



Clarence R. Holley

June 16, 1936 - March 16, 2018

Clarence Randolph Holley was born June 16, 1936, in Fayetteville, NC, to Clarence Holley and Vanzielean Holmes. Affectionately known to most as “Randy,” he passed away Friday, March 16, 2018, at the age of 81. A native of Fayetteville, NC, Randy graduated from E.E. Smith Senior High School on June 1, 1955. After graduation, he continued his education at North Carolina A&T, where he met his future wife, Virginia Gwathney.

Randy relocated with his family to Washington, DC, and began working for DeLeuw, Cather & Co. He moved on to DC Transit (better known now as the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, or WMATA), where he retired as a safety engineer.

Randy was an avid sportsman who loved football, but not the Redskins! He excelled at playing golf and softball (he was an awesome pitcher) and billiards and loved hand dancing. He was also passionate about politics and current events, and constantly watched CNN. He was a kind, hard-working, loveable, and dapper man who could wear a hat!

However, what he loved most of all was family—even those non-relatives he welcomed into his space as family. He was a good provider, husband, and father. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia; daughters L’Tanya and Van; son Marcus; grandchildren Shinard B. Mitchell, Jaren N. Holley, Jarell L. Holley, Amaiya Holley, and Brelynn Montgomery; and one great grandchild,

Naomi Mitchell; maternal siblings Rudolph Holmes (Lisa), Charlesena Holmes-Smith (C.A.), Delores Holmes Lincoln-Willis, Annie Ruth Holmes Hayes, Lillie Mae Holmes Stepp, Cynthia Holmes Green (Jesse), and Larry Wayne Gibson; paternal siblings Lana Holley-Ruff Thomas, Sylvia Holley Hecker, Rosita Holley, and Karen Holley. He also acquired through marriage two beloved sisters-in-law—Shirley Wilson, and Phyllis Johnson (Walter), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; maternal siblings Barbara Jean Holmes Patterson, and Harold Walter Holmes; paternal sister Cynthia Driver-Holley Williams; and brother-in-law, James Aaron Gwathney.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Ave
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Comforter St. Cyprian
1357 East Capital St.
Washington, DC 20003

Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence R. Holley*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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