

*A  
Celebration  
of Life  
in  
Loving  
Memory  
of*



*James L. Holmes, Sr.*

Thursday, May 20, 2021 ~ 11:00 a.m.

EXODUS MINISTRIES

*405 W. National Rd., Englewood, OH 45322*

BISHOP MARCUS E. MADDOX, PASTOR  
EVANGELIST PAMELA MADDOX, CO-PASTOR



# Order of Service

Evangelist Pamela Maddox, Officiating

Processional Music

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14 . . . . . Min. Joan Foy

Prayer . . . . . Min. Joan Foy

Song: "Well Done" . . . . . Sis. Lolita Christian

Scripture: Old Testament . . . . . Elder Martha Ferguson-Johns

New Testament . . . . . Min. Karen Crawford

Song: "Hallelujah" . . . . . Sis. Lolita Christian

Obituary & Acknowledgements . . . . . Min. Tracey Brown

Eulogy . . . . . Elder Geraldine E. Hairston

*Mt. Carmel U.H.C.*

Bishop Marcus E. Maddox

*Exodus Ministries*

Song: "The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow" . . . . . Congregation

Benediction

*Repast will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service.*

## Acknowledgement

The family of James L. Holmes, Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation those that showed love and support by visiting, calls and prayers. Special thanks to Hillspring Healthcare Center and Rehabilitation, Hospice of Dayton nurses, caregivers and staff, Mount Carmel U.H.C. and Exodus Ministries. Thank you for your presence here with us today. Please continue to keep our family lifted in your prayers.

## Final Disposition

CREMATION



## Services Entrusted to:

**Thomas Funeral Home**

4520 Salem Avenue Dayton, OH 45416 937-274-8777

# Obituary



**JAMES L. HOLMES**, age 87, resided in Dayton, Ohio most of his adult life. He was born May 1, 1934 in Macon, GA. The Lord called James into sunset on May 11, 2021.

James worked at Dayton Press for a couple of decades before becoming gainfully employed for the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) as a transit driver for 20+ years. James retired in 2000.

James professed his love and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, accepting Him as his Lord and Savior.

He became a member of Mt. Carmel U.H.C. Accepting his call into the ministry, James went on to become a minister for God under the leadership of the late Elder Arthur L. Barnes and Assistant Pastor Elder Geraldine E. Hairston. James and Faye Etta later joined Exodus Ministries under the leadership of Bishop Marcus Maddox, and beside him First Lady and Co-Pastor Evangelist Pamela Maddox.

James was a humble, God-fearing man, kind in spirit, quiet, soft spoken, loving, giving caregiver, gentle servant of God. James fought a good fight and kept the faith until the end. James served the Lord with gladness and gratefulness in his heart.

James was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Holmes at his tender age of three years old. It was then that his aunt Annie Maude Hodges and uncle Anthony Hodges stepped in to raise him. He was also preceded by Doris J. Holmes, mother of the late James L. Holmes, Jr; siblings Eunice Hodges, Jesse Holmes, and Richard Holmes.

James leaves to cherish his memory, his faithful and loving wife of 28 years Faye Etta McKinney-Holmes; sons Ronald Holmes (fiancée Renee) of Dayton, OH and Wayne McKinney II of CA; daughter Deirdre Holmes-Smith (Dennis) of CA; Michelle McKinney of Dayton; daughter-in-law Alice Holmes of CA. Grandchildren: Angellica, Dennis, Jarvis, Sharrell, Brianna, Candace, Wayne III, Dwayne (Tré), Zyranique (Zy), and Rayne Fayette. Great-grandchildren: Nova, Nala, Jaden, Tianna, Kianna, Jaleel, Jalen, Zamir, and Rain. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, as well as his family of Holmes and Hodges in Atlanta, GA. Special nephew and niece Victor and Gina Hodges.

James is loved by many and Blessed by One! ~

## *He Only Takes the Best!*

God saw you getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be.

So He put his arms  
around you, and whispered,

“Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes  
we watched you suffer  
and saw you fade away.

Although we loved you dearly  
we could not make you stay.

A Golden heart  
stopped beating  
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts  
to prove to us

He only takes the best!

