

In Loving

Memory

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2023
3:00 PM

ST. LUKE AME CHURCH
ENON COMMUNITY
MIDWAY, AL 36053
REV. CYNTHIA JOHNSON, PASTOR

OFFICIATING:
PASTOR JEROME
ANTHONY, SR.
NEW BETHEL INDEPENDENT
AND MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCHES



Connie
Ruth Avery
HOLMES

1955-2023

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

OBITUARY

ANNIE RUTH AVERY HOLMES

A CELEBRATED LIFE

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1955

SUNSET: October 10, 2023

Annie Ruth Avery Holmes, a resident of Elderado Drive Bridgeport, MI, transitioned into eternity in the late hours of October 10, 2023, in Ann Harbor, Michigan.

TIME TO LIVE

Annie started out on this journey called life on September 18, 1955. She was born the third bundle of joy to Betty Sellers Avery in Tuskegee, Alabama. Annie was a wife, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Annie R. Avery enter holy matrimony to Robert L Holmes on February 4, 1983. Annie is Godmother to Jamellah Ruth Woods of Saginaw, MI. Annie enjoyed life and she loved the Lord. She loved cooking big meals and baking desserts. Her Coconut Pineapple cake was the most famous and requested by her family. When her health began to fail, she stopped cooking big meals. Annie had a heart of gold. There was nothing she wouldn't do to help a person she came in contact with regularly, friends & associates along with co-workers.

TIME TO SERVE

Annie confessed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and united with Saint Luke AME Church of Midway, AL. She moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1975 and united with Zion Baptist Church. Annie was a graduate of Bullock County High School Class of 1973. She began her employment with Columbus Mills in Union Springs, AL. After relocating to Michigan, she worked at the Pickle Factory, Home Health, Private Duty and for over 15 years with Central States Community Services where she was until her health failed.

TIME TO MOURN

Annie was preceded by her mother Betty M. Avery, grandparents Exie Smith and Booker T. and Ora B Sullins, uncles Bert & James Sullins and brother Samuel Lee Avery.

Annie leaves to cherish her precious & loving memories a devoted husband Robert L. Holmes, Saginaw, Michigan. Three loving sisters Mary Avery of Union Springs, Louisa (Eddie-deceased) Chappell Decatur, GA, Odessa Avery Goshay, Lithonia, GA, a brother Lee (Mary) Sellers. Four brothers in law and three sisters in law Kelly (Leola) Holmes, Willie Holmes, Morris (Sandra) Holmes and Margaret (Charles) Patillo all of Saginaw MI. A niece Barbara (Richard) Lane Union Springs Al who was reared with her as a sister. Other nieces and nephews, Angela Chappell, Sydney Avery, Dennis Chappell, Serena Walker, Terrance Avery, Torrence Turner, Charlena Harris, Arsenio Avery, Leontay Hurt, Brandon and Lawanda Tarver, Courtney, Corey and Devon Goshay, Rameka and Javan Avery, Antonio Kimbrough, Richard, Jr. and Romello Lane, Tracel Chappell, Calik, Precious, Makalyn, Makel, Paris, Janyla, Aiden and Kaison Avery Brooklyn and Preston Walker, Pasha Roe, Zha'Riyah and Zha'Miyah Shack and Zariyah Green along with a host of cousins, and friends. Close friends are Shuron Hughes, Cora Henderson and Barbara Woods of Saginaw MI, Avon Goshay Union Springs Al, Tangela TT Turner of Texas and Terrance Lindsay Washington DC and a host of other relatives and friends.



WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE
ROAD AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME,
I WANT NO RITES IN A GLOOM FILLED
ROOM. WHY CRY FOR A SOUL SET FREE.
MISS ME A LITTLE, BUT NOT TOO LONG
AND NOT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED
LOW. REMEMBER THE LOVE THAT WE
ONCE SHARED. MISS ME BUT LET ME
GO. FOR THIS IS A JOURNEY THAT
WE ALL MUST TAKE AND EACH MUCH
GO ALONE. IT'S ALL A PART OF THE
MASTER'S PLAN, A STEP ON THE ROAD
HOME. WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND
SICK AT HEART, GO TO THE FRIENDS
WE KNOW AND BURY YOUR SORROWS IN
DOING GOOD DEEDS.

