

Celebrating The Life of
Ernestine Holmes
"Tina"

Sunrise
January 11, 1941

Sunset
June 10, 2017



Viewing: 9:00 – 11:00 am OES service: 10:00 am

Service

Saturday, June 17, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

Shiloh Baptist Church

95 Murray Street

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Reverend William H. Ingram, Pastor

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly
down the ways,
Of happy times
and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears
of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that
I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Family & Clergy

Call to Worship.....Reverend William H. Ingram

Invocation

Solo.....“Take Me to the King”Ms. Keva Holman

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:1-6.....Reverend James Reese

New Testament: John 14:1-6.....Mrs. Sherrell Reese

Remarks & Remembrances.....Family & Friends

Poetry Reading.....“A Bit of Farewell”Sister Ollie Marshall-Rico

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo.....“When I See Jesus”Mr. Stanley Carter

EulogyReverend William H. Ingram

Closing Congregational Hymn.....“I’ll Fly Away”

BenedictionReverend William H. Ingram

RecessionalFamily, Clergy & Congregation

Resting Place
Monday, July 19, 2017 ~ 1:30 pm
Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Immediately following the Funeral service, Family and Friends are invited to the Church’s dining hall where a Repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:
G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC
206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203
www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Ernestine “Tina” Holmes, age 76, of Somerset, New Jersey, wife of the late Eugene Holmes, peacefully departed this life on June 10, 2017. Tina was born on January 11, 1941 to the late Emmett and Emma Coleman in Roselle, New Jersey.

She later moved to Newark, New Jersey after marrying the love of her life, Eugene Holmes. Together, they resided there and raised their children for 39 years.

For the past 9 years, she resided in Somerset, New Jersey in order to be closer to her children. Tina was devoted to her family and truly loved and enjoyed the time spent with them. She is survived by one son, Cecil Earl Holmes (Andrea Rogers) and one daughter, Jean Monique Holmes Severino (and her husband, Pete Severino); 12 Grandchildren: Tina Holmes-Aponte, Jamaal Holmes, ShaDan Holmes, Christopher Holmes, Jordan Severino, Jada Severino, Jasmine Severino, Jiselle Severino, Darrell Bey, Valacey Bey, Ashley Bey, and Janice Bey; 6 great grandchildren: Kam’Ren and Karmelo Aponte, Omari Holmes, Zaire Holmes, and Kayden Holmes, and Gabriel Holmes; one brother, Alfred Coleman; one sister, Constance Parker (and her husband, Kenneth Parker), and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Tina was educated in the Roselle, NJ school systems and attended Locust Street School from Kindergarten to 8th Grade. In 1959, she graduated from Abraham Clark High School.

Tina worked for a computer company in New York City for several years before being employed as an Administrative Assistant at Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) in Newark, NJ. She was also employed by AT&T (which later became Lucent Technologies) for 17 years until she retired in 2001. She took pride in her work and could make a keyboard “sing.” She was very meticulous and would not stop until her assignments were picture perfect.

Tina loved to serve. She spent countless hours of her time serving in various ways in church and in the Order of Eastern Star. Oh how she loved being an Eastern Star. Her mother was an Eastern Star and she grew up watching her attend Ladies of Knight’s Templar meetings. She was captivated by her mother’s devotion and knew that one day she, too, would serve. Tina wanted to follow in her mother’s footsteps, so she became an Eastern Star in 1968.

She was destined to serve and was extremely proud to be a part of the Order of Eastern Stars. She served diligently in the following capacities: She was the Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter # 4, of Roselle, NJ; Past District Deputy, 3rd Masonic District; Past Royal Matron of Emma L. Coleman Chapter; Order of Amaranth; Past Heroin of Jericho, Ladies of Knight's Templar; Ada Court Daughter of Sphinx; Past Most Excellent Rose and Deputy, Bethany College, Roses of Seven Seals; Past Grand Matron, Orient Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Stars, Inc., State of New Jersey; Supreme Board of Directors of Supreme Royal & Exalted Court of Amaranth; Past Assistant Recorder, Supreme Grand Court; Ancient Arabic Order Daughters of Sphinx, North and South America; Supreme Secret Excellent Rose; Supreme Grand College, Roses of Seven Seals.

She worked enthusiastically in each of these Houses and deeply believed in the purpose and true meaning of sisterhood and service as a Sister in the Order of Eastern Star.

Tina loved and trusted the Lord with all of her heart. She became a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ under the leadership of the Reverend George L. Harris. In recent years, she was not able to attend service as regularly as she would've liked due to her illness, but she always kept God first place in her heart.

One of Her Favorite Scriptures: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills - from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalms: 121:1-2

She was an amazing woman who would give you the shirt off her back. She had a firm exterior that protected her delicate heart of gold. She had an inner strength and resilience beyond measure, which showed immensely as she fought through her illnesses. She touched so many lives in so many different ways, but her family meant everything to her. She loved her family above all else and would stress to them to "always stick together."

Tina was loved by so many and will truly be missed.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

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Mom, Your Story Lives On

You gave me life and so your story lives on.

*I will carry it in my spirit and share it only with those who are worthy.
For your discretion was characteristic of you, even now that you're gone.*

Your beauty and strength were a force beyond measure.....

Such a unique and rare treasure.

To know that I, too,

*have been blessed with the resilience, determination, and the power of you.....
ignites the fire and courage within me to realize that to be true.*

For "I can do all things, through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

*I have weathered the storms and so now I can clearly see,
Who you were and wanted me to be.*

*The advice, the warning signs have not gone astray...
For now I know exactly what you were trying to say.*

*A love between a mother & her daughter is special and often misunderstood,
our bond was strong, unwavering and true....*

I wouldn't change it if I could.

*You were a God-fearing woman, a wife, a mother,
a grandmother and so much more*

You touched the lives of so many, especially those who you adored.

*Your words weren't always direct,
one must read between the lines,
but rest assured, they won't ever leave my mind.*

So rest now, Mom, I have it all covered.

You gave me life.... so your story lives on.

I, too, gave life and so the legacy is strong.

I'll love you forever, Mom.

*Your Daughter,
Monique aka "Moni"*

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Pallbearers

Thaddeus Milligan Stanley Carter
Kelly Hines Derek Cotten
Elliot Benson Shamar Hall
Lamar Grant

Grandma, We Will Love You Forever

Grandma, it's been a wonderful ride with you and Grandpa...
and now that ride has come to an end.

After losing you and Grandpa, we are all devastated, but
I will cherish every moment I had with you.
I'm sure you and Grandpa are having a great time in Heaven where
you don't have any more worries, problems, or pain.
I'll always love you both.

Love,
Jordan Alexander Severino
(Grandson, age 13)

To Grandma,
I am very sad that you passed away, but at the same time,
I'm happy that you aren't in anymore pain.
I'm also happy that you are in Heaven with Grandpa.
I love you and miss you.

Love,
Jada Alexis Severino
(Granddaughter, age 10)

Grandma, when we heard that you passed away, we were so sad, scared, and hurt.
Then, we thought about how funny and loving you were with us
and how you were the best grandma in the world!
That made our hearts feel better.

Love,
Jasmine Alexa Severino
(Granddaughter, age 7)
and
Jiselle Alexandria Severino
(Granddaughter, age 2)

Acknowledgement

The family of **Ernestine Holmes** acknowledges with sincere appreciation
for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern
extended to us during this time of bereavement.
We will always keep you in our prayers. May God bless you.

