

Pallbearers

*Xzaivar Capers, Kevin Alston, Jansen Holmes, Ely S Poacher,
Joseph A Holmes II, Hakim Johnson*

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Josephine Shemecka Holmes wishes to express their deepest and sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness extended to them during this most difficult time. May God continue to Bless each of you.

Special thanks

The family would like to extend a Special Thanks to the medical staff at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia for their professionalism and impeccable medical care to our loved one. Our family would also like to thank our friends for the outpour of support and prayers during our time of need. We sincerely appreciate it.

-The Holmes Family



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Memory of

Josephine Holmes

February 13, 1981 — May 27, 2023

Friday, June 2, 2023 — 11:00 AM

Mt Carmel Baptist Center

3763 Bees Creek Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

*Pastor Joe Jordan, Presiding
Pastor Thomas Williams, Eulogist*

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS OF *Josephine Shemecka Holmes*

A humble soul, Ms. Josephine Shemecka Holmes was born on February 13, 1981, the daughter of Joseph Alan Holmes and Hazel Johnson Holmes. Josephine was raised in a loving home in Ridgeland, SC with her parents and siblings. Her free spirit and hard work exuded into her passion for basketball, as she became a basketball phenom while attending Hilton Head Preparatory School and Hilton Head High School. Her hard work paid off because she received a full basketball scholarship to a University in Florida. She continued her education and obtained her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and pursued her career in Criminal Justice while working at the Jasper County Detention Center in Ridgeland, SC. Following her tenure at the Jasper County Detention Center, she pursued various employment opportunities until she found what met her expectations, and that was at Coca-Cola Consolidated. She dedicated much of her time and energy doing the best that she could and working as hard as possible. She instilled this work ethic into her three children.

Josephine lived her life to the fullest and enjoyed everyday with a smile. She enjoyed her family and ensured that her family came first and was never divided. She was a determined and strong-minded young woman, and the family knew that if she set her mind to anything, that it was guaranteed that she would accomplish what she was seeking to accomplish. Josephine was an extraordinarily unique individual and was not a timely person, but on May 27, 2023, God dispatched his angels to bring her home. She went peacefully with the angels and left a legacy. No suffering and no pain, just peaceful rest in the presence of the Lord.

Josephine was blessed with three beautiful children, Ely Shareef Poacher, Imani Diamond Poacher, Nia Princess Poacher. She is survived by the father of her children as well as her children's paternal grandmother, Juanita Farmer; her two sisters, Kiesha (James) Busby, of Fayetteville, NC, and Tiffany Holmes, of Ridgeland, SC; three uncles, Roosevelt (Linda) Aiken, of Ridgeland, SC, Parris Holmes and Dwane Holmes of Hilton Head Island, SC, seven aunts, Brenda Mitchell and Janis Holmes of Hilton Head Island, SC, Paula Wells (Eric) of Milan, GA, Jeanette Aiken, Ruth Ann Aiken and Debra Duncan of Ridgeland, SC, Patricia (Luther) Bellinger, of Garnett, SC; three great aunts: Irene (Joe) Snooks, of Jacksonville, FL, and Marie Ling Duncan, of Garnett, SC; a great uncle James (Florence) Ling, of Garnett, SC, and special friends, Kevin Alston of St. Helena Island, SC, Kamniel Richardson of Columbia, SC and special cousin Janson Holmes of St. Augustine, Florida. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents William "Buster" Aiken and Stella Aiken, and her paternal grandparents Parris and Pauline Holmes; She was also preceded in death by her uncles and aunts: Willie P. (Alinda) Aiken, Mary Frances Aiken, Louis Aiken, and Charles Aiken. She shares a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members and friends whom she adored dearly, and her heart was filled with compassion for all of them.

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then 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 knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
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.
We love you and miss you!
Author: D.W. McConway*

*-From your sisters
Kiesha & Tiffany*

Forget Me Not

*Forget me not sweet baby,
You are forever in my heart,
I hold you close in my memory,
While we are to be apart.
Forget me not my darling,
My love to you I send,
To wrap itself around you,
Where the rainbow's colours end.
Forget me not cherished Angel,
For every night I say,
Sleep tight my little baby,
As on your cloud you lay.
Forget me not my child,
Never shall I forget your face,
Part of our family always,
No one could take your place.
Forget me not precious one,
My gorgeous little girl,
I love you so, cherish you,
I will forget you not.*

*For my daughter,
Mom*

You Can Only Have One Mother

*You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

-From Ely, Imani, Nia



Order of Service

Pastor Joe Jordan, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional Viewing

Opening Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Pastor Dave Mitchell

New Testament.....Pastor Patricia Hicks Dupont

Prayer of ComfortDonald Sheftall

Solo Robin Mervin

Reflections (2 mins, please)

Josephine's Children (Imani, Nia, Ely)

As a SisterTiffany Holmes

As a SisterKiesha Busby

As a Cousin/FriendHakim Johnson

As a Cousin/Friend.....Reginald Sheftall

As a Co-Worker / Employer

Selection

Acknowledgements..... Legacy Funeral Home Staff

Words of ComfortPastor Thomas Williams

Final FarewellLegacy Funeral Home Staff

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