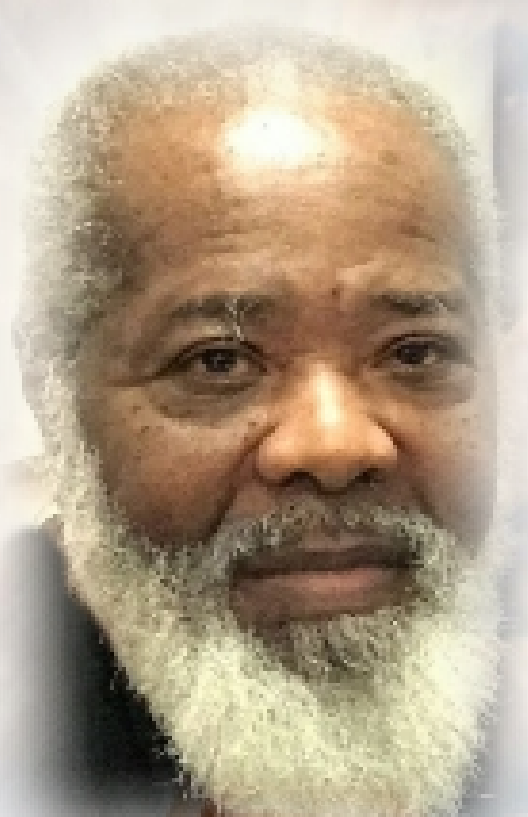


In Loving Memory of



Geoffrey Rochester Holder

Sunrise: September 15, 1942

Sunset: October 9, 2017

Service

Friday, October 20, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Geoffrey Rochester Holder was born on September 15th, 1942 in Barbados to his parents the late Elmeta Worrel and John Rochester. He was the oldest of his thirteen siblings; eight sisters and five brothers.

Geoffrey grew up in Barbados and was educated at the St. Boniface School, the Black Bess High School and he then later attended the Richmond Trade school where he learned masonry. He also attended Bennett College where he earned his degree. He was an all-rounder and could do everything. He worked at the Coral Reef Hotel in Barbados as a chef and also with Clarke & Tucker as a mason building homes. His hobbies included building construction, cooking, preaching the word of God, singing and making people laugh.

Geoffrey married Moreen the love of his life in Barbados on July 18th, 1968. He migrated to the United States to join his wife in March of 1973. The couple celebrated their 49th anniversary in July of this year. The union produced five children, four boys and one girl, Joshua, Jefferson, Rudy, Leslie and the late Kimberly was the youngest. He also fathered Jerry and Pat who loved him dearly. Upon migrating to the United States he worked at Bonn Salton, Coleman Lupuma, Maslow and Metro North Railroad for many years before he was forced to retire because of his failing health. His children and grandchildren were his helping hands during his later years and would be there to assist him when needed, especially Kashawn who was there with him at the time of his death.

Jeff or Brother Holder, as he was affectionately known was a very friendly person and had a voice that couldn't be missed. He was a dedicated minister at Eluzia Pentecostal Temple. He loved his church and they loved him too, and even after he took ill he still tried his best to look out for his members. It should be noted that Jeff loved God dearly, read his Bible and prayed always. Even if he was given a cookie, he took the time out to bless it before partaking.

Geoffrey leaves to mourn: his beloved wife, Moreen; his sons, Joshua, Jefferson, Rudy, Leslie and Jerry; his daughters, Kimberly and Patricia; his brothers, Captain John, Clifton, Don Lavaine and Michael; his sisters, Greata, Dianna, Sonia, Stella, the late Sofia, Ercie, Thelma and Lerlene; grandfather of Kevin, Kashawn, Shane, Matthew, Jabree, Terrell, Shaq, Leslie, Jr., Jovani, Jasmine, Asia, Aiden and Jaden; his son-in-law, Eudene Lindo (UK); great-grandfather of Nakia, Laylaa and Kamarley; brother-in-law of Raymond Lindo and Anthony Bannister of the UK; his sisters-in-law, Vanita Hinds and the late Yvette Boyce of Barbados; uncle of Alston, Jervis, Don, Christopher, Kerry, Christian, Justin Worrell, Celita, Delilah, Colleen, Suzette, Tonioka, Tara, Leandra, Kayla and Brianna; good friend of, Rev. Hinds and family, Rev. Dawson and family, Ms. Pat, Sapp, Ms. Yvette, Slim, Tracelyn, the Boyce family, the Mosley family, the Silvia family, the Mays family, the Jones family, the Cole family and the Farley family; relative of the Norvilles, Cumberbath, Walkers, Richards and the Lavine family; several cousins; and many other friends too numerous to mention and the entire neighborhood on Madison Avenue.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Pastor and Family
Officiant.....	Pastor Ginyard (Cornerstone Church of God in Christ)
Hymn of Comfort.....	"It is Well With My Soul"
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Hinds (Mount Summit New Testament Church of God)
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Psalm 42:1-5.....	Assistant Pastor Anthony Colon (Holy Ghost Restoration Revival)
New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-8.....	Jerry Corbin (Son)
Solo.....	Captain Jonathan Holder (Brother)
Obituary Reading.....	Patricia Corbin (Daughter)
Reflections/Thanks.....	The Holder Brothers, Niece and Nephews
Solo.....	Greata Holder (Sister/Auntie)
Tribute	Corey Hinds (Nephew) (On behalf of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hinds)
Sermonic Selection.....	Minister Christopher Williams (Best Friend of the Family)
Eulogy.....	Pastor Leroy Ladson, Jr. (Bethel A.M.E. Westbury)
Invitation to Salvation.....	Pastor Leroy Ladson, Jr.
Final Viewing	
Benediction.....	Pastor Leroy Ladson, Jr.

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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