

With Episcopal Honors For



# Bishop LeRoy Holmes

Pastor and Founder RESURRECTION TEMPLE

Sunrise June 3, 1936

Sunset August 4, 2013

#### Service

Saturday - August 10, 2013 - 9:00 Ante Meridian

#### BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1002 Rivington Street Roselle, New Jersey Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Presiding Prelate Dr. Gregory L. Holmes, Eulogist

## **OBITUARY**

**Bishop LeRoy Holmes,** was born on June 3, 1936 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of the late Lester and Elizabeth Holmes. He was raised in Cranford and attended the Cranford Public Schools where he excelled in football.

He was a graduate of New York Theological Seminary Bible College.

In 1975, the Lord gave Bishop Holmes the name of Resurrection Temple Church. After filing all the papers, he just waited on the Lord. He received a phone call from Bishop Wayne L. Johnson. He said, "The Lord told him to release his old building to Bishop Holmes." On the first Sunday of January 1980, the first service was held at Resurrection Temple Church in Linden on St. George Avenue.

Bishop Holmes has traveled to 42 countries teaching the gospel. His first outreach was the prison system where he became the Executive Director of the Community Network under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Ravenell. Soon after, the church took their first mission trip to West Moreland, Jamaica in the West Indies. Under the Community Network, he has trained many around the world to set up effective Prison Ministries. He also developed the "Outmate Ministry" which involved counseling and teaching wives and children how to cope with their partners and parents while being incarcerated. In supporting ministries in the United States, his international ministry has reached the shores of Kingston, Jamaica and Guyana, South America. He has ministered to over 35 countries and always left the love offering with the local ministries.

In addition to serving as a volunteer, Bishop Holmes worked at the Union County Jail for the **past 36 years**, the Union County Probation Departments and Community Service Division, including the Bowery Mission in New York City, the Bill Glass Prison Ministry in Dallas, Texas, the Coalition of Prison Evangelists in Orlando, Florida and various correctional institutions throughout New Jersey and New York State. He was a board member of the Good News Home for Women since its inception.

This humble servant of GOD was a blessing to many people and had 10 churches under his jurisdiction.

Bishop Holmes received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Community service from the NAACP in 2010. He was considered for the Ross Berrie award – "People Making a Difference" in 1998.

He was a middle weight boxer in his early years and won the Senior Olympics in marathon running.

Bishop LeRoy Holmes departed this earthly life on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey at the age of 77.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Melvin, Lester, David, Robert, Henry and Ruthie Holmes.

Bishop Holmes was the husband of 56 years to, Doris R. (Quick) Holmes; dear father of: Pastor Gregory Holmes (Sheila), Jeffery Holmes and Philip Holmes (deceased); dear brother of Mamie Hughes; grandfather of eight: Maiya J'Nee Miller, Nakeisha Holmes-Ammons, Tammy Tiesha Holmes, Tosha Holmes, Jeffery Rashawn Holmes, Nasheena Davon Porter, Brittney Camille Holmes and Monét A. Waller; great-grandfather of eight; also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and the Resurrection Temple Church family.

"Servant of God Well Done"

## THE ORDINAL

(Order of Service and Celebration)

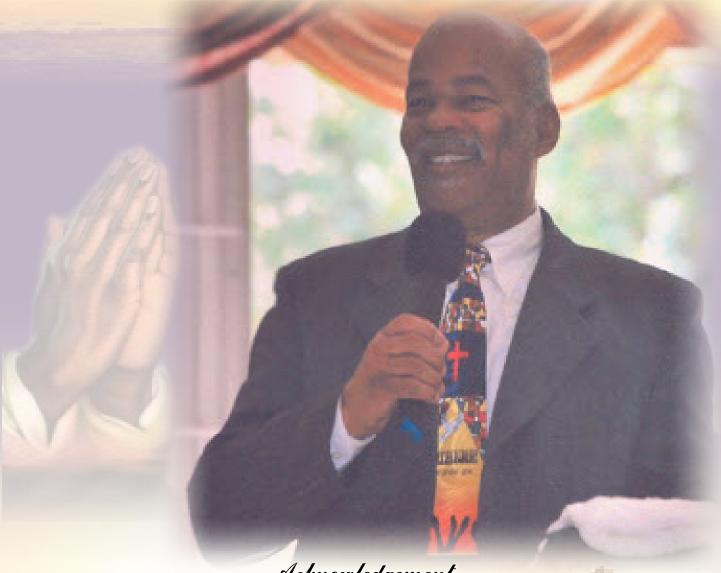
The Processional "Holy, Holy, Holy"

	The Adjutant General The Presiding Bishop The Host Pastor The College of Bishops The Pastors, Elders, Clergy The Family The Local Church Officers/Membe	rs
Invocation		Bishop Joseph Ravenell
Old Testament Reading	(Psalms 90)	Bishop Keith Young
New Testament Reading	(I Cor. 15:51-58)	Bishop Sean Souels
Inspirational Hymn		
Reading of the Gospel	(St. John 14:1-6)	
Solo		Evangelist Jo-Ann Drake
Prison Ministry:  Resurrection Temple:  The Clergy:  The Bishopric:		Exec. Dir. Ernestine Winfrey Deacon Albert Whittle Sister Delores Charles Rev. Milton A. Byrd Bishop Keith Young
Selection		
Resolutions, Acknowledgements and Co	ondolences	
Presentations and Proclamations	11	Board of Corrections Borough of Roselle Union County State of New Jersey
Solo		Bishop O. Rodney Brooks
Reading of Obituary and Legacy		Rev. Renee Mitchell
Introduction of Eulogist		Bishop Wayne L. Johnson
Selection		Choir
The Eulogist		Dr. Gregory L. Holmes - Beloved Son
Recessional		Family and Friends
Interment		
Repast		Bethlehem MBC Fellowship Hall

### **Pall Bearers**

## Officers and Brotherhood of Resurrection Temple Church

"If I can help somebody along the way, then my labor will not be in vain."



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of the late **Bishop LeRoy Holmes** wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation Every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you. Special Thanks to Pastor Milton A. Byrd and The Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

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