

*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory of*



Raymond Holley

Sunrise
February 26, 1943

Sunset
August 30, 2014

Saturday, September 6, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1085 Main Street

Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Reverend Edwin M. Brown, Pastor

Obituary

Raymond Holley was born February 26, 1943 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, son of the late Willie Mae Mathews and Willie Holley. Raymond grew up in Colonia, New Jersey. Raymond's one sister, Yvonne Holley, and one brother, Nathaniel Holley, both predeceased him in 2005 and 2004.

Believing and trusting in God, Raymond became a member of Progressive Baptist Church in Rahway, New Jersey, in 1994 under Reverend Albert L. Fuller. He worked diligently in the Scholarship Ministry, the Usher Board Ministry and the Pastor Support Ministry. Raymond thoroughly enjoyed his work in those ministries until he could no longer function as his health was doing its job.

Raymond worked at many jobs and then was self-employed. He was always a progressive individual, wanting to have his own.

Raymond was proud of his grandnephew, Mayor Jamel Holley of Roselle New Jersey. He often said that Jamel is on his way to bigger and better things in life.

Raymond acquired many friends during his lifetime. Raymond was an avid fisherman and spent many days just fishing. He used fishing to relax.

Raymond is survived by his fiancé Curlie Burns of East Windsor, New Jersey, his brother Howard "Butch" McLeod of Rahway; daughter Michelle Johnson of Albany, New York; sisters-in-law Rosetta McLeod of Rahway, New Jersey and Bernice Holley of Plainfield, New Jersey; grandsons Kwame and Anthony Johnson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude Darius Tullis

Processional

Selection.....Progressive Baptist Church Choir

Scripture ReadingTyrone Guinn

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Willie Timmons

Acknowledgements/Condolences..... Margarita Henderson

Obituary..... Margarita Henderson

Remarks (2 minutes please)..... Joe Phillips

Dave Stevens

Melvin Grant

Solo.....Bell Sisters

EulogyPastor Edwin M. Brown

Recessional

Private Cremation

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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