

Marvin E. Johnson, Jr.  
Duane Johnson

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Marquis Johnson  
Kya'Relle Russell

Bryan Ray  
Marcus Ray, Jr.

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Zion Hollins  
Denzel Alex Hawkins

Ronald Edwards, Jr.  
Devonte Tinson

Travis D. Swanson  
Don Merrion, Jr.

### FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

#### *God's Garden*

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To those who expressed words of kindness; to those who said a prayer, to those who showed their love for her just by being there; to those who sent a floral piece; or sat in quiet thought; to those of you who did a deed to ease our burdened Hearts; to those of you who paid a call and supported us from the start; whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part. A Special acknowledgement to the Sherwood Forrest/Paradise Park Community Association. The Family of the late....

Ms. Edna L. Holton  
May God Bless and Keep You



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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*for the late*

*Stewardess Edna L Holton*

Sunrise  
July 16, 1930

Sunset  
January 25, 2020

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020**  
**Eleven O'clock**

**Holsey Temple**  
**Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**3484 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Jacksonville, Florida 32254**  
**Reverend Bernard Pugh, Sr., Pastor**

**Interment ~ RESTLAWN CEMETERY**

Epilogue

On July 16,1930, in the heart of Dixie, The LORD our GOD sent an Angel to visit his servants, the late Willie and Isabel Hicks to deliver a gift who would grow to become the sweetness of Peach County, Georgia. The Angel said this gift will be a rejuvenator, pleasure, and delight to this world and she shall be called Edna, after the Garden of Eden. For the LORD knew her before he formed her in the belly. And Edna was surrounded with love by many brothers and sisters as she was numbered amongst the youngest. She was educated in the Crawford County Public School System. However, it did not take this beautiful butterfly too long to develop her wings as she matured in age, Edna left the hardened South to take a bite out of the Big Apple; after all she had heard, if one could make it there, one could make it anywhere. Edna prospered in New York laboring in the field of nursing, but soon found the Big Apple to be no more than strange fruit. It was then she returned to the South, but this time she landed in Miami, Florida, and later, what would become her final resting place, Jacksonville, Florida. While there she was employed with Minton and Minton Bus Company for over twenty years before her retirement in 2002. In 1975, she met her soul mate, the late Archie Holton, and the two were bound in matrimony. To their union, they cared, nurtured and reared many children; over four generations were shaped and molded by their hands. Edna came into her purpose as the LORD led her. She never had a Facebook page, but was liked by many. She never had an Instagram page; nevertheless, she had many followers. Edna stood a graceful six-feet tall, and when she entered a room, her presence did not need an introduction. She loved unconditionally in that she would give the very shirt off her back, but if you crossed her, she would take one of the many tall switches from the corner and lay it to your backside. Edna was a faithful steward in the house of the Lord. She served HIM with gladness of heart, and could always be found at the Temple to Worship and fellowship with other saints up until January 25, 2020, when the voice of the LORD called the roll up yonder and Edna fell asleep on this side of time to await the Master’s beckoning. “Well done, Thou good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matt. 25:23)”.

Obituary

Ms. Edna L. Holton is preceded in death by her late husband Archie Holton; sons, James and Larry Merrion; siblings, Henry Hicks, Helen Smith, Coretha Webb, Willie H. Hicks, Gladys Miller, Annie Smith, Verlen Bryant and Jessie Mae Porter. She leaves to cherish her memory four daughters, Ms. Edna Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia, Felicia, Sonya and Latasha Holton of Jacksonville, Florida; stepson, Elston Holton (Yolanda) of Fairfield, California; ten grandchildren, Cheryl Hollins (John), Don Merrion, Tonda Edwards (Ron), Casandra McCray (Bishop Elisha), Lucrecia Kaiser (Lawrence), Marvin Eric Johnson, Sr. (Tanisha), Sean Johnson, Denzel Hawkins, Travis Swanson and Kya’relle Russell; a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; siblings, Isabelle Abbott and Joseph Hicks both of Montezuma, Georgia; god-children, Cassandra Stokes, Eunice Barnum and Trina Caldwell; foster children, Michael Hardwick (Brenda) of Arlington, Texas, Carla Mills, Shawn and Shay Shanks; a number of nephews, nieces,cousins, other relatives and many friends, including a special friend as well as caregiver, Jimmy Lee Anderson.

Order of Service

Processional	Musical Prelude
Hymn	Holsey Temple CME Choir
Scripture	
Old Testament	Reverend D’Mrtri Burke
New Testament	Reverend Florence Luster
Prayer	Reverend Doctor Lizzie Simmons
Poem	Latasha Holton
Solo	Andrei Nero
Acknowledgements	Leola Williams
Resolution	Sis. Kenneith James
Reflections (3 minutes, please)	Sonya Holton Ms. Eunice Barnum Mr. Althesian Barnum
Solo	Minister Doctor Diane McGhee
Obituary (read silently to soft music)	
Hymn	Holsey Temple CME Choir
Words of Comfort	Reverend Bernard Pugh
Recessional	Pianist
	“I’llFly Away”