

# THE OBITUARY

Miles Edker Holbert was born on December 8, 1956 to the union of the late Miles Henry Holbert and Joyce Ryce Wallington in Spindale, North Carolina.

Miles was as graduate in the Class of '75 at R. S. Central High School. While in high school, Mile got the name "Cool Breeze " after singing and winning school talent shows with his friends, Burnette and Robert.

Miles joined the United States Army in 1976. While in the military, he was a Helicopter Mechanic. In his spare time, he loved to write poetry. A colonel read one of his writings and commissioned Miles to write something special for him while in the military. In 1996, Miles completed his book of poetry and songs entitled "Respect and Truth."

Miles was a devout member of St. Paul AME Zion Church in Forest City, North Carolina. He loved singing in the choir and his with his gospel group Heavenly Grace. After church on Sundays when Heavenly Grace did not have an engagement to sing, Miles spent Sundays visiting the sick at hospitals, nursing homes, and rest home throughout Rutherford County. Miles never met a stranger. While working at Rutherford Hospital as an operating room transporter, he would put the bonnet on the patients head and tell them, "Everything is Better with Blue Bonnet on it." The patient would go into the operating room laughing and at ease. He also believed in the saying, "Give me my flowers while I live," With the help of his mother, Miles had flowers to give patients he visited. Some he knew and others that he met while on his mission. Miles was a beautiful arrangement himself. At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He bought love, peace, and comfort to all he met.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2026, Miles Edker Holbert, after a long illness, peacefully transitioned from this life to be present with the Lord. He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his mother, Joyce Ryce Wallington of Forest City, NC; son, Myles Rashaan Holbert (Eboni), and grandson, Omari Holbert of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA; sister, Brenda Simpson (Carl) of Spindale, NC; brother, and caregiver, J. Patrick Holbert of Forest City, NC, brother, Bobby Wallington, Jr. of Union, SC; aunt, Nancy Houston of Chattanooga, TN; uncle, Robert Holbert of Washington, DC; godson, Vincent Bohannon, and god-daughter, Courtney Bohannon; a special friend, Rev. Dale Simmons. Miles also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Minister and Family  
Receiving of Family and Friends.....12 pm - 1pm  
Scripture Reading:  
Old Testament.....Pastor Monte Miller  
New Testament.....Pastor Jimmy Hamilton  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Barbara Petty  
Musical Selection.....Sister Barbara Simpson  
"Precious Lord Take My Hand"  
Reading of Obituary.....Rev. Dale Simmon  
Acknowledgements  
Remarks (please limit to two minutes)  
Reflections  
Eulogy..... Pastor Simon McClain  
Closing Prayer..... Pastor Monte Miller  
Recessional

## INTERMENT

St. Paul AME Zion Church Cemetery  
Forest City, North Carolina

## FLORAL BEARERS

Cousins & Nieces  
Tamara Baker, Marqueeta Holbert, Latoya Joy Dixon,  
Likia Carpenter, Diane Quarles

## PALL BEARERS

J. Patrick Holbert, Vincent Bohannon, Donnell Stewart,  
Charles Mathis, William Baker, Larry Hardin,  
Bobby Wallington, Jr.



E4 Specialist-Army  
Miles Holbert

"L.H.M."

L.H.M. Let me be able to express what is on my mind.  
Only God could make the sunshine.

L.H.M. Ony God makes a bird sing, flowers, stars so many  
beautiful things, he wakes us up, give us strength to go on, he  
helps us to obtain, a place that we can call home.

L.H.M. Can I say it again, these three words so often makes  
me grin. Out of all the beautiful things God made so we can  
chose, Then Lord Have Mercy, He made you.  
Written by: Miles E. Holbert

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to the Forest City Hospice House Staff  
that cared for our loved one and his family.  
Patrick, you really was your Brother's Keeper.

## REPAST

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Forest City, North Carolina

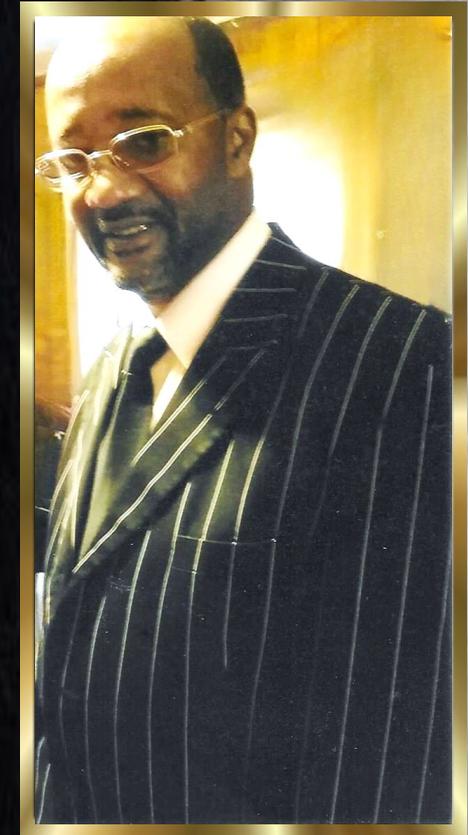


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# The Homegoing Celebration for MILES EDKER HOLBERT

DECEMBER 8, 1956 - JANUARY 7, 2026



**Wednesday**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 At 1 pm**

**Ulyesses D. Miller Funeral Service, Inc.**  
**485 Poors Ford Road**  
**Rutherfordton, North Carolina**

**Pastor Simon McClain, Officiating**