

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

**RONALD HOLMES**  
**"DETROIT"**

*SUNRISE: JUNE 1, 1952*

*SUNSET: APRIL 11, 2017*

Service

*Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH**

201 Malcolm X Blvd. • New York, New York 10027

*Rev. Dr. Charles Curtis, Officiating*

# OBITUARY

**Ronald Holmes** was born in New York City on June 1, 1952 to Dorothy Lee and John Holmes, Sr. He had two older brothers, Johnny and Victor Holmes, whom have all preceded him in death.

Ronald was educated through the New York City Public School system. Upon graduation he worked as a Community Service Officer for the New York City Police Department. After that he worked for the New York City Housing Authority for several years then became employed with the New York City Sanitation Department, for 25 years where he recently retired in late 2015. Ronald was one of the initial responders to the tragedy at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Following that, he spent a vast amount of time with rescue and clean up at the World Trade Center.

Ronald also known as "Detroit " was a dedicated and hard working husband, father, and grandfather. He was filled with pride and determination for his loved ones. He had such a special love for his wife, children, grandchild, and god children that only they could understand, and whatever he accomplished his family took great pride. He was a faithful father and always had his children's best interest at heart.

He loved to travel and also was an avid fan of the Mets, Dallas Cowboys, and Spurs. He was big on family and there wasn't any extent to how far he would go to help those he loved. He was indeed a true and faithful friend. Ronald had a special bond and brotherly relationship with David Bowman, Dennis Dais, Derek McDaniels, and Michael Ralling. He acted like a big lion on the outside, but had the heart of a teddy bear on the inside. Ronald had a great sense of humor and loved to "nudge" at people.

Ronald leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Carol Holmes; children, Ronald, Jr., Jamal, Stephanie, Michael, and Danae; grandson, John Jeremiah Malone; mother-in-law, Carrie Scott; sister, Denise (Candy); sisters-in-law, Angela Scott, Elizabeth Shaheed, and Hazel Delaney; brothers-in-law, Leonard and Davie Scott (LeAnne); aunts, Velma, Barbara, Joan, Ida and Denise; one uncle, Calvin; two goddaughters, Shanise Gibbs and Jaqui McDaniels; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Oh Ronald you are loved so much and will be missed by so many. There are too many to count.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude.....James Miller

Processional.....Family

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament- John 14:1-6



Prayer

Poem....."Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night"

Tributes.....Barbara Graves, Elizabeth Shahid,  
Hazel Delaney, and Robert Yancey

Acknowledgements of Cards and Condolences

Obituary .....(Read In Silence)

Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Charles Curtis

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

## INTERMENT

*Mt. Rest Cemetery*



*Butler, New Jersey*

Repast

214 W. 114th Street (Lower Level)

New York, NY

# TO THOSE I LOVE



*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Ronald Holmes** would like to express their profound heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during their season of bereavement.

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