



## Mary E. Holman

January 8, 1929 - March 18, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Holloway Holman was born on January 8, 1929 in the Redwood Community of Durham County, North Carolina to the late John and Leora Holloway. She was the youngest of eleven children born to that union. Mary was the “last girl standing” and relished being the “baby” of her family. Growing up, the nickname given to her by her brother Ralph was “Mippey”. He continued to call his baby sister by her nickname the remainder of his life.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 6:05 PM, the sun was shining bright as a host of angels came to escort Mary home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Hopkins Holman, her second son, Ronnie Wayne, and her grandson, Omar Shareef.

Mary’s early education was obtained at Little River and Mill Grove Schools in Durham County, North Carolina.

She accepted Christ as her Savior and LORD at an early age and was baptized at Mount Zoar Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

Moving to Baltimore, MD in 1952, Mary soon met the love of her life, Bennie Hopkins Holman, and they were married November 22, 1954. They remained happily married for 24 years.

Having worked on several jobs, Mary decided to enter the medical field of work and enrolled in the St. Agnes Hospital LPN Nursing Program where she obtained her LPN Certificate. Later, she was employed with the hospital as an LPN nurse in the Operating Room, where she served for many years. After the births of her children, Mary joined the Baltimore City Police Department as a School Crossing Guard where many of those children still remember her to this day.

She was affectionately called “Agnes” by close family friends of her daughter, even adopting that as her pet name. Mary was known for helping others, no matter the task, be it mothering, cooking or gardening – she did it all. Family was essential to her and she enjoyed hosting family gatherings where she would prepare her specialty dishes of crab cakes, potato salad and sweet potato pie.

In 1954 Mary joined Wayland Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. William W. Payne. She remained a faithful and active member until illness prevented her from regular attendance. She was an active member of the Senior Ministry and the Gospel Chorus, always ready to assist with any effort wherein her beloved Wayland Baptist needed volunteers.

Mary leaves to cherish her legacy sons, Bennie, Jr. and Lamar and daughter, Donna, (Earl), deceased son, Ronnie’s wife, Lisa, six grandchildren; Ronnie, Jr., Or’reese (Joyce), Orielle, Idris, Qadir and Mytiraa; six great grandchildren, Ronnie Wayne, III, Omar Jr., Destiny Brunson, Kaleigh and Or’reese Jr. and Sage Amour. She is survived by one sister-in-law, Effie Holloway of Durham, NC and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial Park

Laurel, MD

# Previous Events

## Wake

APR 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Mary E. Holman, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - April 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM

YJ

*Donna, Benny and Lamar, your mother's service was very nice and tasteful. Even though the Jones Family was not there in presence, we were there in spirit. We love you and if you need anything let us know!!! Earl, Yvonne, Ej., Eryn, Elan and Evan!!!*

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**Yvonne Owens Jones** - April 02, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DE

*Thanks Yvonne, We understand completely. Glad you were able to share in the service.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *Mary E. Holman*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DE

“ Thanks everyone for whatever part you did to make mommy's Celebration of Life a memory we can always cherish. Despite the Covid 19 we were able to have a service of dignity. My brothers and I truly appreciate those who came out even while under quarantine to the the Public Viewing. Life is but a fleeting moment - Love on your family and always honor your parents. Love you All



Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 09:30 PM

OG

“ Bennie, Donna and Lamar, The service was beautiful. We love you. Otelia and family.

Otelia Daye Grant - April 02, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DE

Thanks Otelia, We are glad that you were able to attend virtually. Please stay safe and Well.

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:30 PM

Jac  
CM

“ Hello Donna,  
I'm sorry I was not able to attend the service. I was able to join via the streaming service. It was a wonderful service. Asked I mentioned to you earlier, Mom Holman was a blessing to me an my family. I pray that the memories of your mother continues to comfort you and your family. Peace and Blessings. Jackie CM.

