



Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.

September 14, 1949 - January 4, 2024

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A Time to be Born: On September 14, 1949, GOD would bless Hugh Sr. and Ida Holmes, with the birth of a son, Hugh Jr.

A Time to Learn - "Everything that you do for the Lord let it be real". Hugh began school at Kissimmee High and graduated from Osceola High School in 1968. He obtained his AS Degree in Mass Communication from Valencia Community College, a bachelor's degree in civil Engineer from Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU). At an early age Hugh joined Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Kissimmee, Florida under the leadership of Pastor T.C. Callahan and as an adult joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Kissimmee, Florida, under the leadership of Pastor Remer Baker, Jr. Due to work, Hugh and his family relocated to Archer, Florida where he joined Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Dewayne McBride. He always had a strong faith in God that he instilled in others. Hugh believed as a family we are to take care of the possible and God would take care of the impossible.

A Time to Labor – “A workman is worthy of his labor”. When Hugh became old enough to work, he worked for his father in orange groves. As an adult, he was employed at Norfolk Southern Railroad as a Track Supervisor, and a Youth Counselor at the Center for Drug Free Living. He also worked for FEMA as an Accounts Property Manager for 19 years until he retired in September of 2023.

A Time to Love – “Faith, Hope and LOVE; the greatest of these three is LOVE”. As a young man Hugh met and married Betty Ford. Hugh was the perfect “help mate” for Betty and made God a promise that once He blessed them with His gifts of Children, Betty would be able to nurture them from infancy until they started school and to their union 4 lovely Children were born; Camysha, (Anthony) Gooden of Parkland, Florida, Hugh Holmes, III (Tamika) of Arlington, Texas, Tauro (Mikell) Holmes of High Spring, Florida, and Aurence (Jakita) Holmes of Kissimmee, Florida. Hugh was also the proud father of Leatrice (John) Draper of Shreveport, Louisiana and Ivan Ford of Orlando, Florida. He was blessed with 8 Grandchildren: Craig (Treina) of Dallas, Texas, Armani, Aysha, Nikia, Riley, Natalia, Jacob and Jackson; 3 Greatgrandchildren: Craig Jr., Alanah, and Lay’onna.

A Time for Grief – “I have overcome the world...through me you have life...I have given you the victory”. Hugh overcame much sorrow during the demise of his loved ones along the way.

God had already entrusted to his care Hugh’s Father, Hugh Holmes, Sr., Mother, Ida Holmes, Brother, Barry Holmes and Sister, Marilyn Holmes. Brothers-in-Law: Frank and Jack Ford, Sisters-in-Law: Eloise Ford, Mary Washington, and Son, Antonio Chappell.

Without a doubt, Hugh was a born-again Christian and had the faith of Job. He would say receiving Christ in his life early was his greatest and most life-

changing accomplishment. Through it all Hugh learned to lean and depend on Jesus. He leaves to mourn his loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Betty Holmes; 6 Children: Ivan, Leatrice, Camysa, Hugh, III, Taurol, and Aurence; Brother, Chris Holmes (Cathy); Sisters: Shelia Beville, and Marjorie (Neville) Hinds all of Kissimmee, Florida; Brothers-in-Law: Douglas Rich of Boca Raton, Florida, Lee (Candice) Rich of Seattle, Washington, Edward (Mae) Rich both of Boca Raton, Florida, Pastor Johnnie (Verlene) Rich of Atlanta, Georgia, Ruben Rich of San Antonio, Texas; Sisters-in-Law: Sabrina Rich of Boca Raton, Florida, and Armisha Rich of Savannah, Georgia; a very dear Friend: Thaddeus Lattimore. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, church family and friends.

Although gone but not forgotten, our younger men can continue to emulate his love, strength, work ethic, wisdom, and faith. All of these traits created in Hugh a living testimony that many are in need of hearing and his faith in God.

Hugh's favorite song was "Amazing Grace". Hugh's favorite passages of scripture were Mark 12:30 & 31, and his favorite color was blue.

A Time to Rest – "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". On Thursday, January 4, 2024, at the blessed age of 74, GOD led Hugh safely home and wherever God led him he followed.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
602 North John Young Parkway
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.



Mamie Long Kelly - January 13, 2024 at 07:12 AM

MM

“ Worked with Hugh on a FEMA mission in Santa Fe, NM. Only knew him for 3 months but it seemed like a lifetime. His class and kindness was so genuine. His love for his family was something he spoke of frequently. I'll miss him !

Mick McDade - January 11, 2024 at 10:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..



January 11, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..



January 10, 2024 at 10:23 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - January 10, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..*



January 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM

SF

“ *St. Peter Baptist Church - Archer, FL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..*

St. Peter Baptist Church - Archer, FL - January 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..*



January 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

DM

“ DeWayne and LaTanya McBride planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..

DeWayne and LaTanya McBride - January 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ Helen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.



Helen Johnson - January 10, 2024 at 02:45 PM

GL

“ Gay, Frank Jr. (Jamie), Jordan & Lauren purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..



Gay, Frank Jr. (Jamie), Jordan & Lauren - January 10, 2024 at 12:43 PM

GL

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Gay, Frank Jr. (Jamie), Jordan & Lauren - January 10, 2024 at 12:43 PM

KP

“ Karen Starke Paul lit a candle in memory of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.



Karen Starke Paul - January 10, 2024 at 11:39 AM

KB

“ Hugh was such a great guy to work with and talk to. I will miss him very much! God Bless him and his family! Kimberley Brand

Kimberley Brand - January 10, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JJ

“ I met Hugh many years ago in Louisiana. He was always so genuine & kind to everyone he met and he always had a smile on his face. I remember this man loved to cook, I think grilling was one of his favorites back then. I had the opportunity to serve with him once again while deployed to New Mexico this past year. He talked about the love he had for his family and even in the midst of adversity he somehow still had a positive attitude. Hugh you will remain in our hearts forever. You will be missed.

Jodi Johnson - January 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..



January 09, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr..*



January 09, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *Saundra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Hugh Collins Holmes, Jr.*



Saundra Johnson - January 09, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Worked w/Hugh upon deployment to Santa Fe NM back in late July Hugh always had a big smile and always ready to help. He was always so sweet and kind. So sorry for your loss. Heartfelt prayers to all family and friends.*

Danice Wolfe - January 09, 2024 at 03:51 PM