

In Loving Mem- ory of



Gale C. Holmes

Sunrise: September 12, 1952

Sunset: February 17, 2020

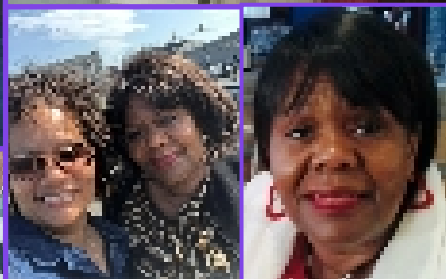
Service

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Nathan Karcesky, Officiating



Global Linkages - Journey to South Africa 2020

Obituary

Gale Carter Holmes was born on September 12, 1952 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Osborne and Helen Taylor. She moved to New Jersey at an early age and attended Miller Street Elementary School and graduated from West Side High School in Newark, NJ.

After graduation, Gale continued her education at Rutgers University where she earned her Masters degree in Psychology. Gale and Hugh Williams (Sunny) met in the early 70's and from that union, their son Dwayne Holmes was born in 1973. She lived in Montclair, NJ for many years, at which time she gave her life to the Lord and became a member at Christ Church in Montclair, NJ. She later moved to North Brunswick, NJ, and joined Princeton Alliance Church in Plainsboro, NJ. Gale was also devoted to the word of God and created the Gale Carter online ministry, "He Loves U...My Salvation. Do You Know Jesus?"

After she retired from the Division of Protection and Permanency, Gale continued to her work in social service and held several positions. Some included working with Medicaid clients, acting as an outsource for Division workers with job related issues and held a Social Worker position for a Day Care in Plainfield, NJ.

In 1988, she and four other women started a Birthday Club that has remained active for over 30 years. During that time, each person's birthday was celebrated with gifts and a restaurant outing of their choosing. She always said, "Strength is in numbers. That's the favor of God."

Gale also had many hobbies and was an avid reader.

In the mid-90's, she and several NJ Child Protective Services co-workers became founding members of a Chapter of Go On Girl Book Club, a national organization dedicated to supporting the literacy works of writers of the Black Diaspora. Gale served as Secretary of the chapter. When it was her turn to host the monthly meeting, the group considered her meetings a favorite because she was a great cook and would offer a menu related to the book of the month. Along with her great cooking, Gale brought to the group of sense of peace and stability as she demonstrated her great love for God and her

faithfulness in her desire to serve Him. She also recently joined a second book club at the Christian Wellness Center in Somerset, NJ, which focuses on reading Christian literature. She also loved to travel and called her recent trip to South Africa her Great Adventure!

She is loved unconditionally by her family. Gale was extremely dependable and loyal to her son, family and friends. She loved attending family events and holiday gatherings and was guaranteed to be there on time with one of her many signature dishes, and that unique laugh that will be greatly missed. She was a positive force to all that came into contact with her.

Gale was preceded in death by her sister Clara Martin, and her two brothers, Sterling and Robert Taylor.

Gale leaves to cherish her fond and loving memory, her son Dwayne Holmes, his father Hugh Williams (Sunny), her sister Shirley Broaddus, sister-in-law Ella M. Taylor, and a host of special nieces, nephews, and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Minister Sheila Epps

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Proverb 3: 5-6

New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort

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Minister Sheila Epps

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Pastor Nathan Karcesky

Recessional

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Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

***Repast: The Grand Banquet Hall
12 North Stiles Street • Linden, NJ***

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

Honorary Pall Bearers

Dwayne Holmes Lamar Russell
Kione Broaddus Darryl Boyd
Sal Martin

Acknowledgement

The family of **Gale Holmes** acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of Love, Concern and Kindness shown to them during this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you!

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