

# Order of Service

**Greater Grant Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. Presiding Prelate - Episcopal District  
The Rev. Tony DeMarco Hansberry, Presiding  
Elder Suwannee North District

The Gathering ..... "Soft Music"

The Processional ..... The Greater Grant Praise Team

The Opening Hymn ..... The Greater Grant Praise Team  
"Time Is Filled With Swift Transition"

The Invocation ..... The Rev. Tommy Rodgers  
Bethlehem Baptist Church

The Ministry of Music ..... The Greater Grant Praise Team

The Scriptures:  
Old Testament ..... Bro. Tremayne Johnson  
Psalm 23  
New Testament..... The Rev. Gary Slaughter  
John 14: 1-6

The Reflections ..... (Two Minutes Please)  
As A Christian ..... Sis. Connie Corker  
As A Neighbor ..... Sis. Linda Brown  
As A Family Member ..... Sis. Olivia Lester

The Resolutions & Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Connie Corker

The Solo ..... Bro. Jared Smith  
"My Soul's Been Anchored"

The Words of Comfort ..... The Rev. Tan C. Moss  
Greater Grant Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Recessional ..... The Choir & Congregation  
"Going Up Yonder"

## Pallbearers

Antajuan Beasley    Ricky Mathis  
Alfred Norris    Avery Anderson  
Micheal Holsey    David McCarter  
Leroy Mathis

## Flower Attendants

Maggie Pearl Tookes Women's Missionary Society

## Interment

Restlawn Cemeteries South  
3301 Moncrief Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32209

## Acknowledgements

Our sincere thanks to our many family members and friends, for every act of kindness, support, sympathy and your prayers during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to us. May God bless each of you!

~The Holsey and Lester Family~

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# A Celebration of Life for Sis. Charlotte Denise Holsey



Sunrise  
April 28, 1957

Sunset  
December 7, 2020

### Service

2:00 PM, Saturday, December 19, 2020

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

The Reverend Tan C. Moss, Officiating



# Obituary

*"There is a time for everything, a season for every purpose under Heaven."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## A Time to Be Born:

On April 28, 1957, a beautiful baby girl was born to the late Robert L. Lester Sr., and Hattie C. Lester in Jacksonville, FL. They named her Charlotte Denise Lester. She was the first girl and second child of six children. She is preceded in death by her father, Robert L. Lester Sr. and husband Gregory Hal Holsey Sr.

## A Time to Plant:

At an early age Charlotte accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was a faithful member of Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church. Also, she was a member of the Full Gospel Choir and Mass Choir.

## A Time to Grow:

Charlotte attended public schools of Duval County and graduated from Sandalwood Senior High School class of 1975. She furthered her education at F.C.C.J. in nursing and graduated as a registered nurse.

## A Time to Build

Charlotte was united in Holy Matrimony to Gregory Holsey Sr. on November 19, 1983. To this union two children were born. They shared many joyful moments together during their 18 years of marriage.

## A Time to Work:

Charlotte was employed by UF Health and worked as a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She retired from UF Health January 31, 2020, after 40 dedicated years of service.

## A Time to Rest:

On Monday, December 7, 2020 in UF Health in Jacksonville, FL our gracious Father granted Charlotte Denise Holsey entry into his Kingdom. Where she can behold the beauty of his presence throughout eternity.

## A Time to Love:

Charlotte was a very loving, caring daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother. She was also, a wonderful and compassionate friend to many. A lifetime of precious memories will be left with her caring and devoted family, to include: Two sons, Gregory H. Holsey Jr. (Wilma) of Jacksonville, FL, and Jovan R. Holsey (Jasmin) of Jacksonville, FL; four grandchildren, Jadynn Williams, London Holsey, Zara Holsey, Gregory Holsey III of Jacksonville, FL; devoted mother, Hattie C. Lester; one sister, Debora Lester of Jacksonville, FL; four brothers, Clarence Bellamy (Pat) of Graceville, FL, Robert L. Lester Jr. of Shreveport, LA, Lenard Lester (Olivia) of Jacksonville, FL, Hoshea Lester (Sylvia) of Jacksonville, FL; brother-in-law, Grady Cull, Michael Holsey (Vanessa) of Jacksonville, FL; one niece, Latoya Smith (Muhammad); three nephews, Robert L. Lester III, Chris Bellamy, Eric Bellamy; aunts, Annie C. Newsome of Dothan, Alabama, Ella C. Mitchell of Malone, FL, Mary C. Langston of Tallahassee, FL, Leola C. Speights (Jonny) of Mariana, FL, Annie D. Collins of Jacksonville, FL, Mary Howard of Jacksonville, FL, Joan Jones of Jacksonville, FL, Cozzie Wilson of Jacksonville, FL, Selena Pittmon of Warner Robins, GA, Ethel Vaughn (Charles) of Rancho Cordova, CA; uncles, Fred Lester of Jacksonville, FL, William Pittman of Tallahassee, FL, Jonnie Lester of Jacksonville, FL, Harold Hart of Tampa, FL; cousins, and many sorrowing friends. Special cousins, Belinda Garmany, Gregg Lester (Karen); god sisters, Verneatrice Winn (Anthony), Carolyn Brown (David); god brothers, Rev. Tommy Rodgers (Monique), Avery Anderson (Renota); other relatives, church family, and dear friends.

