



## Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.

November 12, 1940 - September 23, 2020

On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, Robert Lee "Bobby" Holmes, Sr. departed this earth and transitioned into a peaceful sleep with his ancestors. Robert was the fifth son, the tenth child of the late William A. and Beulah Mack Holmes. He was born on November 12, 1940 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Bobby, inherited a rich legacy of faith and family values and at an early age. He was educated in the public schools of Charleston SC and later moved with his brother and graduated from Gallman High school in Newberry, South Carolina. Upon graduation, he attended Gupton-Jones Mortuary Science school in Atlanta, Georgia. Bobby was a loving son, brother, uncle, father and soldier. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam-era.

On December 28, 1962, Bobby was united in holy matrimony to his former wife, Celestine (Stine) R. Holmes. This covenant was blessed with five beautiful children Robert, Selicia, Johnnie and Kescia and Quintella, who preceded him in death.

Because of the spiritual values instilled in him at an early age, Bobby was baptized, converted and accepted Christ into his life. A strong faith in God and the teaching of Love and togetherness was the key to this family. In the commandment, Jesus told the disciples to "Love one another; as I have loved

you" and Bobby ensured that this message was displayed in his life and instilled this commandant in his children. Bobby was always willing to help those less fortunate and in need. He lived the Golden Rule of Matthew 7:12 "Do until others, as you would have them do unto you".

After leaving the Navy, the young couple moved from Jacksonville, Florida to Levittown, Pennsylvania where Bobby's brother was the Pastor of St. Matthews U.M. Church in Trevese, Pennsylvania. Bobby was employed as a Skelp Mill Technician with the United States Steel Corporation in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. Bobby and Stine ensured that their family served the Lord with gladness. His faithfulness was shown as Bobby served as the United Methodist President, Trustee Chairperson, and the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and was an active member of the Senior Choir. He was also an active member of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #120, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He later moved back to Charleston and helped out with the family funeral home business until he lost his sight. Bobby was a member of Washington United Methodist Church and later New Francis Brown United Methodist Church. He was a member of many organizations that included the Trustee Committee, PPRC Committee, and he was a faithful member of his church and the United Methodist Men.

Bobby's favorite past time was sitting on the porch listening to his tapes and fishing, he would fish for hours sometimes catching a flock of fish, but most of the times not catching anything at all. Since he was unable to see, he used a bell on the end of the fishing rod and when that bell would ring- you knew that he got one! He would tell many about the power of his bell and his fishing rod- and he was always willing to share his "catch of day" with his family and the community. Bobby lost his sight, but that didn't stop him from learning, sharing and teaching about the love of Jesus.

“Uncle Bobby” checked on his nieces and nephews daily, sometimes calling them more than once a day, just so they knew that he loved them. Uncle Bobby kept his family laughing, he was so funny, loving, and a true man of God. He loved his children and grandchildren and was so proud of them and enjoyed telling everyone about their many achievements.

Alas, he reminded his Goddaughter about this special fishing trip that he was going on. He reminded her that the bell and his family fishing rod will need to be present with him on this journey. So, the rod and bell is with him. Farewell and good night, never goodbye, sleep on our dear father, we'll see you in the morning...

He leaves to cherish his memory; his former wife, Celestine R. Holmes; beloved children: Robert (Candace) Holmes, Jr., Selicia Holmes-Langford (Timothy), Johnnie Holmes (Catherine) Kescia Holmes, and Joseph Rambert (Demetria); Sonya Mott-Edwards (Dwayne); God-daughter, Kellie R. Johnson; grandchildren Deondre Holmes, Brittany Russell, Nyemia Lawson, Olympia Belcher (Elisha), Deasia Holmes, Johnnie Holmes, Jr., Rebekah Holmes, and Sierra Holmes; great-grandchildren: LeVeah Holmes and Bryson Brown; sister, Elizabeth H. Mikell; sisters and brother-in-law: Mrs. Bettie K. Holmes, Ms. Hattie Rambert, Grace Outland, Charles Brown, Jr; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and supportive friends.

The relatives of Mr. Robert L. Holmes, Sr. will celebrate his life at a private graveside service on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Carolina Memorial Park.

Viewing for Mr. Holmes will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at The William M. Smith Memorial Chapel, 2 Radcliffe St., Charleston, SC 29403.

Cards may be sent to the family at 4109 Eastbury Ct., North Charleston, SC 29420.

# Cemetery Details

## Carolina Memorial Gardens

7113 Rivers Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
(843) 797-2222

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc. - North Charleston  
2119 Dorchester Road  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 722-3676  
[info@smithmcnealfh.com](mailto:info@smithmcnealfh.com)  
<https://www.wmsmithmcnealfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Lisa Holmes-Langford** - February 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Bobby will be missed! Please accept our condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless, keep and strengthen the entire family during this season of bereavement.  
*Isreal and Glenda Middleton*

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**Glenda Middleton** - October 04, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..



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October 01, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Bobby was a fine person and always will make you laugh. Charlene Reid and Family.  
*You will be missed.*



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**Charlene Reid and Family** - October 01, 2020 at 10:41 AM

CF

“ *Charlene Reid And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



Charlene Reid and Family - October 01, 2020 at 10:39 AM

KB

“ *Kim Busser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



Kim Busser - October 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..*



September 30, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..*



September 30, 2020 at 08:32 AM

EZ

“ Eugene & Antonella Zurybida purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..



