



## Mary E. Holton-Allen

September 20, 1952 - October 26, 2025

Mary E. Holton Allen, affectionately known to all as “Rosie,” was born on Saturday, September 20, 1952, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to the late George Costello Holton and the late Carrie B. (Simpson) Holton.

Rosie attended William Penn High School. For many years, she served her community through the Harrisburg School District as a Safety Monitor at Steele and Camp Curtin Schools. Her dedication to the safety and well-being of children reflected her caring nature and strong sense of responsibility.

She was baptized at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church and later continued her Christian journey at Mount Zion Church of God in Christ, where she shared in fellowship and faith. Her belief in God was unwavering, and she carried her faith with her in every aspect of her life.

In her leisure, Rosie loved doing hair, especially those famous Jheri curls that became her signature look on her daughter, nieces, and friends. She enjoyed countless hours playing Bingo and cards, completing crossword puzzles, and putting together jigsaw puzzles with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved listening to gospel music, reading scripture, and tuning in to her nephew Razzle’s Sunday sermons on Facebook Live. Whether she was scrolling on social media, playing games on her phone, or chatting with family and friends, she found joy in connection and laughter.

Rosie was known throughout her Uptown Harrisburg community for her radiant personality and daily presence. She loved walking to the corner store or shopping center, talking to everyone she met, and spreading light with her nurturing and humorous spirit. Her home was a safe haven for many, a place filled with laughter, love, and acceptance. She was lovingly known as “Mom” or “Auntie” to countless people, her kindness leaving a lasting mark on everyone who crossed her path.

Strong-willed, outspoken, and full of life, Rosie was the firecracker of the family. She never bit her tongue; she spoke her truth unapologetically, always from a place of love. She carried strength like armor and courage in her voice. No matter what challenges life presented, she faced them with grace, humor, and determination. Her laughter could fill a room, and her presence made every gathering brighter.

Although Rosie was ready to go home to be with the Lord, she fought bravely to stay with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who all loved her deeply.

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, at seventy-three years of age, Rosie peacefully transitioned from time to eternity, surrounded by her oldest son and daughter, daughter-in-law, and her devoted friend, Steph, joining her husband, Andre Allen; brothers, George Holton Jr. and Kenneth Holton; sisters, Theresa (Penny) Holton and Charlotte (Susie) Holton; and stepson, Andre Epps, in eternal rest.

She leaves irreplaceable memories and unconditional love that will forever be cherished by her sons, Mark Holton (Gloria), Antuane Holton, and Rashad Holton King; her daughter, Tamara Holton-Trollinger (Michael); grandchildren, Tierra Holton, Tyree Holton, Marques Holton, Ma’Kyra Holton-Trollinger,

Ta'Nayia Holton-Trollinger, Michael Trollinger Jr., Antuane Holton Jr., Tyheer Windham, and Montika Gaston; great-grandchildren, Kirk Young III, Koby Young, Kylee Young, Mi'Angel Holton, Ka'Oira Garner-Holton, A'miracle Holton, and Honesty Holton; godchildren, Keisha Carrier, Nedra Carrier, Shana Washington, Sherri Alexander, Dr. Amy Walker, and Lindsay Lester; sisters, Elaine Johnson (Base), Lillian Holton, and Diane Harris; brothers, Elder James Simpson and Boyd Simpson (Ellen); brothers-in-law, Ricardo Hankerson, Richard Hankerson, and Eugene Hankerson (Claudette); her devoted sister/friends Stephanie Bellamy, Toni Robison, Delores Brown, Connie, and Faye Washington, Honey Benton, Mel Smith, Robert Clark, Doris Milan, Nellie Cammack, and Dannel Snow Pittman; and a host of other family members, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 8, at Mount Zion Church of God in Christ, 557 Radnor St, Harrisburg, PA 17110

# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion C.O.G.I.C.  
557 Radnor Street  
Harrisburg, PA

## Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *who is her grand kids*

Mi'Angel Holton - February 04 at 03:05 PM

YA

“ *Mike condolences to the family!!*



Yukkie Aycock - November 19, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GF

“ *Gary Flood lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



Gary Flood - November 10, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Bryanne Hickerson - November 10, 2025 at 08:46 AM

EG

“ Emmett Green lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen



Emmett Green - November 08, 2025 at 02:42 PM

TL

“ R I P ROSIE



TINY LIVINGSTON - November 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RC

“ Robert Clark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary E. Holton-Allen.



