



## William Franklin Holmes Sr.

November 27, 1945 - August 25, 2011

At his Harrisburg home on August 25, 2011, while encircled by the love of his family, William Franklin Holmes Sr., 65, was received by his Heavenly Father. He was born November 27, 1945 in Statesville, NC, son of the late Oscar Shalmar Holmes Sr. and Murlena Turner Holmes Oglesby.

He attended William Penn High School. After 34 years, he retired from the Harrisburg State Hospital as a cook, and he was formerly employed by the Penn Harris Motor Inn. A former member of Chosen Friends Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., his pastimes included karate, basketball and sharing his culinary skills.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Doretha "Sugar" Holmes; siblings, Wilbur Turner and Daisy Ann Jackson; and a grandson, Kristoffer Holmes. He leaves to lovingly remember his life: sons, Reginald Gillespie, William "Frankie," Jr. (Bianca), and Anthony Holmes (Tasha); daughters, Nadina Bowman, Danita Morris (Fred) and Gloria "Renee" Holmes; his siblings, Nathaniel and Oscar Holmes Jr., Ruth Lackey, Anita Blount, Dottie Carr, Jonnie Dean, Linda Lewis and Dorothy Mae; an aunt, Oneida Dixon; stepchildren, James Bowers and Shardae Wise; 19 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

His life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 3rd, at Macedonia

Missionary Baptist Church, 2339 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, with viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. Interment will be at Paxtang Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Paxtang Cemetery**

401 Kelso St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

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