



## Joan Yvonne Holt

October 8, 1932 - December 9, 2021

Yvonne Holt, age 89 passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at her home in Eatonville, Florida.

Joan Yvonne Johnakin Holt, the daughter of Milbia and Maggie Johnakin, was born on October 8, 1932, in Barnwell South Carolina. She was baptized as a child at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Marion, South Carolina. Yvonne attended Hampton University a year prior to transferring to South Carolina State University. In 1954 she graduated South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

In 1957, she was united in marriage to Eugene Holt, Sr. in Marion, South Carolina and moved to Orlando, Florida where she began her career in teaching with Orange County Public Schools.

Yvonne was initiated into the Orange County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated where she served faithfully until her health no longer allowed her to contribute her talents to the Chapter and the Organization. She also served faithfully as a member of the South Carolina State University Alumni Association, Central Florida Chapter.

Yvonne's life was centered around her family, her church, friends, and the staff and students at Winter Park High School during the 40 years she spent in teaching. She was a faithful member of Greater Trinity Baptist Fellowship

Church until the decline of her health. Her spare time was spent reading and traveling.

Her parents, Milbia and Maggie Johnakin and her husband Eugene Holt, Sr. preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn fond memories, her beloved family. Children: Eugene (Jacqueline); Cecil (Carla); Stepson: Dwight (Yvonne); Grandchildren: Jamilya; Zuri; Kiera; Azya; Cecil Jr.; Joshua; and Darius.; Step-grandchildren: Kimberly, Maureen, and Dwight, Jr.; Twelve Great-grandchildren; Sister-in-Law: Betty Spencer. Special thanks to her caregivers Charlie and Fatima Billings. A host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Greater Trinity Baptist Fellowship Church  
2680 Lake Stanley Road  
Orlando, FL 32818

## Florida National Cemetery Burial

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Yvonne Holt*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Yvonne Holt.*



December 18, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *Emmanuel Outreach Mission of SDA, Eustis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan Yvonne Holt.*



**Emmanuel Outreach Mission of SDA, Eustis** - December 17, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Anita Armstrong Watson lit a candle in memory of Joan Yvonne Holt*



**Anita Armstrong Watson** - December 16, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ *The Holt Family. My sincere sadness and sorrow on the passing of your loved one and member of the Greater Trinity Baptist Fellowship church, Lady Holt. She was a lovely, friendly, kind lady. Very soft-spoken God filled person. Deacon Eddie Marayne*



**Deacon Marayne (GTBFC)** - December 14, 2021 at 11:04 PM

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“ *Ruben Paige lit a candle in memory of Joan Yvonne Holt*



**Ruben Paige** - December 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Ruben Paige lit a candle in memory of Joan Yvonne Holt*



**Ruben Paige** - December 14, 2021 at 10:18 AM

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“ *Eugene, Cecil and Family!  
Words alone can not express the love I shared with your mom, my sister! I pray that all the many fond memories we share, will help to provide Support, Strength, and Comfort during these difficult times.  
Love to you now and forever!  
Aunt Cynthia*

**Cynthia Ball Robinson** - December 14, 2021 at 03:34 AM

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“ Cynthia Ball Robinson lit a candle in memory of Joan Yvonne Holt



Cynthia Ball Robinson - December 14, 2021 at 03:24 AM

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“ J. Ingram-Lys lit a candle in memory of Joan Yvonne Holt



J. Ingram-Lys - December 13, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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*My deepest condolences to Eugene, Cecil and family. Your mother was one of the pillars of strength in our community. Her wisdom, guidance and positive leadership stood as a beacon of light to cast a pathway into the journey we as young African Americans were seeking to venture into. School desegregation, racial tensions and integration were all contentious issues on the agenda for Black America to address. Winter Park's Black community was fortunate to have Mrs. Holt as one of our captains to help us navigate through troubled waters into safe harbors by standing with parents, youths, educators, proprietors and other officials so that we could be prepared on how to enter an ever changing landscape and bold new world waiting to confront us. Thank you Mrs. Holt.*

*Respectfully;*

*Robert L. Biggins Jr.*

Robert L. Biggins Jr. - December 15, 2021 at 12:08 PM