



Napoleon Kenneth Holmes

November 9, 1951 - March 30, 2024

Napoleon Kenneth Holmes, son of the late Helen (Holmes) Grier and Kenneth E. Duffin, was born Friday, November 9, 1951.

Known as “Napo/Nap” by his family and friends, Napoleon was a native of Steelton, PA, until the death of his grandmother. In the 60’s, his mother moved her six children, two brothers and godson James to Harrisburg, PA. All seven children graduated from high school. Five served in the military and the others attended college.

Napoleon was a graduate of William Penn High School, Class of 1970, where he played football as a nose guard. Shortly after graduation, Napoleon joined the Black Muslims for four years. He enlisted in the United States Air Force, Airman First Class, serving with Aerospace Ground Equipment Repair. His team wondered why he was always so clean. Napoleon would respond, “I keep the work away from me,” and would go straight to the bathroom to keep his hands clean. He received his Certificate of Retirement on March 23, 1980. After leaving the Air Force, he attended Harrisburg Area Community College earning an Associate’s Degree.

Napoleon became a New Convert on January 15, 2005, at the New Hope Living Baptist Church, Steelton, PA, and was ordained on March 25, 2007. He dedicated his time serving the Lord as Deacon Co-Chair, Men’s Ministry, Roar

Evangelistic Ministry and M.U.S.T. Ministries.

Napoleon retired from the United States Postal Service. Among his many pastimes were challenging and beating his cousin Dana and nephew Leroy on the Xbox, dancing, listening to music, traveling, spending time with family and friends, and he especially loved his quiet time reading scriptures and devotionals. Napoleon and his wife often traveled to see the Dallas Cowboys play as he was one of their most loyal and die-hard fans.

While at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, on Saturday evening, March 30, 2024, with his devoted wife Kelly by his side, Napoleon transitioned from this life into eternal life at seventy-two years of age.

Napoleon leaves irreplaceable memories and his love to his wife, Kelly M. Holmes; sisters, Wanda Brooks (Henry), Victoria Richardson and Anita Wilson; his children, Andrea Lester, Navell Holmes, Monika Holmes (Russell); stepsons, Dale M. Dickens Jr. (Natasha) and Rashad Xavier C. DeVan; best friend, James Evans; uncle, Victor Bair Sr. (Barbara); nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, other family members and friends.

Napoleon was also blessed with half-sisters and brothers, Kenneth E. Duffin (Deceased), Gilbert Duffin (Faye), Darryl Moore, Nadine Duffin (Deceased), Monica Ross and Joyce McKay (Richard).

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.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 9. 8:30 AM (ET)

New Hope Living Baptist Church
395 S. 2nd Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Viewing

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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395 S. 2nd Street
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Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Gary Flood lit a candle in memory of
Napoleon Kenneth Holmes



Gary Flood - April 17, 2024 at 11:12 AM

PJ

“ Priscilla Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Napoleon Kenneth Holmes



Priscilla Johnson - April 09, 2024 at 10:47 PM

MS

My deepest condolences. We grew up on Dauphin St and the memories I will cherish forever RIH my friend u will be miss

Mary Sheppard - April 20, 2024 at 03:50 AM

PJ

“ To Kelly and Family. My Condolences to you and Family. Napoleon was such a sweet and thoughtful person. He was always there for my husband, when he was sick, Napoleon and my husband was real good friends. Napoleon is going to be sadly missed. R.I.P. Napoleon. God Bless You Kelly and Family! Priscilla and Family

Priscilla Johnson - April 09, 2024 at 10:46 PM

MC

“ Our Condolences to the Holmes Family, May God give you the strength and faith you need At this difficult time R.I.P.

The Corum Family



mary corum - April 09, 2024 at 08:17 PM

TF

“ The Stewart and Leftridge Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Napoleon Kenneth Holmes.



The Stewart and Leftridge Families - April 08, 2024 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ The Stewart and Leftridge Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Napoleon Kenneth Holmes.

The Stewart and Leftridge Families - April 08, 2024 at 08:17 AM



“ April Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Napoleon Kenneth Holmes



April Wilson Jones - April 08, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ Others called you Nap, but to us, you were Deac. It was such a pleasure knowing you and having you as my brother-in-love. You are dearly missed but we know you resting in the presence of the Lord.

Sending our love and continued prayers to my sister Kelly and family.

April and Antwuan

April Wilson Jones - April 08, 2024 at 07:53 AM

MH

“ To the Family of Napoleon Holmes,
Sending our condolences to you Kelly and may God keep you in Prayer.



mamie Edmonds and Family from Hawaii - April 07, 2024 at 06:34 PM

EW

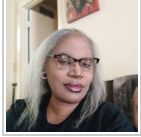
“ You are a WILLIAM PENN TIGER FOREVER Going to bei miss
Ernie Wilkerson the water boy

Ernie Wilkerson - April 07, 2024 at 05:40 PM

BM

“ Condolences to family! Napp was a good friend and will be sadly missed.

Brenda L McKinney - April 07, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ To the entire Holmes family, I send my sincere condolences especially to the children whom I've known since they were babies. I will forever cherish the memories of Pole, may his soul rest in Heavenly Peace. Stephanie Williams, Austell, Georgia



Stephanie Williams - April 06, 2024 at 10:54 PM

JC

“ Kelly so sorry to hear about the passing of Nap. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and the family. Aunt Joyce, Meghan and Aubree



Joyce Culpepper - April 06, 2024 at 05:04 PM

L(

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Napo's death...him, his brother Jerry and my late hubby Darrell Mims were great friends...he will be truly missed...my sincere condolences to his family...much love

Lenora Jordan-Mims (Poodle) - April 06, 2024 at 02:13 PM

RH

“ Love and prayers to the family of Napoleon. He was such a good man and a good friend. His love for the Lord was awesome. He always had such a special anointing and did his work for the Lord in such an excellent way. May he rest in peace. Well Done Napoleon. Prayerfully submitted Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey family, the Entire Roberts and Evans family.



Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey - April 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JW

“ *J. Leslie Warner lit a candle in memory of Napoleon Kenneth Holmes*



J. Leslie Warner - April 05, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SR

“ *Sammie L. Reid lit a candle in memory of Napoleon Kenneth Holmes*



Sammie L. Reid - April 05, 2024 at 01:49 PM

SR

Sadly 😞 grief is the price we pay for love. Wanda, Henry, Victor. My most sincere condolences 🙏. Reflect on our time on Dauphin St. May God ease 🙏 your pain.

Sammie L. Reid - April 05, 2024 at 01:58 PM

JW

Rest in heaven Nap Holmes always family

JEROME WHITE - April 06, 2024 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ *Wanda, Henry and entire Holmes family; My sincerest sympathy at the loss of your loved one.*



R.I.P. Julie Baylor Casteel

Julie Baylor Casteel - April 05, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *R I P Napoleon* ”



Tiny Livingston - April 05, 2024 at 12:28 PM