



## Mr. George Louis Holland

April 24, 1953 - July 21, 2011

Mr. George Louis Holland departed this life on July 21, 2011, at Rose Arbor Hospice of Kalamazoo. He was born on April 24, 1953, in Covington, Tennessee, the son of George Ruffin and Mary Frances (Dyson) Holland, both whom preceded him in death. George loved God and accepted Christ at an early age at Shiloh C.M.E. Church in Covington, Tennessee, and was previously a member of the original Bible Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. George graduated from Frazier High School in 1971, in Covington, Tennessee. He was united in marriage to his wife, Henrietta McGrew, on November 23, 1972. They were married for 38 years. From that union, one child was born, April D. Holland. George was a former employee of: The Checker Motors Corp., Burroughs Corp., Montgomery Wards, Miller Davis, Holloway Construction of Detroit, and Globe Construction Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He worked as a certified heavy equipment operator for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324, retiring from Globe in November 2008 after 35 years of dedicated service. George loved all children, especially his grandchildren. He loved to cook and bar-b-que on his special designed grill and feed all who wanted to enjoy. In his earlier years, he took pleasure in playing softball, basketball, fishing, hunting, bowling, dancing and gardening. He was always involved with all family members, and for him, there was no separation between blood-line family members and in-laws, as he adored and loved them all.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife: Henrietta; two daughters: April D. Holland and Joyce D. Smith of Kalamazoo; eleven grandchildren: Mario MacIntosh, Ashley Holland-Freeman, Dontario Hughes, Janai' Holland-Freeman, Javontay Smith, Tyler Holland, Jalen Holland, Alecia Freeman, Kianna Jones, Jason Freeman, Jr., and Anai Freeman, all of Kalamazoo; six adorable great grandchildren. George's life was shared with five siblings: Georgia Mae (Exum) Williamson of Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. Michael Holland, Sr. of Portage, Michigan, Carolyn (Napoleon) Boyd of Mason, Tennessee, Mattie Holland of Arlington, Tennessee, Brenda (Norris) McCaskey of Kalamazoo, and Cora (Jerrold) Seymore of Covington, Tennessee.

He also leaves his beloved aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James E. and Odessa Nelson of Kalamazoo, a step-grandmother, Sallie Holland of Dyersburg, Tennessee, a special nephew, Adrian (Hoody) Jackson, a godson, Philip Eric McGrew; special cousin and friend, Thurston Jackson; six sisters-in-law: Carolyn Jackson of North Carolina, Diane Scott of Indiana, Susan (Edward) Laneaux of Mississippi, Kathy (Pearce) Gilbert of Wisconsin, Patricia McGrew of Kalamazoo, and Lucille McGrew of Illinois; four brothers-in-law: Charles (Marla) McGrew of Washington (state), Ronnie (Karen) McGrew of Pontiac, Richard McGrew of Kalamazoo, and Milton (Mary) McGrew of Illinois. A host of loving uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends love and will miss him. Special "Deuces" to Jamar McCaskey!

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
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## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Life Center  
1225 W. Paterson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007-1789

## Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



Harper Funeral Home - July 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. George Louis Holland

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. George Louis Holland

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Earth knows no sorrow that heaven can't heal for God is good and his mercy endures forever. God's plan for us in his covenant is that we wrap ourselves up in him and his Word so that we have the victory over everything in this life and that which is to come. Our continuous prayers to the father in intercession on your behalf is for every need to be fulfilled in your life according to his Word. Much love comes from your family in Redford, Mi, even with this late discovery. God Bless you all.  
Charles and Gerry Powells

Charles Curtis Powells - January 28, 2012 at 04:22 AM

JC

“ *Janice Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Janice Chambers** - July 30, 2011 at 06:00 PM

AD

“ *I am so very sorry for your great loss. I know how proud Mr. Holland must have been of his grandchildren, and I had the privilege of teaching a few of them at Portage Northern High. I just want all of you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May warm memories be a comfort to you in the days and weeks ahead. My deepest sympathies to you all ...*

*Ann Dunayczan*

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**Ann Dunayczan** - July 29, 2011 at 01:36 PM

JP

“ *I have known George and his family for well over thirty years. He has been a consistent dependable friend. George was a Christian. Because of this fact we do not need to sorrow, we can rejoice and praise God for allowing us to have known such a good man.*  
*John Phillips*

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**john phillips** - July 28, 2011 at 10:01 PM

