

Celebration of Life

Marie Holmes

"Nanny"

Sunrise

September 2, 1910

Sunset

September 26, 2015



Friday, October 2, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Greg Dunn, Officiating

Obituary

Marie Ellerbie Holmes was the fifth child born to Clarence and Maggie Ellerbie in Bennettsville, South Carolina on September 2, 1910. Preceding her in death were seven siblings-three brothers and four sisters.

At an early age, Marie and her family relocated to Orange, New Jersey seeking a more fulfilling life for the family. Marie and her siblings were educated in the Orange Public Schools.

Marie met Mongo Holmes and decided he was the one for her. They were married in 1929 and made their home in Newark, New Jersey. Their union was blessed with two children; a daughter, Margaret Helen, and a son, Richard Allen. Marie and her husband worked hard and made many sacrifices to achieve the goals they desired for their children. As parents, they were determined that their children would receive a college education as well as social and community experiences. They were married and committed to each other and the family for 69 years.

Marie believed and demonstrated throughout her life, that every child has value and deserved love and the help needed to reach their full potential. She was committed to academic achievement and community service.

Marie was employed at Columbus Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, in the Food Service Department and as a domestic employee in many homes throughout the region.

Marie enjoyed and participated in many activities. She attended monthly meetings with her card party friends. She was an excellent pinochle player. Crocheting was a favorite activity yielding many beautiful sweaters, hats, scarves, and afghans for family, friends and agencies serving the community. Marie was an innovator. She opened a store in the basement of the wonderful senior building she resided in called the "What Not Shop." The seniors loved shopping in the store for the many needlework crafts, knick-knacks, and various items that were donated to the shop.

Nanny, as affectionately known to her family and close friends was an outstanding cook. Family and friends enjoyed sharing meals with her and were thankful for her gifts of food. Everyone agreed that her "apple pie" was the very best. Everyone who met "Nanny" was impressed with her humor, vast knowledge, and ability to make each one feel special and loved.

Nanny was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. Her encouragement and support helped them accomplish their educational and social goals. She took great pride in having inspired them to attain an education as a means of helping to ensure their lifelong success. Her children: Margaret, Nutritionist and Child Advocate; Richard, Physician; Her grandchildren, Kent, Microbiologist; Kyle, Physician; Melinda, Lawyer; and Adam, Physician.

She gloried in the on-going accomplishments of her fourteen (14) great grandchildren and felt especially blessed to enjoy her two (2) great great grandchildren, Cassidy and Xavier.

She was also blessed with the special love she received from Velma Johnson, whom she called her "second daughter."

During her lifetime, she witnessed many historical events. However, the one she cherished the most was the privilege to participated and witness the election of the nation's first Black President of United States, Barack Obama. Receiving a letter of congratulations on her 104th Birthday from the President and his wife was a highlight of her life.

Marie taught her family and friends what she believed and practiced throughout her life; that being a faithful servant of God, living and following His teachings, would lead to a long, successful and worthy life.

Though she will be greatly missed, we take solace in the knowledge that she is rejoicing in the presence of her Lord and Savior who allowed her to live a rich and fulfilling life.

Marie leaves to mourn her life and cherish her memory; daughter, Margaret (Walton); son, Richard (Doris); grandchildren, Kent, Kyle (Sonya), Melinda (Desmond) and Adam (Angie); fourteen great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends. Special love and appreciation to dedicated caregivers Jennie Williams, Annie Harrison and Joyce Crawford.



Precious Moments





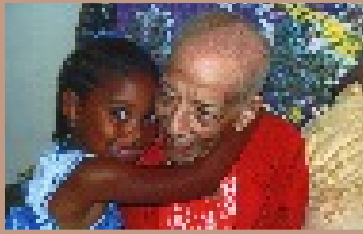
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Service of Celebration

for our

Beloved Nanny Holmes

The Opening Hymn #483

"I'm Going To Trust In The Lord"

Prayer of Comfort

The Consoling Word

The Old Testament - Psalm 121 - Velma Johnson

The New Testament - Acts 16:13-15 - Sonya McLeod

Selection

Remarks (2 minutes)

The Obituary

Eulogy

Reverend Craig Dunn

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

Reception

*Will be hosted by the Community Room at:
777 Springdale Avenue • East Orange, NJ*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Pall Bearers Great-Grandsons

Perhaps

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,

As any friends could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much - whatever the part.

Pray For Peace

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