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**Eugene & Antonella Zurybida** - September 29, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DA

“ Lisa and Family,

*My deepest sympathies on the loss of your Father. May God offer you blessings, healing, and peace through the fond memories you have of his life. You are in my continued thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Doug Ackerman*

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**Doug Ackerman** - September 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

RF

*To my Family  
I find that words truly cannot experience my heartfelt condolences to you all. I will treasure the fondest memories of my big brother Bobby. He will truly be missed by all that knows him. Please know that my prayers and love are with you all. I must convey that Dana and Gerard sends their love. They are praying for strength during this time of bereavement. We love you Family and God bless you all.  
Rev Vivian Freeman-Oree  
Dana Young-Ellington  
William Gerard Young*

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**Rev Vivian Freeman-Oree** - September 29, 2020 at 02:03 PM

VL

*Lisa,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My God be with you and your family during this most difficult time.  
Violet Legette*

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**Violet Legette** - September 30, 2020 at 07:20 AM

JW

“ Johnny And Liz Walton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.



Johnny and Liz Walton - September 29, 2020 at 08:56 AM

LW

“ Liz Walton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.



Liz Walton - September 29, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..



September 29, 2020 at 08:01 AM

CD

“ Carletta Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.



Carletta Davis - September 28, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..*



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September 28, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *Praying for the family at this time of sorrow.*



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**Paulette Gadsden-Backmon** - September 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..*



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September 28, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Gwendolyn P McCants lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



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**Gwendolyn P McCants** - September 27, 2020 at 07:32 PM

GM

*To the Holmes family, you have our sincere condolences and prayers. The McCants' Family. Love You*

**Gwendolyn P McCants** - September 27, 2020 at 07:38 PM

LW

*To Deondre And The Holmes family, You have my deepest Sympathy, May God gave you peace in the time your sorrow. Ronald Gathers and Family*

**Laquetta Y Williams** - September 28, 2020 at 08:07 AM

SG

“ *Lisa & Family ,I am so sorry for the loss of you if Dad you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa , "daddy's girl". We both are so I know your pain but just know you did right by your father ❤️ Love you and my heart is hurting for you and your family.*



**Stephanie Guess** - September 27, 2020 at 09:39 AM

LW

“ *To The Holmes. You All have My Sincere Condolences. Mr. Bobby is going to be Truly Miss. Everytime I see Him He had a Smile on His Face. He use to Love My Grandmother Sweet Potatoes Pie. New Years Parade when His Daughters brought Him down there as I March down King St. that was the best part seeing Him Smile. Kescia My Classmate and The Rest of The Family Love You and Praying for All of You. God Bless 🙏🙏🙏*

**LaVaughn Ware** - September 27, 2020 at 09:17 AM

MO

“ *Uncle Bobby,*

*You will be truly missed. I love how you called to wish me a happy birthday. I feel that like a father figure or as an uncle should be, you never openly judged me or judged me at all; for that I say thank you.*

*May your days in heaven be delightful for all eternity. I love you -  
Monica*

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**Monica** - September 25, 2020 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ *Lisa - I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Try to remember that your father will be always watching over "daddy's girl". Love you Lisa and my heart is hurting for you and your family. Sheri*



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**Sheri Farrell** - September 25, 2020 at 02:27 PM

PP

“ *Patricia Pinckney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



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**Patricia Pinckney** - September 25, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr..*



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September 25, 2020 at 05:08 AM



“ *May God bring you all comfort. Sleep in peace Uncle Bobby until we meet again.*

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**Angela Holmes** - September 25, 2020 at 04:49 AM



“ *Olga V Whitten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



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**olga v whitten** - September 24, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *Maxine Moses-Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



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**Maxine Moses-Adams** - September 24, 2020 at 04:18 PM

CB

“ *Cousin DeDe Washington, Va. Beach,VA. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



**Cousin DeDe Washington, Va. Beach,VA.** - September 24, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CB

*To my loving family in Charleston. Deepest sympathies for Bobby. Loved him dearly and will truly miss him. So appreciate all the times we shared together. And the friendship. Rest my cousin in the arms of our heavenly Father.*

**Cousin DeDe Washington, Va. Beach,VA.** - September 24, 2020 at 02:22 PM

KJ

“ *Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



**Kim Johnson** - September 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

KJ

“ *Kenneth A Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.*



**Kenneth A Johnson** - September 24, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JP

“ Jeannette Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.



Jeannette Pierce - September 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM

ED

Condolences goes out to the family and prayers

Elder John and Minister Frances Doxie - September 24, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CA

Praying for my friend & and nephew to the deceased Mr. Benjamin (Button) Holmes & family. The Holmes family has been a huge part of so many people at the end of their life's Journey. Family continue to look to the hills from whence Cometh your strength....our condolences are extended to the entire Holmes and Hike Family.

Cassandra Gaines & The Gaines family.

cassandra - September 24, 2020 at 08:51 PM

RW

“ Rev Ware lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. Holmes Sr.



Rev Ware - September 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ Condolences to the family. Kescia I am so sorry for your loss.

Teela Fleming - September 24, 2020 at 10:52 AM

PN

“ To say I feel like I've just been socked in the gut cannot compare to how the Holmes Family must be feeling right now. Bobby will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Heaven has just gained another angel and a true historian. I know he is already shaking hands and clowning with some folks and will probably go fishing very soon.



Pat Lee, NFBUMC - September 24, 2020 at 10:18 AM

PL

*That should be Pat Lee from NFBUMC*

Pat Lee - September 24, 2020 at 10:20 AM

CH

*To the loving family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Holmes..We have truly lost a good friend and church member. May our Sympathies, Condolences and Love help you in the healing process as you move forward in His strength.*

*C. Donna McP. Harris (Auntie) and family*

Christine Donna Harris - September 24, 2020 at 04:03 PM

GG

“ To the entire family if Mr. Bobby Holmes, on behalf of the Clemons family of Union Hgts., we send our heartfelt condolences and keeping each of you in our prayers! 🙏🙏

Gail Clemons Guess - September 24, 2020 at 08:30 AM