



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Byron  
Ricardo  
Holmes**

OCT. 26, 1955 - JAN. 13, 2021

# Obituary

Byron Ricardo Holmes was born in Kansas City, MO on October 26, 1955 to McCormick John Holmes and LoEsther Marie Standifer Holmes. Known to family and friends as "Ricky", he was the eighth of thirteen children - LaVelle, Rosemary, LoEsther, Reginald, Edward, Winona, Denise, Paula, Karen, Victor, Robert and Shaun.

As a child, Ricky was a member of the Christ Temple Pentecostal Church. He graduated from Paseo High School, and worked for many years with the Bell telephone system. Although Ricky resided in Los Angles, Miami and Atlanta, he enjoyed returning home to Kansas City to visit family, see the Plaza lights at Christmas time, and enjoy some Gates BBQ. He notoriously loved the "Motown sound", including the Temptations, Four Tops and Supremes. And, he'd never hesitate to join them in singing a tune.

Ricky married Betty Holmes in 1987. They share one daughter, JoAnn Holmes, and one grandchild, Bria Holmes-Lewis. He later married Gloria Ivery Holmes in 2002. They share four children, Eddie Ivery, Ebony Ivery, Ethan Holmes and Byron Holmes, Jr., and grandchildren Essence, EJ and Evelyn Ivery, Trinitee Ivery and Jaycen Holmes.

Rick attended Victory Church. His final hours were spent singing the gospel, and marveling that he was always right in the palm of God's hand. True to the words of his own dad, Ricky believed in the family creed to "stick together." Today, we celebrate his return to Jesus Christ, our Savior, and reunion with the loved ones who preceded his homegoing, including his father, mother, Betty, and siblings Paula, Rosemary, Karen and Reginald, as well as Shaun who followed him.

We can all smile, and imagine his greeting to our Lord ....  
Jumping Jive, Man Alive  
Ricky Holmes has just arrived!

# Order of Service

JANUARY 23, 2021. 3:15PM.

Musical Introduction  
*God Favored Me*

Welcome & Words of Appreciation  
*JoAnn Homes*

Prayer and Scripture Reading  
*LoEsther Tinsley*

Song Selection  
*Pastor Eugene Taylor*

Obituary Reading  
*Bria Holmes-Lewis*

Tribute of Life  
*Byron Holmes, Jr.*

Brief Informal Tributes  
*Family members and friends*

Closing  
*Ethan Holmes*

PROCESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TO  
HILLANDALE MEMORIAL GARDENS  
LITHONIA, GA

Honorary Pallbearers: *LaVelle Riley, Dr. Victor Holmes, Robert Holmes, Edward Ivery, Ethan Holmes, Byron Holmes, Jr.*

# Gratitude

*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 preparest 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.  
-Psalm 23*



Perhaps you sent a lovely card to acknowledge that you care,  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.  
Perhaps you had kind words of his memory,  
As dear friends and family may say,  
Perhaps you sent your well wishes, and love for the family from afar  
On his day. Whatever you did to console our grieving hearts,  
We thank you very much.  
**- The Holmes Family**