

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Earl "Jimmie" Holmes

Sunday, March 30, 2008

11:00 a.m.

Jackson Memorial Funeral Service
922 West Woodrow Wilson Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Obituary

Mr. Earl Holmes, the son of late Mary A. Holmes (Patterson) and Robert Earl Sanders was born in Bolton, Mississippi on December 26, 1946. Jimmie was the oldest of eleven children. He stayed in Mississippi with his Aunt Flora Bell Shay, who continued to raise him.

He attended Sumner Hill High School in Clinton, MS. Shortly afterwards in 1966, he met and married Thelma Jean Evans and to their union three children were born.

Jimmie was employed by Polk Masonry Company of Jackson, Mississippi for 12 years.

He departed this world on March 26, 2008 at 6:30 a.m. while in the care of University Hospital. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Mary A. Holmes (Patterson), one sister, Luquita Brown, one brother, James Patterson and one son Anthony Evans.

He leaves to cherish his memories 3 children: Nina (Stacey) Thigpen of Grand Prairie, TX, Coretta (Keith) Lockett of Bolton, MS and Edwin (Yolanda) Holmes of Jackson, MS; 4 brothers: Sylvester (Angela) Patterson, Jerry Patterson, Barry (Alantha) Patterson and Joseph (Yolanda) Patterson; 4 sisters: Charlene (John) Stuckey, Joyce (Jimmie) Perkins, Helen (Byron) Langston and Janice (Henderson) Prince. He had 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, one aunt, Willie B. Watts, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jimmie also leaves to cherish his memories a fiancée, Shirley Clayton, whom the family would like to thank for all the love she gave our father and brother.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture and Prayer.....	LeRoy Haggard
Solo.....	Janice Vance
Expressions.....	3 minutes each
Reflection.....	Faye Perry
Obituary	<i>Read Silently</i> Music with pictures
Acknowledgements	Family

Recessional

MY LAST REQUEST (Jimmie)

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not do less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos that are for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve, no extras just my due.
Please don't give flowers, or talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now. I'm well with God. I've made it home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won.
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint,
I've done some good; I've done some wrong, so use all your paint,
Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember all the good times, but remember all the bad,
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.
But if you must do something, then I have one last request
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left
Thank God for my soul's resting, Thank God for all who loved me.
Praise God who loved me best.*

Acknowledgements

With deep appreciation we would like to thank the many friends and family for your loyal acts of kindness and support. We pray that God's blessings continue to flow from heart to heart and may peace, joy and happiness abide in you forever.

The Family

INTERMENT

*Mount Hope Cemetery
Chicago, Illinois*

REPAST

With the family at the restaurant, at their own expense

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