

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

Celebrating the Life of



Acknowledgement

*Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude
for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.
May God bless you all for your concern.*

Annie P. Holt

1943-2021

Service

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 - 11:00 AM

New Zion Baptist Church

800 Flora Street • Elizabeth, NJ 07201

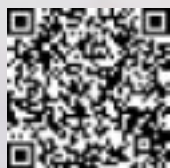
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The Broken Chain

*We little knew that day, God was
going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, In
death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, And
nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*



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Celebration of Life For "Mrs. Annie Pearl Holt"

Order of Service:

Musical Prelude

Processional (Clergy)

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament- Deacon Fred Branch

New Testament- Minister George Wallace

Selection- Deacon Arthur Collins (Never Could have Made It)

Prayer of Comfort- Pastor David Walker

Memories -Timothy Holt (The Son)

Reflections:

Geraldine Clyburn- Hospitality

Deaconess Phyliss Wilson- Missionaries

Deacon Rosita Smith-Ambassadors

Reading of the Obituary (Acknowledgements & Resolutions)

Words of Comfort

Sermonic Selection- Rex Hill (Stand)

Eulogy- Pastor Kevin J. White

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



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Annie Pearl Holt was born November 24, 1943 in Buena Vista, Georgia to Leroy and Mattie Pearl Cottle. Annie was the second of six children. She was born into a home of modest means where she was taught the value of pride, the love of community, dignity, courage, strength, and most importantly the love of God.

During her early childhood years, the family moved into an area known as Unionville in Macon, Georgia where all were embraced by warm and supportive neighbors. Both she and her brother attended Unionville Elementary School and the family unit attended Unionville Baptist Church. There Annie was a member of the Young Peoples Choir, Junior Usher Board, Missionary Society and always attended Sunday School.

Annie's secondary education was received at Ballard-Hudson High School where during her senior year, she met a brilliant young student by the name of Grover (Richard) Holt and an immediate courtship ensued. Upon graduation from high school, Grover enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed in Greenland. He proposed on one of his leaves and they were joined in holy matrimony on May 23, 1963. They welcomed their first child, Tonya Yvonne into the world during Grover's time in the military. The family was stationed in Tacoma, Washington once his tour of duty in Greenland was over.

After being honorably discharged from the military, the family moved back to Macon where they were blessed with the birth of their son, Timothy Maurice. They eventually relocated to Elizabeth, New Jersey where they still reside. Shortly after their arrival, Annie decided to further her education and enrolled in nursing school; all the while being a wife, mother and maintaining full time employment. Her tenacity paid off as she received her degree and obtained employment in her desired field.

Annie and Grover were happily married for fifty-seven years and her goal was to always remain in a loving partnership with her husband (who took such tender care of her before and during her illness) and a nurturing and loving relationship with her children. Annie enjoyed a full life and she touched the lives of many who she perceived as family. A praying God-fearing sister, she had only kindness for everyone. In her, heaven sent a special gift.

Annie and Grover were members of New Zion Baptist Church where she was an usher, greeter, and member of the missionary. She was a devout Christian who sought to include God in every aspect of her life and He rewarded her by granting her mercy, grace, and favor. He knows her name! She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. This child of God's absence will be felt by many.

Annie's rich life included her husband, Grover (Richard); children, Tonya Andrews and Timothy (Sheila); sisters, Mattie Clemmons (Joseph), Shirley Papin (Clifford), Geraldine Plummer and Brenda Davis; sisters-in law Bobbie Walker (David) and Jeannette Mathis; faithful nieces Dequindra Blakey, Maya Calloway Richardson, Nicole Nelson and Barbara Williams; nephews Xavier Cottle, Antonio Plummer, Charles Davis and Derrick Davis; and a special sister of the heart Geraldine Clyburn.