AH

“ *Annette Brianna Huffman lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Annette Brianna Huffman** - July 28, 2011 at 06:46 PM

CP

“ *May God give you and your family comfort and strength in the time of your loss.*

*Terry & Caudell Peake and family  
Rest In Peace you are home with the Lord*

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**caudell Peake** - July 28, 2011 at 05:31 PM

MW

“ *Love you George will miss your smile, May God Bless the Family With Much Love.*

*Margie Peete Watkins & Family*



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**Margie Watkins** - July 28, 2011 at 05:26 PM

DW

“ *Doug Walker*



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**Doug Walker** - July 28, 2011 at 08:55 AM

GS

“ *Geoff Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Geoff Shepherd** - July 28, 2011 at 08:04 AM

LT

“ *LaCombe Trucking lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**LaCombe Trucking** - July 28, 2011 at 08:02 AM

JB

“ *Jeff & Jenn Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Jeff & Jenn Bennett** - July 28, 2011 at 07:45 AM

MA

“ *Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Margo Anderson** - July 27, 2011 at 06:57 PM

LF

“ *Linda C. Sims And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Linda C. Sims and family** - July 27, 2011 at 03:10 PM

LF

*Us here in Chicago unfortunately won't be able to make it because of our jobs and the timing. But to let you all know we are keeping you and your's in our prayers!! We Love Yall!*

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**Linda C. Sims and family** - July 27, 2011 at 03:21 PM

DE

“ *Delisa lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Delisa** - July 27, 2011 at 02:21 PM

GS

“ I met George in the spring of 1993 when I began working at Globe Const. I soon realized that I had more than a new job, I had a new family and George was one of those family members. There are so many things I remember about George that make me smile and I will cherish them always. George was a great and honorable man and I am very proud to call him my friend.

*My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Holland family and to all those who will miss George like we will.*

*Gary(pee wee)(buckshot)Simonds*

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**Gary Simonds** - July 27, 2011 at 07:27 AM

SF

“ Stephen & Toni Brown And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



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**Stephen & Toni Brown and Family** - July 26, 2011 at 09:35 PM

TB

“ Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



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**Toni Brown** - July 26, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ *Betty Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Betty Walker** - July 26, 2011 at 07:35 PM



*To the Holland family my thoughts and prayers goes out to you. God will never let you be shaken or moved from your place near his heart. Know that George was a good man and rest on his memories and love. Betty Hodge Walker class of 72*

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**Betty Walker** - July 26, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ *Diana & Steven Monck lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Diana & Steven Monck** - July 26, 2011 at 07:32 PM



*God Bless you George. You will be missed. Love, Steven & Diana*

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**Steven & Diana Monck** - July 29, 2011 at 07:22 AM



“ *Bill Batt Family ( Fulton ) lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Bill Batt Family ( Fulton )** - July 26, 2011 at 02:16 PM

MP

“ *Mary Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Mary Peterson** - July 26, 2011 at 12:53 PM

SB

“ *Sue Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Sue Burns** - July 26, 2011 at 12:33 PM

WG

“ *Walter E. Glass lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland*



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**Walter E. Glass** - July 26, 2011 at 10:27 AM

WG

*My heart was sadden to here of George's passing. Please know that we share in your loss, and pray that God will in time fill your hearts as well as ours with nothing but fund memory of the life of our friend and brother George Holland.*

*My God forever keep and Bless you!*

*Walter E. Glass & CHS Class of 1972*

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**Walter E. Glass** - July 26, 2011 at 10:34 AM

WO

“ Woody lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



Woody - July 26, 2011 at 10:15 AM

TG

“ Timmayia Gaye lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



Timmayia Gaye - July 26, 2011 at 09:31 AM

BF

“ Batt Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



Batt Family - July 26, 2011 at 08:44 AM

DF

“ Dave Batt And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



Dave Batt and Family - July 26, 2011 at 08:42 AM

NO

“ Nancy Den Otter lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



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**Nancy den Otter** - July 26, 2011 at 08:19 AM

KL

“ To the family of George Holland,  
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that God is  
"near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed  
in spirit he saves." (Psalms 34:18)  
With sympathy, Kelsey Lee.

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**kelsey lee** - July 25, 2011 at 03:24 PM

TP

“ Tammy Parfrish lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Louis Holland



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**Tammy Parfrish** - July 24, 2011 at 12:21 PM