



Celebrating the Life of
Catherine Holmes

SUNRISE: February 14, 1939 - SUNSET: February 25, 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025
Viewing: 9am - 10am
Service: 10am

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Obituary

Catherine Holmes, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2025, at the age of 86. Born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1939, in Savannah, Georgia, Catherine grew up surrounded by love and family in the warm embrace of her parents, Nicholas and Beatrice Habersham, and her siblings—Bill, Roberta, Florence, Dolcina, and Frederica.

Catherine attended West Broad Street Elementary School and Kyler Junior High School, where she was known for her kindness, resilience, and sharp wit. In 1958, she married the love of her life, Ernest Holmes, Sr., and together they built a life filled with devotion and joy. In 1960, the couple relocated to New York City, where Catherine spent the rest of her life.

For many years, Catherine worked as a dedicated housekeeper with Self Help Community Services, Inc., providing care and comfort to countless individuals. But beyond her work, her greatest pride was her family. She was a loving mother to Ernest Holmes, Jr., Vernay Holmes, Elizabeth “Kim” Holmes, and Cassandra Holmes. Her legacy lives on through her cherished grandchildren, Aiysa, Abdul, Anthony, Louis, Kenya, Shakeem, and Derrick; as well as her great-grandchildren, Tyriq, Tanasia, Taquan, Tashawn, Tamauri, Devin, Enoch and Louis Holmes, Jr. (“LJ”). She was also blessed to witness the birth of her great-great-grandchild, Laila.

Catherine found joy in life's simple pleasures. She was a devoted fan of James Brown and rock and roll music, and nothing made her happier than dancing on Friday evenings, letting the music lift her spirit. Her laughter, warmth, and infectious energy will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Though she has left this world, Catherine's love, strength, and unwavering spirit will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. May she rest in peace, dancing forever to the music she loved.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Hoboken Cemetery
North Bergen, 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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