Robert Clark - November 06, 2025 at 03:14 PM

RC

“ Robert Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E. Holton-Allen.

Robert Clark - November 06, 2025 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ *FAMILY MY HEART AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

*DEB BALLARD*



**Deborah Ballard** - November 06, 2025 at 07:42 AM

SR

“ *Sheila Rucker lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



**Sheila Rucker** - November 06, 2025 at 07:39 AM

TR

“ *My condolences to the family of Rosie Holton-Allen. May God continue to blessed each and everyone of you during this difficult time. Rosie you will forever be in my heart and I love you. RIP my sister.*



**Toni M Robinson** - November 06, 2025 at 03:22 AM

PJ

“ *My Condolences to the Family and Friends. May God give you all comfort at this time. Rosie was such a sweet hearted person, she will be sadly miss. God Bless the Family and Friends. R.I.P. Rosie 🙏*



**Priscilla Johnson** - November 06, 2025 at 01:38 AM

FF

“ *From The Barkley, Effiong & Jones Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Mary E. Holton-Allen.*



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**From The Barkley, Effiong & Jones Family** - November 05, 2025 at 09:36 PM

MW

“ *Marianne Waters lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



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**Marianne Waters** - November 05, 2025 at 08:10 PM

KI

“ *Kimberly lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



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**Kimberly** - November 05, 2025 at 03:17 PM

GR

“ *Pastor Holton and family, my condolences for your loss. Praying that God takes you all through this challenging time.*



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**Gloria & Tyrone Ravenel** - November 05, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE 🙏 TO THE FAMILY IN FRIENDS  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL STAY STRONG WITH LOVE ❤️ THE  
DUBOIS SHOFFNER WARREN WASHINGTON FAMILY PRAYERS  
FOR 🙏 YOU ALL FAMILY

Leivada Shoffner - November 05, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AC

“ Too the family I send my dearest condolences  
🙏🙏🙏 Mrs Rosie I'm so happy I got to visit  
you.Full of good spirits and that's the memory  
I will have



Alana Cofield - November 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ Rosie was always smiling whenever we met,  
never heard nothing bad about anyone she  
truly was a sweet person, she will be missed  
but she's home resting with her family  
members now. Rosie rest in peace  
always!'StaceyScott White



Stacey ScottWhite - November 05, 2025 at 12:17 PM

RB

“ Rose Banks lit a candle in memory of Mary E.  
Holton-Allen



Rose Banks - November 05, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CW

“ *Carol Warren lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



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**Carol Warren** - November 05, 2025 at 10:45 AM

MH

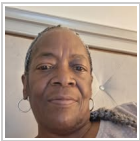
*Hi miss you grand mom*

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**Mi'Angel Holton** - February 04 at 03:05 PM

MG

“ *To my beloved family, please accept my deepest condolences. I know how much Aunt Rosie meant to each of you, and I share in your sorrow during this time. Though words can hardly capture the depth of our loss, I want to honor the beautiful life of our dear Aunt Rosie. She was a beacon of kindness and strength, and her presence made the world a little brighter for all of us who knew her. As we say goodbye, may we continue to celebrate Aunt Rosie's memory and live out the love she showed us every day.*”

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**Marti Gunning-Holton** - November 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ *Kimberly Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen*



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**Kimberly Barnes** - November 05, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TA

“ Terry, Marti and Andrew purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary E. Holton-Allen.



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**Terry, Marti and Andrew** - November 05, 2025 at 10:28 AM

ES

“ Elder James E Simpson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary E. Holton-Allen.



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**Elder James E Simpson** - November 05, 2025 at 08:59 AM

RC

“ Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen



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**Robert Collier** - November 04, 2025 at 11:30 PM

RC

“ Rae Chase lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Holton-Allen



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**Rae Chase** - November 04, 2025 at 09:48 PM



*Rosie R.I.P GREAT TIME WE SHARED*

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**Barbara mcclain** - November 05, 2025 at 10:33 AM