

## Order of Service

### Processional

**Invocation** ..... Rev. Darien K. Bolden

### Scripture:

Old Testament ..... Sis. Sharma Johnson  
*Grandniece*

New Testament ..... Dr. Reverend Jermaine Evans  
*Grandnephew*

**Selection** ..... First Missionary Baptist Church

**Resolutions** ..... Sis Ardee Harris

### Acknowledgement &

**Condolences** ..... Sis. Ardee Harris

**Solo** ..... Angela Green

### Reflections

As His Deacon ..... Robert Blue, District 4

As His Neighbor ..... Purdencia Veal

As His Niece ..... Mrs. Eva Mae Roberts

Others ..... *(Two Minutes Please)*

**Words of Comfort** ..... Rev. Darien K, Bolden

### Recessional

## Interment

Bosque Bello Cemetery  
1320 N 14th Street  
Fernandina, Beach, Florida 32034

## Repast

First Baptist Missionary Church  
Emma B. Delaney Fellowship Hall

## Pallbearers

Eldolphus Holmes, Jr.  
Kim Blue  
Joseph Evans III

Stuart Tucker, Jr.  
Edward Lee Johnson  
Santaurus Brizele

## Flower Attendants

Members of Peck High School, Class of 1969  
Members of Fernandina High School,  
Classes of 1976, 1977 & 1983

## 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much whatever the part. May God bless each of you.

~The Family of the late Eldolphus Holmes, Sr.

Arrangements in Care of:

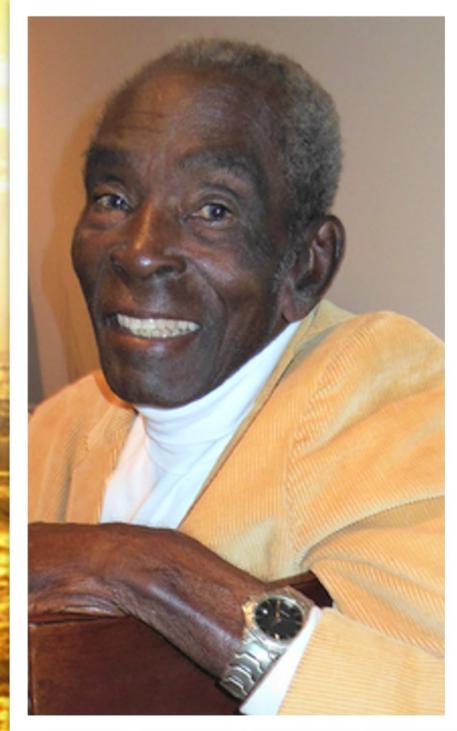


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# A CELEBRATION

*of Life*  
for

*Eldolphus Holmes, Sr.*



**Sunrise**

November 17, 1928

**Sunset**

March 14, 2019

## Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, March 23, 2019  
**First Missionary Baptist Church**  
20 South 9th Street  
Fernandina, Beach, Florida 32034  
Rev. Daniel K. Bolden, Officiating

# Life Reflections

On Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Eldophus Holmes, Sr., a dedicated husband and father of four children, transitioned at the age of 90.

Eldophus Holmes, Sr. was born on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1928 to Myers and Effie Eva (Lecounte) Holmes in Jones, Georgia. He relocated to Fernandina Beach, Florida in 1952 where he met Vernita Johnson. He married Vernita in June of 1956 and they raised four children: Denise, Celeste, Jennie and Eldolphus Jr.

Eldophus joined First Missionary Baptist Church in 1957. He worked for Florida Public Utilities for 18 years, CSX Railroad (formally known as Seaboard Coastline Railroad) for 20 years, and owned Holmes Pulpwood as a part-time entrepreneur for 10 years. He was extremely fond of the outdoors and loved to make those around him laugh. He could often be seen cruising around town and would flash that famous grin at a moment's notice.

Eldophus was preceded in death by both his parents; wife; and siblings, Frank (Ella Mae) Holmes, Leon Holmes, Leroy Raul Holmes, Viola (Ernest) Hammonds, Essie Mae (Levi) Gibson, John H. (Beulah) Holmes, and Rebecca (Jack) Guest.

Eldophus is survived by his four children, Denise Golden, Celeste Merrix (Willie J, deceased), Jennie (Kim) Blue and Eldolphus (Lisa) Holmes, Jr.; grandchildren, Celestial Holmes, Stuart Tucker, Jr., and Ayden Holmes; brothers, Clyde (Pearl, deceased) Holmes, and Alfred (Edith, deceased) Holmes; a host of nieces and nephews; goddaughter, Wendy Mote; and close friend, John H. Williams, Sr.

In addition to his children, Eldophus was cared for by Patricia Russell, Laura Parland, Janice Albertie, and Santaurus Brizele in his final months. Each caretaker took special care of him and treated him like their own family member. We truly appreciate them, as well as the staff at Community Hospice, Jane and Bill Warner Center for Caring.

## “The Last Day Clean”

Eldophus Holmes  
Also known as “Big Wheel”  
He was strong of mind  
With hands of steel

I called him “Jitterbug Joe”  
And he called me the same  
He had a mischievous grin  
And was a man of fame

Made of tall tales  
And sweet potato pie  
He sure could cook a ‘coon  
My, oh my

You’ve made your last day clean  
And we’ll miss you “Wheel”  
You made us laugh  
And that’s for real

You’ve got that grin on your face  
And you’re riding high  
In your white shoes  
And your Electra 225

In that great gettin’ up morning  
We’ll see you again  
Give Granny a kiss  
And our love until then

~Celestial

## “Precious Memories”

