

After seventy-eight years of making us laugh, bringing us joy and spreading the gospel Ray received his wings on Sunday, October 15, 2023 in Stone Mountain, GA. Although our hearts are filled with pain, we know the Heavens are filled with joy, laughter, basketball and detailing.

Raymond Berkley Holman, Jr., the eldest son born to the late Raymond Ashbe and Willie Mae Holman on January 26, 1945 in Orangeburg, SC. In 1950, Raymond and Willie Mae moved their growing family to Trenton, New Jersey for a better life. Ray or Jr., as he was affectionally known by family and friends, graduated from Trenton Central High School in 1963. As a young man, Ray worked in his late parents restaurant, Holman Imperial Restaurant in Princeton, NJ. He worked at a haberdashery in Trenton, NJ. Ray had a vast number of detail shops in the tri-state area called, TraBerk and TDQ to name a few plus mobile units. Besides detailing cars, Ray was an avid basketball enthusiast. He was a player, coach and commissioner at one point in the Cadwalader Park Basketball League, where back then it was like the pros. He played for the Candle Light Lounge where they played against teams like BT's Lounge, Merriman, Oasis and many more teams. He also played for a semi-pro team where he travelled the country. Ray would get a van and take all the kids to Dillion Gym in Princeton. Charlie Hutton and Ray coached an all-star AAU team. Ray continued to play basketball for senior leagues and for pleasure until his mid seventies. He also was a barber at J&R Hair Habits in Trenton, NJ. Family was the most important thing in his life, besides basketball!

At an early age, he accepted the Lord as his personal savior. He was a member of St. Paul AME Zion Church in Trenton, NJ, where the four "Holman Boys" were a featured group in the youth choir. Ray would minister to any and everyone, leading them to accept Christ. He also began a non-profit called Kingdom Sports Ministry in Delaware.

Ray is preceded in death by his wife Julie Luveta Holman, parents Raymond and Willie Mae Holman, brothers Curtis Lee and Louis Holman, sister-in-laws Diane Hackett, Beverly Webb, Vanessa and Kathy Holman, brother-in-law John Webb Jr and great granddaughter Stormee Rai Bright.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his brothers George Earl Holman of Anniston, AL and William Ashbe Holman of Ewing, NJ, sister-in-law Valerie Holman of Willingboro, NJ, Sheila (Ray) Hullum of Lawrenceville, GA, Olivia Turner of Peoria, IL and brother-in-laws Arnold (Wileen) Webb of Los Angeles, CA, Charles (Naomi) Webb and Eugene Webb all of Hamilton, NJ and Gary Webb of Trenton, NJ; sons Raymond Berkley Holman III, William Mathell Hunter Jr., and Dwight Ramsey (Marlene) Hunter of Kissimmee, FL, and daughters Monica Lynn Kelly of Lawrenceville, NJ, Tracey Lee Smith of Princeton, NJ and Luvetta Renee (Justin Sr.) Jarmon of Grayson, GA., and special daughters Stephanie (Terrance) Pettiford and Kenya Grayson both of Ewing, NJ.

His grands Mahki Jamal Baldwin, Siani Rae, Raymond Berkley IV and Destin Raymond Holman, Tamija Somora Renee, William Mathell and Ameena Hunter, Dwight Niyen, Demin LeAza, Joshua Kyle, Makayla Joy, Mikala Gabrielle, Myah Nicole and Meliah Navah Hunter, Makenzie Elizabeth Kelly, DeQuan Anthony and Devon Ray Holman, Richayla Imani and Raichelle Iyana Smith, Freddrick Luvea Hunter, Jayla Alani, Jade Luveta and Justin Alan Jarmon Jr., Tyra Grayson, Terrance Jr., Aaron and Sarai Pettiford and great grands Nola Rose and Roman Love, Hasseen Bright and Titan Ray Louis Jean Holman.

He also has a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends, who if you spent any time with him became family, in whom he will always have a special place in their hearts.