons that I came in contact with at RMZ church. Mrs. Holmes and the sons have my deepest sympathy.

Barbara J Manuel - October 22, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs Mary and the Sons. GOD IS ABLE. LOVE YOU ALL. The Family of Shirley Johnson. Shirley B. Tyrone. Ben Margie and Alice*

shirley b johnson - October 22, 2018 at 09:20 AM

BM

“ *To the Holmes family my deepest sympathy.
Tom use to be my fixer a very good guy.RIP*



Barbara Martin - October 21, 2018 at 10:52 AM

BR

“ *With deepest sympathy to the Holmes family
Ty, Jennifer, Oliver and Drew*

The Ross Family

Barbara Ross - October 20, 2018 at 01:23 PM

TF

“ *The Hoskins Family purchased the Magnificent Li
fe Spray for the family of Edward Thomas
Holmes Jr..*



The Hoskins Family - October 19, 2018 at 04:17 PM

WW

“ We The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lanexa Va.extend our deepest sympathy to the Holmes family. There is a Savior that can mend broken hearts and dry weeping eyes,so in times like these I want to encourage you to hold on to your faith and know that God makes no mistakes and your loved one is free all manner of sickness. He has received the starry crown that he so much sung about and is rejoicing in the heavenly choir. Know that we are here for you as you go through this difficult time and afterwards. We pray that fond memories will keep your hearts warm and your soul rejoicing until that glad getting up day when we all shall see Jesus face to face.. May the Peace of God always be with you....

Pastor Wayne D.Weeden

Wayne Weeden - October 18, 2018 at 12:49 PM

DJ

“ *To the Holmes Family,*

I am deeply saddened to hear the news of the transitioning of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and my friend Mr. Edward Thomas Holmes, Jr.



I am thinking of the family and holding you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cast your burdens upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you for God is near hearing every sigh, catching every tear, guiding you back to the way of peace.

With God there are no endings, only endless beginnings. May the Lord's precious promises bring you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

With Deepest Sympathy and Love,

Danita Barnes Jones

Danita Barnes Jones - October 18, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - October 17, 2018 at 11:18 AM