



Rev. Mary White Holmes

September 28, 1935 - September 25, 2019

Life Reflections

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

Psalm 116:15

Mary White Holmes was born on September 28, 1935 to the late Wilbur White and Aleen White.

At an early age she joined New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. After moving to Richmond, she joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church by Christian experience, where she remained a dedicated member. At Rising Mount Zion, she lent her talents, support and energy to a number of organizations. Namely, Vice President of the Joseph Smith Memorial Usher Board, Secretary of the Spratley Allen Missionary Ministry and a member of the Nurses Unit. For many years she was a church school teacher and church school Superintendent. Mary organized the Seniors of Zion ministry where she always stated, I truly love them and feel privileged to serve them, as I serve God. Mary also became a Deaconess of the church.

Mary was employed by the Medical College of Virginia in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, under the direction of Dr. S. Elmer Bear. During her tenure at MCV, she further enhanced her education by attending J.

Sargent Reynolds Community College. After retiring from her job, Mary realized that God had more for her to do. She enrolled in the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University to pursue a degree in Pastoral Care. In May 2010, she graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree. Again, Mary was able to use her talents and gifts as she taught bible classes at the Henrico County Jail until her health began to fail.

Mary was married to Edward Thomas Holmes who preceded her in death. To this union they were blessed with four sons.

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

God has dismissed our loved one
from this place to dwell in His house, but never will
Reverend Mary W. Holmes be dismissed from our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **1**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Mary White Holmes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Extending deepest sympathy to the Holmes Family and lifting you in prayer during this extremely difficult period. May God's love comfort you and may the precious memories of Rev. Mary give you peace.*

Blessings,

Danita Barnes Jones



Danita Barnes Jones - October 01, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Holmes family. Rev. Holmes was a beautiful lady and much beloved. Warm regards, Sheila Cunningham Price*

Sheila Cunningham Price - October 01, 2019 at 01:02 AM



“ *Stephanie Scott lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes*



Stephanie Scott - September 30, 2019 at 08:30 PM

RB

“ Rev. Dorothy H Bruce and family send their condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Rev. Dorothy H Bruce - September 30, 2019 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ Cameron Abney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes



Cameron Abney - September 30, 2019 at 04:13 PM

RA

“ You will truly be missed grandma. I love you!



Robert Abney - September 30, 2019 at 04:11 PM

PH

“ Mom I'm truly going to miss u I LOVE YOU MOM

Paul Holmes - September 30, 2019 at 08:33 AM

PH

“ *Mrs Holmes I'm really going to miss our early mornings and I'm truly going to miss u always love u ❤️ forever*



Pamela Holmes - September 30, 2019 at 08:05 AM

MI

“ *Murley Richardson, III lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes*



Murley Richardson, III - September 30, 2019 at 07:25 AM

RM

“ *Rylene Mickleberry lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes*



Rylene Mickleberry - September 30, 2019 at 07:25 AM

AR

“ *Offering our sincere sympathy to the family of Rev. Mary White Holmes. Rev. Holmes was always so pleasant and wore a beautiful smile. Praying for your comfort and strength in the days ahead.*

*Albert & Carolyn Rice
Volunteers at RCH*

Albert & Carolyn Rice - September 29, 2019 at 10:03 PM

AR

“ Arlette Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes



Arlette Richardson - September 29, 2019 at 05:16 PM

TA

“ Tara Abney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary White Holmes



Tara Abney - September 29, 2019 at 04:20 PM

RF

“ Richard and Karen Hoskins and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. Mary White Holmes.



Richard and Karen Hoskins and family - September 29, 2019 at 01:27 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.

March Funeral Homes - September 26, 2019 at 04:12 PM