



Celebration for the Life of
Mary Elizabeth Holt

Sunrise
September 22, 1934

Sunset
December 25, 2014

Saturday, January 3, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

ROGER WILLIAM BAPTIST CHURCH

362 Oak Street
Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. W.B. Davidson, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Mary Elizabeth Holt was born on September 22, 1934 in Wake County, North Carolina to Edward Williams and Fannie Roie. Elizabeth lost her mother at the age of two leaving her father to raise her alone. Her father moved to New York City with Elizabeth, where he met and married Mamie Salisbury. The family grew with the birth of her siblings Theo Hall and Ronald Williams. The three of them grew up together in the loving environment created by their parents.

Elizabeth was raised in Brooklyn, NY where she graduated from high school and began to pursue a career. She often spoke about growing up in New York City; she enjoyed attending functions, going to Coney Island and seeing shows at the Apollo Theatre. New York was a cultural Mecca and Elizabeth appreciated all that it had to offer. In her early 20's, she met Willis Holt; the two of them fell in love and started a family. They moved to New Jersey and raised four children; Lance Holt, Brenda Mathis, Shaheem Shabazz and Tracy Holt.

Elizabeth worked several jobs, but the one she loved and flourished in for thirty years was R.H. Macy and Co. At Macy's, she was able to use her outgoing personality and infectious smile to create a wonderful environment for coworkers and customers. She was a conscientious worker who rarely missed a day, even when ill, and was highly respected by her employer. Elizabeth remained employed with Macy's until October 2014. Her coworkers became lifelong friends and often spoke of her generosity, quick wit and sound advice. The family acknowledges that her Macy's family has experienced a loss as well and is grieving the passing of who was affectionately known as Liz.

Mary Elizabeth Holt departed this life on Christmas Day, December 25, 2014. She'd fought valiantly against illness for many years and is now at rest. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Williams and Fannie Roie, her companion, Willis Holt, and several Aunts and Uncles she regaled the family with stories about.

Elizabeth leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Lance Holt, Brenda Mathis, Tracy Holt, Shaheem Shabazz and his wife, Yvette Shabazz. She leaves her devoted siblings, Theo Hall and Ronald Williams; her grandchildren, Brooklyn Holt, Otisha Brooks and her husband, Allen Brooks, Shaheem Davis, Darrell Davis, Anthony Davis and Catrell Shabazz; along with her great grandchildren, Destin Holt-Virgil, Micah Holt-Virgil, Avery Brooks, Andrew Brooks, Shamir Davis, Kamar Davis, Yasin Davis; nieces and nephews Gus Hall, Lisa Collins, Ronald Williams, Jr. and Rhoda Corbert; and her devoted friends, the Wright sisters; and a host of family members.

Although Mary Elizabeth Holt will be missed, we will celebrate her life by cherishing the wonderful memories she has left behind. Her beautiful spirit will serve as a reminder to us all to laugh together, love one another and enjoy life.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. W.B. Davidson

Recessional

Final Disposition

Cedarlawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

Farewell My Friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life,
I have no regrets whatsoever,
Save the pain I'll leave behind.
Those dear hearts who love and care,
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul...
The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.
At every turning of my life I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears, for I need them not
All I need is your smile,
If you feel sad, do think of me
For that's what I'll like, when you live in the hearts
Of those you love, remember then
You never die.

Gitanjali Ghei, inspirational poet (1961-1977)

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mary Elizabeth Holt** would like to extend sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you in his tender, loving care.

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