



The Family Tribute

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Mr. Billy Ray Holbrook, 61, was born in Iredell County on May 30, 1958. He was the son of Edward Lee Holbrook, Sr. and the late Mary Dalton Holbrook. He departed this life on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at his home following an extended illness. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one sister, Gloria Jean Holbrook, one brother, Charles Holbrook, his father-in-law, George Williams, Sr. and one sister-in-law, Linda Jean Williams.

He was a graduate of Statesville High School on June 3, 1977 and grew up from the time he was young at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his loving wife, Mary Williams Holbrook of the home; two daughters, LaToya Denise (Ricky Roseboro, Jr.) Holbrook Williams and Billie Jean (Bristol Stevenson) Holbrook, both of Statesville; three grandchildren, LaBreia Williams, Jarell Williams and Ava Lynn Stevenson, all of Statesville; his father, Edward Lee Holbrook, Sr. of Statesville; three brothers, Edward Lee (Lori) Holbrook, Jr., Robert Louis (Faye) Holbrook, and Michael Holbrook, all of Statesville three sisters, Linda Holbrook Kiah of Raleigh, Sherry (Delton) Holbrook-Atkinson of Durham and Kokita Corry of Maiden; his mother-in-law, Marcella Williams of Statesville; a brother-in-law, George Williams, Jr. of Statesville; a sister-in-law, Shiela (Jimmie, Jr.) Reddick of Statesville; and a host of nephews and nieces, Eric (Lonna) Holbrook of Charlotte, Anita Holbrook Adams of Cary, Dewayne Edward Kiah of Raleigh, Stacey Holbrook of Wake Forest, Christopher Delton Atkinson of Miami, Florida, Edward Lee (Marissa) Holbrook, III of Statesville, Ebony (John) Brandon of Charlotte, Terri (Sherwin) Rice of Athens, Georgia, Shaun Gregory and Darryl Rucker, both of Statesville, Richard Barber of Hickory, Robert Cameron (Brittney) Holbrook of Statesville, Ninya (Gregory Spencer) Holbrook of China Grove, Shaun Whittenburg, Latisha Agnew, Maurice Reddick, Jimmie Reddick, III and Teon Williams, all of Statesville; cousins, other relatives, neighbors and dear friends.

HE IS GONE

We can shed tears that our loved one is gone,
or we can smile because he has lived.
We can close our eyes and pray that he'll come back
or we can open our eyes and see all he has left.
Our hearts can be empty because we can't see him
or we can be full of the love he shared.
We can turn our back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or we can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
We can remember him and only that he's gone
or we can cherish his memory and let it live on.
We can cry and lose our minds,
be empty and turn our back;
or we can do what he would want...
SMILE, OPEN OUR EYES, LOVE AND GO ON.

*Submitted with love,
by the Family*

**The Celebration of Life for
MR. BILLY RAY HOLBROOK
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Statesville, North Carolina
Reverend Timothy Bates, Pastor, Officiating**

The Family Visitation

1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Processional Ministers and Family
Moments of Sharing: *(Friends may visit with the family)*

The Order of Service

2:00 p.m.

The Invocation
The Selection Evangelist LaTina M. Johnson
The Scripture Reverend Timothy Bates
 Old Testament
 New Testament
The Prayer of Comfort Pastor James Millsaps
The Selection Michael Woods
The Remarks: *(limit two minutes please)*
 ♥ Mrs. Sherry Atkinson
 ♥ Elder Christopher Daniels
 ♥ Ms. Breia Williams
The Silent Reading of the Obituary
The Selection
The Eulogy Bishop Wilford Walls
The Recessional Selection Michael Woods

*In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights,
take caution at all intersections, and fasten your seatbelts for safety.*

Please remain prayerful as we go to the final resting place

At The Belmont Cemetery

*The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Ritual of Consignment
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure*



family
is forever



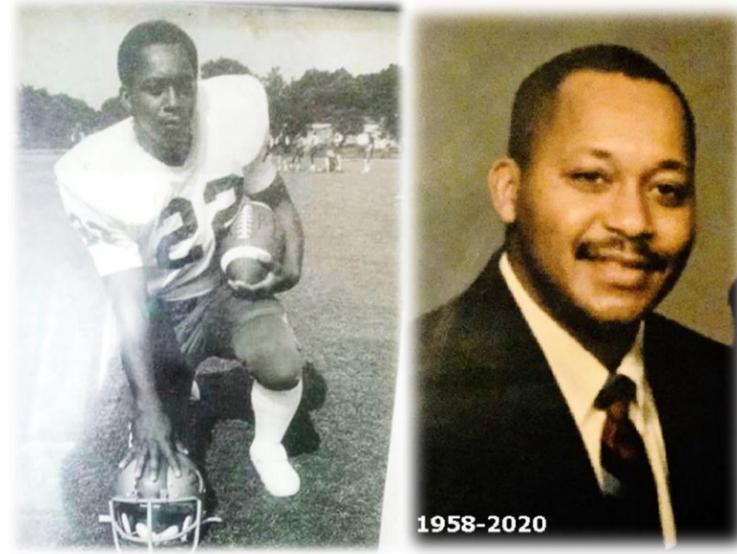


*The Blessing
of Memory*



A beautiful soul
is never forgotten

Billy Ray Holbrook



1958-2020

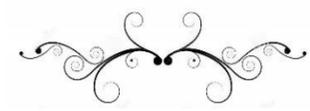
*If tears could build a stairway,
AND MEMORIES A LANE,
I'd walk right up to heaven,
AND BRING YOU HOME AGAIN*



Going Home

With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Billy and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family



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*Homegoing Services
Of
Billy Ray Holbrook*



Sunrise
May 30, 1958

Sunset
February 5, 2020

*"I have fought the fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7*