Jac CM - April 02, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DE

*Thanks, Jackie. So glad you enjoyed the the service. I am glad you reminded me of the story you shared which had to be over 20 years ago. That was mommy always willing to step in and help anyone. Thanks for the cabbage... as always delish.*

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM

LW

“ *Scripture tells us--"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels with out knowing it."*

*Ms. Mary represented (in later years of our acquaintance) that she was an angel of who I was unaware. She would watch out her window during early mornings as I left for work to assure my safety. Though we did not talk often she would surely admonish me if she believed I was not being as careful as I could be. God bless you Ms. Mary and rest in peace in God's loving arms.*

*Your neighbor (3902 Grantley Road)  
Chaplain Linda M Wardlow*

Linda Wardlow - April 02, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DE

*Linda, Thanks for sharing in mommy's life and a being a good neighbor. Yes, she always looked out when you left for work. Yes, She was Always willing to assist and help.*

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:39 PM

TW

“ *I remember coming to the house, and Ms. Mary and myself sat on her front porch she discussed her flowers , as I expressed how pretty they were. I want to send my condolences to the Entire family and I will keep you all in my prayers.*



Trinnette Walker - April 02, 2020 at 10:52 AM

DE

*Thanks Trinette, Yes she loved those flowers.*

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:40 PM

DM

“ Dear Family,

*We are praying for you and our thoughts are with you. We love you.*

*Danielle, Craig, Olivia, Carter, and Craig*

Danielle (Grant) Mehall - April 02, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DE

*Thanks Danielle, hope all is well with you and family.*

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:41 PM

TH

“ *I remember Aunt Mary introduced me to yard sales. When I began teaching and needed games and books Aunt Mary drove out to the suburbs and we spent hours looking. I bought a treasure of supplies.*

*Thomasine & family*

Thomasine Holloway - April 02, 2020 at 09:48 AM

DE

*Thomasine, Thanks and Yes, Mommy was one of the Queens of Yard Sales and 2nd Hand Shopping. we miss your visits.*

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM

SM

“ Aunt Mary will always hold a special place in my heart because my mom was staying with Aunt Mary when I was born while my dad was in basic training. 3900 Grantley Road is my first address. I am so grateful that we come from a long history of spending time with each other and I have always enjoyed coming back home to Baltimore over the years and being able to spend time with Aunt Mary and the entire family. The baton has been passed to the next generation as Aunt Mary has transitioned to a better place.

*My prayers to my cousins during this difficult are that God will provide you with comfort, peace, fond memories and the love of family and friends. We love you and we are here for you. Be Blessed and I can't wait to see you all soon.*

*Sherry & Bennie McFarland*

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**Sherry McFarland** - April 02, 2020 at 09:41 AM

DE

*Thanks Sherry, Yes mommy was always ready to have family come and the highlights of your birth were always recanted. Yes, she has certainly gone to a better place and is happy, happy to be with my dad, Ronnie and all those who traveled that road before her.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 08:52 PM

VA

“ Aunt Mary and Uncle Bennie let me live with their family when I got my first job, after I graduated from college. Thank you Bennie, Donna, Lamar (and at that time Ronnie) for letting me be a part of your family. Love you

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**Van** - April 02, 2020 at 08:17 AM

EW

“ Mrs. Mary was one of the sweetest. She was the first person to introduce herself and welcome me and my family to Grantley Rd. over twenty years ago. She looked out for her neighbors always. I thank God for allowing our paths to cross. It was a pleasure to know Mrs. Mary. Rest easy beautiful lady.  
To the family of Mrs. Mary Holman. Be not dismayed. God will take care of you. May the memories of moments shared with your mom bring you peace and joy.

