



*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Kenneth R. Holmes, Jr.*

**Sunrise**  
*June 1, 1959*

**Sunset**  
*July 12, 2011*

Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112

*Rev. Malachia Brantley, Officiating  
Emory Lee, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Kenneth Ray Holmes Jr.**, was born on June 1, 1959 to Kenneth R. Holmes Sr. and the late Leola Holmes in Orange, New Jersey. He departed this life into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Nursing Home in Orange, NJ, with his family by his side.

**Ray** was educated by the East Orange School System. He worked for a while as a security officer before pursuing other ventures.

**“Ray Ray”** as he was affectionately known as was kind, caring and generally a funny person who loved to make everyone laugh. He loved spending time with his family and was the entertainer at family gatherings. He had an endearing nickname for almost everyone, such as “My Baby Boo” and “Potato Head” for most of the kids. He was the cameraman of the family and loved taking pictures of everything and everyone; he enjoyed all types of music and loved reading all types of books on black history. Ray really loved his nieces and nephews and always wanted the kids around him. He was an avid movie watcher and had over 500 DVDs. Ray moved to California in 1988 to be with his family and met the mother of three of his children, Atalah, Valerie and Vincent. He lived there until returning home to New Jersey in 2001.

Preceding him in death was his mother, Leola Holmes and brothers, Keith and Kent Holmes.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his father, Kenneth Holmes Sr.; one brother, Walter Holmes Jr.; two sisters, Sherie and Sonji; five children, Jasmeen, Kairo, Atalah, Valerie and Vincent; loving nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and many friends. Ray will be greatly missed by all who came to know him.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading ..... Kenny Graham  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Obituary..... Earl Bellfield, Jr.

Solo..... Gwen Hunter

Eulogy..... Rev. Malachia Brantley

Recessional

<p><b><u>Interment</u></b> Rosemount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey</p>
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*Repast will be held at the family residence  
15 Wayne Ave, East Orange, NJ 07018*



## *Remember Me*

*To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful I will never return,  
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,  
I cannot speak, but I can listen  
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,  
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,  
Remember me in your memories,  
Remember me of the times we loved,  
Remember me of the times we laughed,  
Remember me of the times we cried,  
Remember me of the times we fought  
And always remember me  
of the times we lived together.  
I am resting in peace with  
the highest hope that some day  
we shall all unite again in  
God's Kingdom.*

*-Author unknown*



### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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