



Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.

August 26, 1954 - July 20, 2024

On July 20, 2024, Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr. peacefully transitioned to be with his Heavenly Father at 69. He was surrounded by his family and loved ones at his home in South Apopka.

Born August 26, 1954, Kerry was a lifelong resident of Apopka. He was an inaugural Temple of Faith Church member with the late Elder G.H. Washington as pastor; an inaugural member of Freedom Ministries Church with Pastor Freddie S. Filmore, Sr.; a member of Everlasting Covenant Christian Center with Pastor Duane Broom; and had as his final spiritual home Faith Life International Church with his eldest son, Pastor Ronald Holmes.

He was employed as an orderly for Florida Hospital before leaving for the citrus industry. He would later accept a maintenance and custodial position with the Orange County Public School System in the late 70s. For more than 35 years, Kerry dedicated his time and energy to serving the students, faculty, and administration of OCPS at both Phyllis Wheatley and Dream Lake Elementary Schools in Apopka. He retired in 2011.

It is because of his pristine reputation, his consistent presence in his community, his unwavering and unshakable faith, and his love for his family, friends, and neighbors that many dubbed him 'Mayor of South Apopka.'

He leaves to celebrate his life a loving and devoted wife, Ferry Holmes, who stood by his side for 51 years of marriage plus the times of courting. To celebrate and continue his legacy are his sons Ronald Holmes (Gina) of DeLand, FL, Robin Holmes (Deborah) of Mount Dora, FL, and Kerry Donovan Holmes, Jr. of Apopka, FL. A father-figure to many, he affectionately recognized Dawn Robinson (Corin) of Ocoee, FL as a bonus daughter.

He is preceded in this celebration by his parents the late Farices Truth Holmes and the late Charlie Willie Holmes; and siblings, Willie Mae Holmes, Luther Holmes, and Jimmy Holmes, Sr. He will be forever celebrated by siblings Gloria Stephens, Charlie Mae Warren, Eddie Holmes, Sr., Rosemary Simmons (Robert), and Brenda Holmes. Joining the celebration of his life are his grandchildren Jennifer Taylor (Gayron), Chad Holmes, Michaela Shaw, Devin Holmes (Jill), Sierra Holmes, Athaiya Mack, and Aiyanna Rosario. He is further celebrated by his great-grandchildren Alex Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Chloe Taylor, and Mason Holmes, in addition to the numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and a community who will never forget the impact of this great man of God.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Covenant Perfecting Ministries
1190 Apopka Boulevard
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Life International Church
1500 E. International Speedway Blvd.
Deland, FL 32724

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *There will never be another like you, Daddy. Missing you tremendously.*
-Duke



Kerry Holmes - August 19, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CH

“ *Love you always* ❤️



Cheryl Hagins - August 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Gloria Stephens lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Dr. Gloria Stephens - August 01, 2024 at 04:08 PM

LS

“ My Deepest condolences 🌸 and sympathy to the entire Holmes family I pray the Lord keeps you wrap up in his arms in your time of need...



Lawanda Stewart - August 01, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RC

“ Revolutionary Life Church purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr..



Revolutionary Life Church - July 31, 2024 at 12:37 PM

B(

“ Brad and Pat Barber (Nebraska) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr..



Brad and Pat Barber (Nebraska) - July 30, 2024 at 11:29 AM

PB

“ Dearest Ferry and Holmes Family. Brad and I extend our deepest sympathy, condolences, love and prayers to each of you. May you feel enfolded by the great solace of our God's love. He was such a wonderful and caring man who will be sorely missed. It will seem strange coming to Florida and not seeing his welcoming smile. He got as much joy out of you and I laughing together as we did. I am grateful to have known him. Brad and Pat Barber (Nebraska)

Pat Barber - July 30, 2024 at 11:19 AM

IH

“ God bless you all and be with you as you mourn with family!



Iana Hair - July 30, 2024 at 10:17 AM

CJ

“ Calandra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Calandra Jackson - July 30, 2024 at 10:10 AM

LP

“ Wishing the Holmes family my condolences and prayers for the loss of your love one. May GOD give you the strength as only HE can, as you journey through this time of bereavement. Laurice Peterson 🙏🌸



Laurice Peterson - July 28, 2024 at 11:46 PM

CJ

“ My Uncle Kerry was a force of sheer determination and will. I will love you forever and I miss you. To my Auntie and cousins, you will always have my love. Cathy



Cathy Hammock Jones - July 28, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JJ

“ *Jimmie & Katie Hickey Jones lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Jimmie & Katie Hickey Jones - July 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Brown Rumph lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Sandra Brown Rumph - July 26, 2024 at 05:43 PM

CM

“ *To the Holmes family we extend our heartfelt condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love and Blessings. Cynthia Fair McCutchen, Beverly Fair, Cassandra Callier- Davis (Cuggie) and Veronica Callier (Gallie)*



Cynthia Fair McCutchen - July 26, 2024 at 04:37 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Patterson Williams lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Wanda Patterson Williams - July 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

PG

“ Patricia Grant lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Patricia Grant - July 25, 2024 at 01:26 PM

TC

“ The Brothers of the Xi Iota Chapter purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr..



The Brothers of the Xi Iota Chapter - July 25, 2024 at 11:04 AM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Sadie Lowman - July 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Sadie Lowman - July 24, 2024 at 08:02 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - July 24, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *God bless you all.*



MzTisha Love - July 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AL

“ *Condolences from the Ligon family, I'm so sorry my classmate Ronald. Our family will be praying for you guys*

Angela Ligon - July 24, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - July 24, 2024 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - July 24, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JS

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to the entire family.*



James Scott - July 24, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr..*



July 24, 2024 at 06:57 AM

MA

“ *Mary L. Alston sent a virtual gift in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Mary L. Alston - July 24, 2024 at 01:26 AM

MK

“ *The Family is in our prayers*

Love and Deepest Sympathy

Mamie Long Kelly

Minnie Long Scott



Mamie Long Kelly - July 23, 2024 at 08:18 PM

BW

“ *Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Betty Washington - July 23, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DN

“ *The Newsome family lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes Sr.*



Dot Newsome - July 23, 2024 at 04:37 PM

CH

“ *It's never goodbye C U later our dear Uncle Donnie- we love you always* 🌸🕊️❤️



cheryl hagins - July 23, 2024 at 04:32 PM

SW

“ Sending my heartfelt love and prayers for the entire family of Brother Holmes! May the strength of God be upon each of you!



Sadie White - July 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PR

“ Pastor Derrick & Hatishia Rouse purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr..



Pastor Derrick & Hatishia Rouse - July 23, 2024 at 11:46 AM

PF

“ Point Of Grace Ministry Church Family lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Point Of Grace Ministry Church Family - July 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CR

“ Curtis & Sharon Rouse sent a virtual gift in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.



Curtis & Sharon Rouse - July 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

OP

“ *Never met a more straight up and caring human being. His Word was His bond. He's already missed.* ”



Olivian Peterson-Brown - July 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.* ”



Charlie Mae Warren - July 23, 2024 at 09:28 AM

KD

“ *Kristie Dennison lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.* ”



Kristie Dennison - July 23, 2024 at 09:09 AM

PR

“ *Pamela Rosado lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.* ”



Pamela Rosado - July 23, 2024 at 07:06 AM

KC

“ 🌸 *Mr. Holmes will be deeply missed by Family, Friends and the Community* 🌸

keshia cook - July 22, 2024 at 08:55 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



Terric Durden - July 22, 2024 at 08:48 PM

TF

“ *The West Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Kerry Donovan Holmes, Sr.*



The West Family - July 22, 2024 at 07:58 PM