

The Poem

We're sending a dove to heaven
With a parcel on its wings,
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
Wrapped up in a million hugs,
To say how much we miss you,
And to send you all our love.
We hold you close within our
Hearts and there you will remain
To walk with us throughout
Our lives until we see you again.

NAKKIA & KATARA

A MESSAGE FROM HER BROTHER, REGINALD HOLMES AND THE WEST COAST FAMILY

"Pray for a Soul who loved her family and found a large measure of happiness during some very challenging times in her life. Draw wisdom from her example. Cherish the moments you spent with her. Remember her to the generations to come. Let's all join in praying to the Divine One to lift the soul of Denise Mardell Holmes --- may she Forever Rest In Peace!"

Honorary Pallbearers

Funeral Home Attendants

Flower Attendants

Stewardesses and Ushers

Acknowledgement

With loving hearts and a spirit of thankfulness, we extend to you our deepest appreciation for the love and support you have shown to us during our time of bereavement. Your visits, phone calls, prayers, words of comfort, encouragement, and any and all acts of kindness you might have extended to our family is greatly appreciated. Please remember us in your prayers, always.

The Family of Denise M. Holmes

Arrangements by



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*Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We have another meeting
In God's eternal day.*

A Celebration of Life
In Honor of

**Denise Mardell
HOLMES**



September 30, 1955
Sunrise

December 3, 2019
Sunset



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 † 2:00 P.M.

SAINT STEPHEN A.M.E. CHURCH
913 WEST FIFTH STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32209
REVEREND DR. DAVID W. GREEN, SR.

The Obituary

DENISE MARDELL HOLMES was born September 30, 1955 to the late Andrew Burnell Holmes and Betty Holmes-Jones in Jacksonville, Florida. She was educated in the local schools in Jacksonville. Denise did mostly domestic work, and she was also a longtime caregiver to various elderly family members as well as providing excellent child care to her nieces and nephews. She was known around the church for her loving spirit and kind heart. Denise had a gift for remembering. She could remember family members and friends birthdays and dates of special events, and you could be sure to receive a greeting card from her. Denise never drove a car, nor did she care to learn, but she could remember and give directions to anywhere you wanted to go in or out of town.

Denise was preceded in death by her father, brother, Chauncey Higginbotham, great-granddaughter, Ava Terry and step-father, Leonard Jones.

She leaves to cherish her memory, daughters, Nakkia Holmes and Katara Holmes-Jordan (Marcel); mother, Betty Holmes-Jones; brothers, Burnell, Reginald (Daisy), Ralph (Sandra), Anthony (Elinor) and Michael Holmes; sisters, Lacy Lynn Holmes and Sonji Higginbotham-Monroe (James); grandchildren, Nakkeria, Tavaris, Kendesha, Nadesha, Derrick Jr., Dallas and Makayla; great-grand, Na'Diah; special mother, Vivian Wilson; special sisters, Cheryl Oglesby, Kathy Payne and Cynthia Williams; close and dear friend, Gerald Oglesby (father of her daughters, who remained friends after their separation); nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.



Order of Celebration

THE PROCESSIONAL
"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

THE HYMN
"Amazing Grace"

THE INVOCATION
Reverend Patricia McGeathy

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Sister Kathy Payne, Soloist "I Won't Complain"

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Reverend Dr. Constance Wheeler

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Reverend Dr. Rita Love

THE REFLECTIONS (2 MINUTES)

Church Sister Patricia Owens, *Class Leader*
Friend Cheryl Oglesby, *Special Sister*
Family Sonji Higginbotham-Monroe, *Sister*
Ralph Holmes, *Brother*

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Rev. Patricia McGeathy "My Soul's Been Anchored"

THE RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Sister Charlene Taylor Hill

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE WORDS OF COMFORT
Reverend Dr. David Green, Sr.

THE COMMITTAL

THE RECESSIONAL
"I'LL FLY AWAY"

~Repast immediately following in dining hall~