

Poem by Alice Holden-Harris "Ainee Like Mines"

When the Lord opened my eyes today you were the first thing on my mind.
The day before played in a loop reminded me, we're all here on borrowed time.
And the familiar pain a heaviness that weighs me down to the ground, it
sometimes feels like I'm in quicksand and I'm about to drown,
but then I look up and I see your face in mine, his, and theirs.
I see your smile and I'm so grateful for all the moments that we shared.
Your physically gone but your spirit lives on in our hearts and in our minds.
And they can search the highest mountain or the deepest sea,
but they'll never find an Ainee like mines.

Acknowledgements and Thank You:

Oasis of Praise Int'l Church Family

Holden-Williams Family

Terry Family Funeral Home

All those who have contributed through time, food, monetary donations
and through your supportive prayers. Thank You!



To send the family personal messages of condolence, please visit Michelle's
online webpage guestbook at www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Michelle Holden

Sunrise
September 8, 1964
Phoenix, Arizona

Sunset
February 20, 2020
Portland, Oregon

Celebration of Life

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 1:00 pm
Oasis of Praise International
1821 SE Ceasar Chavez Blvd
Portland, Oregon



Michelle Holden known to family as "Chelle" or "Duckie" was born to Ernest Holden Sr. and Vera Lee Williams in Phoenix, Arizona in 1964. In 1970 the family relocated to Portland, OR where she found her permanent residence. As a child Michelle enjoyed playing with her brothers and was more inclined to pick up a ball before a doll. On one occasion her brother Ernest had an ant farm that he told her she couldn't play with but she was determined and behind his back she climbed to the top shelf to get it, in her attempts she broke the jar destroying the ant farm and was attacked and bit in the process by the ants.

Michelle attended Portland Public Schools, and one of her favorite subjects was black history. She became a mother of two at an early age, but it didn't stop her from establishing a career as a care giver for many years where everyone she met loved her. She wore many hats, everything from coaching basketball, to a teacher of life lessons, and would always come to the protection of her loved ones. Later in life she married and from that union her two youngest children were born.

Michelle was seriously funny to those who knew her and everywhere she went she made an impact. She treated everybody the same and no matter how well she knew you she was your "Ainee". She was known in the family as Celie from the color purple because of her bond with her sister Annette "Nettie" (Me and you us never part Makidada). Michelle will be missed because she was always straight forward, you never had to worry about where you stood with her, she loved her family especially her children and grandchildren. Michelle loved the Lord and was big on faith. She enjoyed reading her daily scriptures and hated to be interrupted, her motto was "Let go and Let God". Every time you parted, her way of saying I love you and I'll see you again was to say "Deuces"

Michelle is preceded by her father(s) Ernest Holden Sr. and Johnnie B. Williams. Johnnie Williams III, and Owen Williams. She leaves behind her mother Vera Lee Williams, son Mario Holden, daughters; Toni Chamari Holden, Patricia NaTanya Patterson and Ly'Annette Ren'e Patterson, grandchildren Ty'mir Jaimare and Ty'lyah Michelle James, brothers Ernest Holden Jr, Johnnie Leroy Williams, Kevin Williams, Mark Williams, Demetria "Bunky" Williams and DeShawn Williams. Sisters Vernetta "Susta" Holden-Washington, Annette Holden-Harris, Latanya Holden-Jenkins. Best friend Yolanda Augustus. Michelle also leaves behind 27 nieces and nephews 32 great nieces and nephews. A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, in laws, honorary family members and friends. She will be loved and cherished and missed by many "deuces" till we see you again.



Order of Celebration

Officiant	Pastor Mark Jackson
Processional and Family	
Opening Prayer	Elder Eric Holden
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Elder Eric Holden
New Testament	Min. Willie Thomas
Song Selection	Jackson Family
Reading of Our Father Prayer	Ly'Annette and Patricia Patterson
Slide Show Presentation	Adrian Holden
Remarks (2 minutes please)	Pastor Mark Jackson
Obituary, Acknowledgment and Cards	Latanya Holden-Jenkins
Poetry Reading	Mario Holden and Crystal Dickson
Musical Selection	Jackson Family
Eulogy	Elder DeShawn Williams
Committal	Pastor Mark Jackson
Recessional and Family	

Repass following services in back chapel.

Pallbearers

Adrian Holden	Robert Isom	Xzavyer Jenkins
Devonté Isom	Johnnie Williams	Abdias Delever

Honorary Pallbearers

Kevin Williams	Ernest Isom	Mario Holden
Kamau Floyd	Robert Lee Isom	Gregory Harris