



John A. Holley

September 6, 1933 - June 7, 2005

John Anderson Holley, son of the late Ethel Brown Mims and the late Joshua Brown, was born September 6, 1934 in Edenton, North Carolina. He departed this life on June 7, 2005. He received his early education in Baltimore, Maryland and went on to graduate from Douglass High School. A North Carolina Central University graduate, John was a member of the Public Relations Society of America, Communications Media of Mid-America, Black College Sports Information Association and the College Sports Information Directors of America. John was a veteran in his field with more than 25 years of experience. He started his career in journalism at the Baltimore Afro-American. John directed the public information, publications and sports information programs at Albany State College for 14 years. In addition, he held public relations posts at Morgan State University, Mansfield University, and Lincoln University. John also served as sports information director at Morehead State University and Norfolk State University. John received many awards and honors. He was happy and humbled to have the CIAA Sports Information Director of the Year Award named in his honor and was called the nations best when receiving the Jacox/Clark award. John encouraged many young people in furthering their education and supported their efforts. He was very influential in many lives around the country. He will be dearly missed. He leaves to cherish his memory: two brothers and one sister: Dale Brown, Gay Jones, and Milton Brown of Baltimore, Maryland; one brother-in-law, Odell Jones; one sister-in-law, Consetta Brown; three nieces, Charlene McArthur,

Tammy Gilmore, and Zsanece Smith; three nephews, Odell Jones Jr., Milton Brown II, and Maurice Jones; two cousin who where like sons, Anthony Johnson and Gregory Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Holley*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future and our loved ones who have lost their life to our enemy death.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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“ *Words can't explain what Mr. Holley met to me. Mr. Holley re-defined the concept of "Mentorship". Mr. Holley taught me how to balance life both personally and professionally. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Corey L. Rhodes##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of John Holley, or "Mr. Holley" as I referred to him. I offer my sincere belated condolences. I was Mr. Holley's secretary at Mansfield University. I just learned of his death from a former student worker. I thoroughly enjoyed working with John Holley. He was kind to me, as well as all who entered our office. He made working in PR fun! When he left MU, I transferred to another department...it wasn't fun any more. I recently retired from MU. I will always have fond memories of my years spent working with this fine man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Signed as he addressed me, "Mrs. K"###imported-begin##Ginger Kurzejewski###imported-end##

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“ I wanted to express my sympathies to the Holley family. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Holley when he came to Norfolk State in 1988. I was a journalism student and performed my intern with him. He introduced me to the excitement and the world of Sports Information. I used to give him a hard time about giving the women's sport equal press. He put me in charge of the women's sports to hush me. We had such a great time working together, I continued to volunteer many years later after I graduated in 1989. He was a perfectionist and always produced quality work. I am so glad I got an opportunity to speak to him one more time about four years ago. He mentioned he did not get out much but we had an opportunity to catch up on each others lives. I was tickled and honored that he remembered me by my voice. This just showed me how in tune he was to people. I just learned of his passing on July 14, 2005. I have been searching the internet to try to find a way to communicate my condolences to you. He will never be forgotten as long as the memories are there. Take care###imported-begin##Tracy Baker Edwards###imported-end##

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“ Dear Family Please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. I hope will find comfort in knowing that God "is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalms 34:18)##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ To The Family of John A. Holley: Death is such a sorrowful event, but in God's word we find a hope for our dead loved ones. This passage is found at John 5: 28-29, and it states: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment." Isn't this a comforting thought. In the near future, we may all see our dear loved ones again. With sympathy.##imported-begin##Von Holley##imported-end##

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“ John is not gone because his spirit is in all those he touched. He is just away.##imported-begin##James Cuthbertson##imported-end##

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