

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Charles Edward Holmes, Sr.*

Sunrise  
March 27, 1932

Sunset  
January 8, 2021

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 6pm

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# Obituary

**Mr. Charles Edward Holmes, Sr.** was born on Sunday, March 27, 1932 as the only child to James Holmes and Christine Bannerman, in Pender County, North Carolina.

Charles came to New York City in the early 1950's. In 1954, Charles met Bernice Wilson and in 1955 the two were united in Holy Matrimony. To this union three beautiful children were born: Charles Edward, Jr., Edward Charles and Jacqueline.

Charles was employed as a machinist for The Star Box Corporation for over 20 years, until he retired in 1983. Charles was known for being a caring and funny person, and who had the coolest bop when he was walking, and who loved to play his scratch off cards. Charles was respected by his friends and affectionately called "Charlie".

Charles departed this life on Friday, January 8, 2021 at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, NY. In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Bernice and his eldest son, Charles Edward, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his love and memory to: his son, Edward Charles; daughter, Jacqueline; grandchildren, Raheem Jones, Anjail Holmes, Christopher Yates, Madeenah Holmes, Fatimah Holmes and Jamilah Holmes; great grandchildren, Kamiya Yates, Ryan Fletcher, Christopher Yates, Jr., Angela Fletcher, Josiah Hewitt, Zain Fletcher, Mariah Hewitt and Amaiyah Hewitt; His godson, Leon Pritchett; goddaughter, Eleanor Taylor; sisters-in-law; Ettamae Prichett (NYC) and Mary Ellen Silver (Mountville, Alabama); as well as a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to name.

# *Order of Service*

The Processional  
The Clergy & Family

Opening Prayer

Scriptures:  
Holy Quran & Holy Bible (Anjail Holmes)

The Selection:  
“His Eyes is on the Sparrow”

Reflections:  
2 Minutes Please

The Obituary:  
Madeenah Holmes

The Celebration of Life:  
Min. Munir Muhammad

The Last Glance

The Closing Prayer

The Recessional

INTERMENT:  
George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey

## *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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