# Reflections:

## Jadynn:

Hey Gigi,  
I know your gone now, but I wanted to let you know somethings. You were the best Gigi I could ever have, and I'm so thankful that I was able to grow up with someone like you around. I know we had our ups and downs when I were with you. But I'll never forget the good memories we had when I was little to now. Like when me and you would go to the mall or even when you would watch Disney movies with me. And even though I wasn't the perfect granddaughter I knew you still loved me a lot. It breaks my heart to see you in pain or gone but I know your in a better place now. And I'll meet you again someday, but just know that I love you so much. Rest easy

## London:

Hey Gigi,  
You are sick and I want you to know I love you so much, and If you don't make it through this, I will be so sad. I pray that you can beat this because I really don't want you to go. I'll be so sad and we want be able to do all the things we always do. It's sad but just know I love you and always will. Just want you to know that we'll get through this. I cry most of the time because its sad. Say this prayer with me "Father God please heal me and I will say it to but I won't say me, I will say your name. If I don't make it I just want to thank you". You're the best Gigi, I love you! You couldn't walk but now you can. I'll do updates on how you are. You're in the hospital and you can't swallow good. More updates coming, you aren't feeling well I love you so much Gigi.

## Jovan:

Hey mama,  
I know you took your last rest here last night. And never would I have thought yesterday would be my last day seeing you. Getting that call at work last night has really taken me for a toll. I know I'm not the most expressive/emotionalist person. But this is truly eating me up inside. I feel like I'm in a dream, no a nightmare and I want to just wake up and see that its not true. But in reality, I can't wake up from this and this isn't just going to go away. I know I can only put it in gods' hands at this point. But I'm devastated and in disbelief of what's going on right now. I really wish I could just take all this away. I wish I could just give you a part of me and it would just heal you and you still be here in this world. This is a pain that I don't know how I'll ever get over it. There were things I was in preparation to achieve and that I wanted you to be there to see. I had plans on things I wanted to do for you. I wanted you to know how much you mean to me. And how much I appreciate everything you have done for me and Jadynn. But now this world has taken that from me. Why does it have to be you? You've always been kind, loving and giving person. So, I don't understand. I'm really really trying to be strong but I'm having a hard time right now even writing this. I know everyone has their time when its time to go. But not like this, I really don't know what I'm going to do now that you are gone. You are my everything and I miss you so much! I know you are resting in heaven now pain free. I love you very, very much mama and I'll always be your baby boy.

## Greg Jr.:

Good morning Mama,  
As I stare at my phone to get my thoughts together. And find the words to express the way I feel. My eyes are tearing up from the thought of you not being here anymore. Sitting here thinking how strong I have to continue to be for the family. I'm trying to gather the strength and courage you have always shown to keep going. As easily as it sounds, it's still hard to do at the moment. There's no way to prepare even when you know what's to come. It hurts sitting here and I can't stop crying.

But I have to let it out, I know your in the best hands you could ever be in. Best place in the world, your absent of the body and present with the lord. And amongst everyone that's made it to glory. Tell them we love them and miss them. Continue to watch over us and look over us. No more suffering now or having a worry in the world. You have earned your wings mama. Fly on and look upon us, as we look for you in the sky. I will continue to be strong and carry on both you and my dad legacy. And what you have instilled in us. Thank you for being such great parents and providers, and showing us what it takes to make it in this world with out YOU. I have no choice but to be what I'm destined to be, because of you all. Forever blessed.  
R.I.P. Love Always, Your First Born, Greg Jr.