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**Emily White** - April 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DE

*Emily, I recall when you guys moved on Grantley. Yes, she always looked out for her neighbors. Thanks for loving our mom.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 09:43 PM

GA

“ Aunt Mary was the aunt that was always laughing and playing with us (under the trees on Cheek Rd). I thank God for these memories.  
**WE ARE A BLESSED FAMILY!!!!**

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**Gale** - April 01, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DE

*Thanks, Gale. Mommy loved you guys - her nieces and nephews.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 09:48 PM

KW

“Mrs Mary was a woman of strength and courage. She was always concerned about the well being of her family, both biological and spiritual. I've known her since I was a little girl. She and my parents, who lived on Bareva Road, were good friends and it was always a pleasant surprise to have her walk around to our home, to sit and chat with my Dad, who she always affectionately referred to as, 'my Buddy'. They were long time members of the Wayland Baptist Church. Through the good and bad of things there, they stuck together to keep Wayland together, along with some other very devoted members. I have very fond memories of her for as long as I can remember and, because of her wonderful, caring, compassionate character, she always made herself available to help ANYONE for any situation. She was known as an avid walker through the neighborhoods, which sometimes took her up to Coldspring Lane, as far as Reisterstown Road and I've heard up to Reisterstown Road Plaza! She was amazing and an inspiration. Her garden was always beautiful! Her strength and ability to overcome challenges, made her, in my eyes, a pillar of strength! I am saddened knowing she's no longer, physically with us as I could not envision this world without her here. To Donna, Bennie Jr., and Lamar you have been truly blessed to have had your Mom for so long. I know the loving care she gave to Donna's twins because when they were little, she walked the neighborhood with them in tow. We are grieving your Mom's passing with you! God bless you all during this difficult time! Mrs. Mary is now resting, peacefully with her Lord and Savior AND reconnected with her husband and son who preceded her in death. ENJOY your rest Mrs. Mary. Until we meet again. ❤️❤️❤️

Karen Jarvis Wright - April 01, 2020 at 12:11 PM

DE

Karen, What can we say - you are like family. Thanks for making your way to the viewing. I love what you have said and it brings back many memories. Yes, we have been blessed. Love you always, Karen.

Donna D El-Amin - April 04, 2020 at 10:10 PM

WM

“ Aunt Mary was the link to our parents generation long after they were gone. She was always present for family reunions, funerals, church events, and other gatherings held in Durham and beyond involving, "Team Holloway." Thanks Donna, the 3 guys, Bennie, and Lamar for sharing her w us. You are the Best!  
Please know that you are on our minds and in our heartfelt prayers.  
God's love and ours  
Deanie and family

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**W Morris** - March 31, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DE

Thanks, Cousin. Mommy was definitely Team Holloway all day. Thanks for sharing in the service and for always loving on mommy. We love you.

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 10:13 PM

WM

“ Aunt Mary was always the cool aunt. She was a sharp dresser and always wanted my mom's hats and vice versa. I would look forward to Aunt Mary coming to NC for her visits to see her siblings. She was the last living Holloway and she will be missed. My condolences to the family. Love you and keep your heads up.

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**Wanda McIver** - March 30, 2020 at 01:20 PM

DE

Thanks Wanda for your memory. Your right those trips to NC and Auntie Fannie's trips to B-more were always a highlight. When I would say "Mommy your the last girl standing" she would just smile because she loved being the baby and a Holloway. Love You guys, Always.

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 10:16 PM

NH

“ To the Holman Family

*Aunt Mary's house was the middle destination when I use to travel to New York going and returning. I had the opportunity to enjoy some of those famous crabs cakes. Aunt Mary asked me if I was going to have mustard with them and I did. Today, I still eat my crab cakes with mustard.*

*With my deepest sorrows, Aunt Mary will be missed.  
Bruce Holloway*



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**Nathaniel Bruce Holloway** - March 29, 2020 at 09:22 AM

DE

*Thanks Bruce for the Memories... You are so right - those crab cakes were the bomb. She will be missed for sure. Love you cousin.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 10:19 PM

RP

“ To family of Mrs. Mary E. Holman, my prayers are with you,.

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**Rev. Brock A. Brown, Ph.D.,** - March 26, 2020 at 08:27 PM

DE

*Thanks, Brock. Thanks for attending the visitation and for always being kind and respectful to or mom. Your a Great Neighbor.*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 23, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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*March Funeral Home has been Wonderful to our family. This is the third opportunity of our family to use your services dating back to 1978. The services for our mom were wonderful and despite the Covid 19 we were pleased. THANKS!!*

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**Donna D El-Amin** - April 04, 2020 at 10:27 PM