



In Loving Memory of
EVERETT H. HOLMES SR.
“POPPIE”

Sunrise
August 23, 1923

Sunset
October 12, 2021



Service

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey



Order of Service

Welcome

Flag Presentation

Prayer

Poem

Selection/Solo

Obituary

Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Christopher M. Jones

Remarks by Family/Friends

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Christopher M. Jones

Recessional

Interment

*Fairmount Cemetery
Central Ave, Newark, NJ*

Repast

*Wyndham Gardens Newark Airport
550 Route 1 South • Newark, New Jersey*

Obituary

Everett Holmes, 98 of Newark, NJ passed away on Tuesday October 12, 2021 at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, NJ.

Everett was born on August 23, 1923, in Newark to Madeline Jennings and Chester Holmes. Everett came from a large family. Preceding his death were his Parents and his sisters Madeline Dibugno, Carol Holmes and brothers Chester Holmes, Johnny Holmes, and Joseph Holmes. He leaves to mourn his death his sister Lorraine Neal and brother Charles Holmes.

Everett led a rich life. Graduating from Essex County Technical and Vocational School he became a Mechanic; a profession he loved. He also traveled the world with the Army, and is a WWII Veteran. Everett went on to work for Jaynes Motor Freight for many years, never missing one day of work. Interestingly his son Everett Jr. also went to Essex County Technical and Vocational School and became a Mechanic he loved driving large trucks. Everett was his first born child and passed on Oct. 14, 2012.

He leaves to mourn his passing his two daughters Deborah Martin, and Joan Najeeelah, and a son Steven Holmes. Everett was formerly married to Viola Holmes and they were blessed with three children. Everett was later married to Joyce Holmes and they enjoyed a loving marriage until her passing on August 11, 1997, they were blessed with a daughter Joan Najeeelah.

Affectionately called Poppie and Uncle, he dedicated his life to loving others as Jesus Christ commanded. As a young man he was known to ride through the neighborhood, giving all the little ones a dollar. Poppie was known for being a very generous and loving man. He kissed on the forehead, supported and encouraged all of his children and grandchildren and anyone, even if he just met you once. This was the most profound quality about Poppie...if you met him...he would touch your heart deeply.

The people who supported Poppie in the last years...doctors, nurses and caretakers all went away feeling blessed, delighted, encouraged and loved. Poppie was also known for generously taking needed things to Women's Shelters...televisions, refrigerators, food etc. whatever he could give. Always thinking of others he was famous for delivering fresh vegetables and groceries to all the family and homeless shelters.

Everett's life was devoted to helping others, never really wanting much for himself. Remarkably one would never hear Poppie complaining...he leaned on the Lord with any pain or misfortune. He strongly believed in honesty, humility, integrity, courage, brotherly love and being in service to others. He often said "I have everything...God gave me everything...I don't need anything." He was truly rich.

Poppie loved Soulful Jazz, Cadillacs, Spaghetti, Mashed potatoes and Cheesecake. He loved his favorite cozy bathrobe from his son Steven, and many special meals lovingly prepared by his niece Saidah. However his most favorite thing was loving people and helping them to feel loved inside.

He studied the Bible daily and loved going to Church. Poppie attended the First Baptist of Hillside for 40 years and was honored for his 40 years of attendance. Poppie also enjoyed his church around the corner, Roseville Presbyterian Church. Poppie never appeared lonely, as he was always reaching out to help others and delighted in the fellowship of his many friends at Church. He studied the Bible several times a week with friends. Peaceful, balanced, happy and content come to mind when you encounter him.

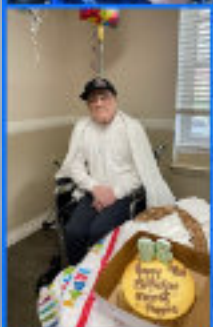
His last few months were spent with his daughter Debbie watching old movies, and spiritual programs...and with his daughter Joan watching PBS and TNT. His bible study friends were close by with prayers and love. He spoke with his God-Child Rahjon daily and had special times with his Grandson Waladeen. Loving prayers with son Stevie, Poppie always reminding us to say our prayers and read our bibles.

Upon his passing at 98 years old Everett was still mentally sharp. He knew he was going home to be with his Lord and held that gracefully and enjoyed the beauty of everyday life till the end.

Poppie was wise, generous, and loving. His signature love sign was a peace sign or a thumbs up....Poppie was always looking for the good and for everyone to be at peace with each other. His favorite philosophy was to love the Lord with all your heart and whenever the family would come and go he would say "I love you Mucho" "With all My Heart" "Adios".

Adios Poppie "We love you with ALL our hearts"

He leaves to cherish his memory his brother Charlie Holmes, and sister Lorraine Neal. His Children, Debbie Martin, Joan Najeeullah (Mahdee Najeeullah) & Stevie Holmes. His 7 Grandchildren, Corinthia Holmes, Ieasha Holmes, Waladeen Norwood, Aisha Howard, Jihad Marsh, Steven Holmes and Everett Neal. His God-Children Rahjon Claiborne, Jamal Ellerbe, Latrica Caldwell, Shirena Caldwell. 15 Great-Grands, 1 Great- Great Grand, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and friends....special mention his nieces Saidah Dibugno and Leandra Kloepping. His very close friends Hannah Martin and Ilana Mazur. He has joined in Glory his mother and father, his 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and his son Everett Jr.







To the Family of Mr. Everett Holmes,

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who have fallen asleep in death, so that you do not grieve like those who have not given their hearts fully to Jesus Christ, and therefore, have no hope. It For we Christians believe that Jesus Christ did die, and then he rose triumphantly from the dead; we also believe that on the last day God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." - (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14) "For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him."-(1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)

From the moment we receive the blessing of God's Holy breath into our lungs, we are given the strength to run the race assigned to our individual lives to its fullest end. The good news is that the One who gave us life in the beginning, promises to meets us at the end with His perfect love. It was King David who said, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me." - Psalm 139:7-10.

Whereas, in the providence of God, Mr. Everett Holmes' life was brought to a close, we, the officers and members of the First Baptist Church of Hillside feel it is befitting to express our sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Everett Holmes. We commend you to Him who knoweth best, and who "always works things out for the good; especially for those who put their trust in Him." - Romans 8:28.

Be it Resolved, that we the church bow down in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake, and we remind the Holmes family to be encouraged by these words:

We Bear Witness, Mr. Everett Holmes professed a deep hope in Jesus Christ. We Bear Witness, Mr. Everett Holmes loved his family. We Bear Witness, Mr. Everett Holmes also loved his church family, and remained inspired by his spiritual journey until his last day.

Be it Further Resolved, that we now embrace the Holmes family as our own. We cannot replace the wonderful life of our dear Brother Everett Holmes, but will attempt to demonstrate his love towards the family in the love of the Lord.

A copy of this resolution will be given to the family and a copy will be kept in the church archives.

***Graciously Submitted, Rev. Dr. Christopher Jones Rev. Dr. Christopher Michael Jones, Senior Pastor
F. Melanie Kennedy Deacon F. Melanie Kennedy, Church Clerk***

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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