



## Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr.

May 8, 1948 - August 8, 2022

POOLER - Mr. John Gus Holmes, Jr. "Bishop", 74 husband of Mrs. Ellaree Holmes entered eternal rest, Monday, August 8, 2022 at Select Specialty Hospital. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina, son of the late John Gus Holmes, Sr. and Hattie Mae Goodwin Holmes. He was educated in the local schools. At an early age, he was baptized and became a member of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church where he sang with the Male Chorus. He was a Retired Veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam Era and Desert Storm. He attended the University of South Carolina where he studied Criminal Justice.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Ellaree Wallace Holmes; five daughters, Charlotta Wells, Ellaree Peters (Troy), Avis Holmes, Inga Coleman and Kimberly Holmes; 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Izetta Wallace, Maria Williams-Best (Harry); brothers-in-Law; Sidney Wallace (Mary), Spencer Wallace, Zebedee Thomas, and Randolph Wallace, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC 29229

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**AUG 21.** 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Sexton- Hall Funeral Home  
5 Birkenhead Road  
(21 South Coastal Highway)  
Port Wentworth, GA 31407  
(912) 964-4336  
sextonhall@att.net  
<https://sextonhallfh.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 22.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church of Columbia  
1218 Lyon Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
<https://www.bbcofcolumbia.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr..*



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August 19, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Ellaree my family and I are praying for you and your family. My condolence Remember you are not alone we are just a phone call away. Love ❤️ Hartense*



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**Hartense JonesGreene** - August 19, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr..*



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August 19, 2022 at 09:09 AM

TM

“ *To Ellaree and family,  
We are thinking of you and remembering you in prayer. We hope you know that you are not alone. Good memories of times spent together will help you find peace in the days ahead.  
We find comfort in remembering fun times growing up in Columbia, in church, and in school. Gus was a good friend and brother. May God bless you and keep you.  
Theresa Jacobs Montgomery & Family*

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**Theresa J. Montgomery** - August 18, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr..*



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August 17, 2022 at 08:07 PM

MP

“ *To the family of the late John Holmes. You have my condolence's. Praying that God will give you strength at this hard time.  
Mary Prescott and family.*



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**Mary Prescott** - August 17, 2022 at 08:51 AM

SJ

“ *Sarita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr.*



Sarita Johnson - August 16, 2022 at 12:42 PM

AJ

“ *To Ellaree and family. You have my sincere sympathy in the passing of your husband and father. I pray for peace and comfort as you go through this period.*

*Your classmate Alvernia Smith Jackson*

Alvernia Jackson - August 13, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *To my friend and neighbor for many years, Mr John Holmes, you will be Greatly missed. You always had a great smile and spirit about yourself. I will Cherish the conversations we had, Especially when we picked on Sylvester. Sylvester and I miss you. The Lamar family misses you. We pray for the Holmes family and extend our deepest Sympathy.*



Bernard Lamar - August 13, 2022 at 12:13 PM

LL

“ *Dr. Ellaree and family, you are in my prayers. Mr. John brought sunshine every time he was around. His bright spirit will be missed. Sending my deepest sympathy to you. 🙏🙏🙏*

Loretta Lewis - August 12, 2022 at 07:33 AM

LB

“ *To the Family of the late Mr. John Holmes we extend our deepest Sympathy. May God restore his blessings upon you in your time of Brevement. Linda Brock*

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**Linda Brock** - August 11, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Gus Holmes Jr..*



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August 10, 2022 at 12:23 PM