



In Loving Memory



Ethel M. Holmes

September 18, 1940 - April 10, 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021 - 9:00 AM

DELIVERANCE TEMPLE
131 Union Street • Jersey City, New Jersey

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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Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Musician
Processional	Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor David Wyman
Scripture Readings	Sharonda Murrell
Old Testament- Psalm 23	
New Testament- John 14:1-6	
Selection	Jersey City Deliverance Choir
Reflections (2 minutes each please)	Family & Friends
Selection	Jersey City Deliverance Choir
Obituary	Adrien Miesha Murrell
Selection.....	Lakia Gaillard
Acknowledgements.....	Asia Holmes
Selection	Jersey City Deliverance Choir
Eulogy.....	Apostle Eugene Stackhouse
Recessional	Clergy & Family

Interment

Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

The Obituary

Dr. Reverend Ethel Marie (Jordan) Holmes was born September 18, 1940 to the late Jane Ross-Jordan and Ernest Jordan in Wilmington, North Carolina. Ethel, who was also known as (Sister), was one of 19 siblings and at the age 16 years old she left Wilmington, North Carolina and began her journey in Jersey City, N.J. where she attended and graduated from Ferris High School.

In 1960 she married her husband, Issac Jacob Holmes Jr., and later had 3 sons Issac (Binky) Jacob Holmes IV, (Hakeem)Lance Holmes-Bey and Sulaiman(Eric) Khalif Holmes-Bey. While raising her sons, she attended Essex Community College and Transferred to Katherine Gibbs Executive Secretarial College where she received her Diploma.

From 1972-1975, Ethel, was the Resident Director and Program Coordinator for Job Corp, an Administrative Assistant for C.E.T.A and started her career at BASF, one of the largest chemical companies at the time.

In 1978, Ethel, gave her life to Christ and became a member of the Jersey City Deliverance Center.

While continuing to move up the ladder at BASF she enrolled in the H&R Block Tax School and Advanced Tax School and received multiple certificates in Accounting. In 1984 Ethel, attended the Christian Bible Institute and received her Bachelor of Theology and became an Associate Minister at Jersey City Deliverance.

In 1995, Ethel, retired from BASF as the Regional Control Coordinator and continued on her journey and later became an Associate Pastor at the Jersey City Deliverance and became a board member of the Metropolitan Family Health Center and was the Board Secretary.

Ethel, continued to further her education and received her

Master of Theology at Eastern Bible Institute and in 2000 and at the age of 60 years old she received her Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Education at the Light House Christian College. Ethel continued to Minister and Teach the word of God.

Ethel, served on the Presbyterian, Ministers, Trustees and Missionary Boards. Ethel also was a Bible College Professor, the Registered Agent and Administrative Manager of Jersey City Deliverance Center.

All of Ethel's, accomplishments wasn't easy to obtain it was a lot of hard work and dedication but she managed all of it including caring for her grandchildren and great-grand children in the mist of it all.

Ethel, was humble, driven, strong, loving, compassionate, full of life and a Woman of God. Ethel, was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grand mother, aunt, cousin and friend. Ethel, was a Humanitarian and Philanthropist who touched so many people from all walks of life with her love and kindness.

Ethel, was truly an Inspiration because she lead by example and made it possible for all of us to love unconditionally and to believe that anything is possible when you believe in yourself.

On Saturday, April 10, 2021 Ethel departed this life and received her wings and made her way to Glory.

Ethel, will be joined in spirit by Jane Ross- Jordan(mother), Ernest Jordan(Father), two sisters and five brothers.

Ethel, leaves to cherish many loving memories to her husband Issac Jacob Holmes Jr.; sons Issac Jacob Holmes IV, (Hakeem) Lance Holmes-Bey and Sulaiman(Eric) Khalif Holmes-Bey; step daughter Celeste Carter; brothers Frank Jordan(Sandra), Dennis Smith(Kay) and Willie Smith; sisters Dorothy Jordan, Barbara Jordan, Marilyn Bloodworth, Josephine James, Ernestine Wydell(Vince), Thelma Hemingway(Clyde), Geraldine Williams, Sarah Smith; and a Sister in law Brenda Jordan; 3 God daughters, 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.