



Richard B. Holmes

April 22, 1944 - November 14, 2025

Richard B. Holmes, son of the late Robert Holmes Sr. and Evelyn R. (Brown) Holmes, was born on Saturday, April 22, 1944, in York, PA.

He received his education at William Penn Senior High School, graduating in 1962. Shortly after, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving for four years, including during the Vietnam War. His commitment to military service continued for 23 additional years in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he was assigned to the 316th unit. It was there that he forged lifelong friendships and strengthened the brotherhood he held dear. A proud veteran, Richard, wore his service hats with honor and dignity everywhere he went.

Following his military retirement, Richard moved to Harrisburg, PA began a long and dedicated career with the United States Postal Service as a special delivery mail carrier, faithfully serving his community for over 30 years.

In 1975, he married the love of his life, Evelyn, and together they shared 50 beautiful years of marriage, partnership, and treasured memories.

Even after retiring from the Postal Service, Richard continued to work, this time as a driver at Ecumenical Retirement Community, simply because he enjoyed staying active and providing for his family. Richard's work ethic was

unmatched, but so was his joy in life. When he wasn't working, he could be found cheering on his favorite teams, the Green Bay Packers and the Philadelphia Eagles. He proudly participated as a member of both the American Legion and the VFW.

Richard's presence lit up every room he entered. He loved celebrating with his family and friends, and he lived his life with a warmth and humility that touched everyone he met. His smile was contagious, his spirit steady, and his character an example of the kind of man others aspire to be. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, Richard was a pillar of strength and love to his family and community.

On Friday, November 14, 2025, at the age of eighty-one, Richard peacefully transitioned into eternal life while at UPMC Harrisburg, surrounded by his loving wife and beloved daughter. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his siblings, Robert "Bobby" Holmes, Carolyn "Sissy" Holmes-Scott, Linda Holmes-Thompson, William "Sonny" Simpson, Stephen "Nookie" Holmes, Barry Holmes, Jackie Cofield, Vincent "Chink" Bowens, and June Hunter.

He leaves to honor and celebrate his life his devoted wife, Evelyn Holmes; his children, Celeste Holmes of Harrisburg, PA, and Anthony Holmes of Brooklyn, NY; his special goddaughter, Tanesha Hall; his grandchildren, Kaseem Roland, Toneise Holmes, and Tyanni Holmes; his great-grandchildren, Tahi and Amaizyn; his siblings, Charlotte "Terri" Rice of York, PA, Robert "Bobby" Simpson of York, PA, Grelan L. Holmes of Harrisburg, PA, William "Billy" Owens and Sharon Walton of York, PA; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Richard's legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched. His family invites all who loved him to celebrate a life well lived, a heart well loved, and a

man deeply cherished.

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., Tuesday, November 25, at Turner Memorial Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turner Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
130 Watson Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Service

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Celeste & Family,

My deepest condolences to you and your family.

May God bring you comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time. I pray that He wraps His loving arms around you, and that your father's memory brings you warmth and light in the days ahead.

Please know I am keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Love, Joy Tumer & Family

Joy - November 25, 2025 at 10:53 PM



TA

“ Richie and his affectionate smile could light up a room. We started friendship at an early age in York at Crispus Attucks in Kiddie Club. Whenever our paths crossed we'd mention those days. Condolences to the family.. Terri Woodyard Allen class of 62

Terri Woodyard Allen - November 25, 2025 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ Offering sincere condolences to the Holmes family during these difficult times. I remember Mr. Richard, from his mail delivery days, then his retirement days working at the IW Able Hall bartending , working with my late father, Mr. Richard , always gave his beautiful smile , and good conversation as he engaged you.

Rest in peace now Mr. Richard, may your memory forever live on in the hearts of all who knew you. 🙏🙏

Brenda Cammack - November 25, 2025 at 06:54 AM



GB

“ Terri, Galen, Billy, Sharon Family,
Condolences to the family and friends, May God surround you all
with Love and comfort. Prayers.

Gloria Beattie - November 24, 2025 at 10:35 PM

CA

“ My condolences to the family. I will always
remember him as a very nice member of York
High Class of "62"
Clara Anderson



Clara Anderson - November 24, 2025 at 11:34 AM

MF

“ Evelyn, Celeste and Family, sending my
condolences in the loss of your Husband,
your Father and my Friend and Co-Worker.
Richard and his Brother Bill and Sister always
Travel with me and the MEAC GROUP to
Basketball Tournaments. Prayers Always



Mamie Edmonds and Family, - November 23, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Richard B. Holmes.



November 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM



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November 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Kim Arrington / Pat Byrd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard B. Holmes.

Kim Arrington / Pat Byrd - November 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Holmesie always made my day at work when he'd come in to buy stamps. He was so funny and left me smiling every time. Rip Holmesie ❤️.

Julie Fitzgerald Rojas - November 22, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Evelyn and Celeste. Richard's infectious smile and kindness will not be forgotten. My God's grace strengthen you both during these difficult days. Richard has earned his rest with the Lord.



Jimetta Matthews - November 22, 2025 at 10:01 AM

WF

“ Wallace Family lit a candle in memory of
Richard B. Holmes



Wallace family - November 21, 2025 at 06:15 AM

LL

My deepest condolences to the family. RIP 🙏 100

Lee Lathan - November 23, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DC

“ Delona P Curtis lit a candle in memory of
Richard B. Holmes



Delona P Curtis - November 20, 2025 at 08:28 PM

DC

Mr. Holmes had an infectious smile. I remember their Reserve Unit's
annual picnic at Little Buffalo. He is truly missed. My condolences to
his family.

Delona P Curtis - November 20, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DR

Evelyn, Celeste, Kaseem Our Condolences to you and your family on the lost of your husband father and grandfather Rich was one of the coolest person I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with many years ago for the Hbg School district Cafeteria Staff He was always willing to help if you needed it We became closer when I found out we had 3 people in common which was Evelyn, Celeste, Kaseem Family when he found out That I was Kaseem's Great Aunt. I will always keep those memories of working together with the kids and him showing them the highest respect and them returning the same respect to him Sleep well Beautiful Person. Job well done. Aunt Deb and Family.

Deborah A Roland - November 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BA

“ *BARBARA ASEMOTA lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Holmes*



BARBARA ASEMOTA - November 20, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SW

“ *Sending my condolences RIP Richie 🥹
Ms Stacy Woodyard
York, PA*



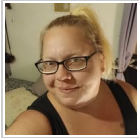
Stacy Woodyard - November 20, 2025 at 10:19 AM

CM

“ *RIP Holmesie, will miss seeing your smiling face .*



Cynthia A McCarthur - November 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Richard telling me to call him Uncle Richard when I first came into the family and ever since he made sure I called him that. He was a sweet caring loving man. He will be missed dearly. Love you Uncle Richard ❤️*

Stacey Floyd - November 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

YF

“ *Your Aetna PSL Friends purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard B. Holmes.*



Your Aetna PSL Friends - November 19, 2025 at 02:54 PM