

A Celebration of the life of
Joseph B. Holmes Sr.
Sunrise - December 25, 1918



Sunset - January 2, 2019

Service

Wednesday, January 7, 2019 12:00 pm
Unity Funeral Chapel
2592 86th Avenue
New York, NY 10027

Home Going Service for
Joseph B. Holmes Sr.

Processional

Music SelectionOrganist

Invocation.....Minister

Reading of the Old TestamentCatherine David

Psalm 23All

Reading of the New TestamentCatherine David

Musical Selection ... “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”..... Kim Omaro

Acknowledgements /RemarksTracey Bullock

Reading of the ObituaryKaren Williams

EulogyMinister

The Lord’s Prayer..... All

Musical SelectionTo be announced

Farewell Viewing

Recessional

OBITUARY

Joseph (Buster) Holmes Sr. was born in Savannah, Georgia on December 25, 1918. He was the oldest of three children. He joined the United States Navy in 1943 where he served as a cook for twenty years, two months and twenty-four days before being Honorably Discharged in November of 1961. He then worked for Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital for many years.

Joseph married the love of his life, Marion Isabel Greene (who predeceased him on April 14, 2009) on October 8, 1966. Together they had a full life as they enjoyed entertaining family and friends, traveling and doing for others. They especially enjoyed caring for their blended and extended family as they raised their children and grandchildren.

Always quick witted and with a hearty remark, Joseph never missed an opportunity to recount his life's adventures and to share his most remarkable stories. He enjoyed listening to Jazz, the Casino, spending time with family, and sweets most of all.

Joseph (Gramps) is survived by: his children, Frank Holmes, Denise Maddicks Bovain and George Maddicks (his son, Joseph Holmes Jr. pre-deceased him); his grandchildren, Andrea, Cathleen, Emilio, Anthony, Saban, Terry, George (Wahi), Wakysa, Shenequa and Jonnie Jr.; and a host of grands, great grands and great great grands as well as many other relatives and friends.

Joseph would not have wanted tears or sorrow at his home-going. He would have said, "Ahh, ya'll stop that crying". So we ask that you remember him with a smile, a good old story of time spent with him and by taking care of family in his honor.

OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK
YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONDOLENCES

His Eye is On the Sparrow (Song)

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely
And long for heaven and home?

When Jesus is my portion
A constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches over me

His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me
(He watches me)

His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches
I know He watches
I know He watches me

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I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

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And I know He watches me
He watches me
I know He watches me

Internment:
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Repast @ 5:30 pm:
Sylvia's Restaurant
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