MISS ME BUT LET ME GO.

YOUR HUSBAND, ROBERT
~I LOVE YOU FOREVER~

Order of SERVICE

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Enon Community | Midway, AL 36053

PRELUDE MUSICAL SELECTION

PROCESSIONAL CLERGY AND FAMILY

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION **MR. LOVIE CRAWFORD**
PRESIDENT, USHS CLASS OF 1973

MUSICAL SELECTION **SYDNEY AVERY, NEPHEW**

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

OLD TESTAMENT **PASTOR MACK BIRKS**
CARING FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT **PASTOR HENRY STREETER**
HAYES HILL AND NEW MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCHES

MUSICAL SELECTION **SYDNEY AVERY, NEPHEW**

Expressions of Love

Two Minutes Each Please

AS A FRIEND ➤ **LINDA BABERS - KING**

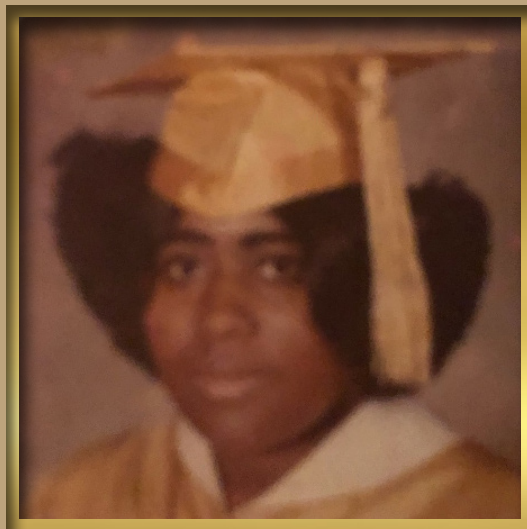
MUSICAL SELECTION **PASTOR JEROME ANTHONY, SR.**

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RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

INTERMENT
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CEMETERY
CAMP HILL, AL



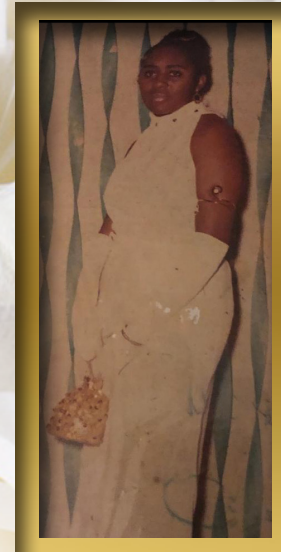
When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

Helen Steiner Rice

Love your sisters,
Mary, Louisa, and Odessa

MR. & MRS.
H O L M E S



A Life Well Lived

A life well-lived is a precious gift of hope and
strength and grace from someone who has made
our world a brighter, better place. It's filled with
moments sweet and sad, with smiles and
sometimes tears, with friendships formed and
good times shared and laughter through the
years. A life well-lived is a legacy of joy and pride
and pleasure, A loving, lasting memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.

Love your brother,
Lee E. "Bay Bro" Sellers



You Never Said Goodbye

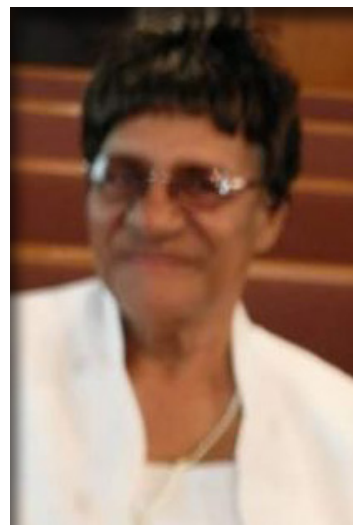
You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.

With Love your nieces



Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartaches
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall,
Living our hearts without you
Is the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.

With Love your nephews

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!



Acknowledgements

The Holmes family deeply appreciates the many expressions of kindness extended to us during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and cherished.

May God's richest and choicest blessings
be yours continually.

The Family of Annie Ruth Avery Holmes

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