



Mr. William E. Holmes Jr.

August 22, 1923 - September 21, 2012

“Brother,” as he was known by family and friends, was born Wednesday, August 22, 1923, in Steelton, Pennsylvania, son of the late William E. Holmes Sr. and the late Ressie Davis Holmes.

William received his formal education in the school districts of Steelton and Philadelphia, PA. On January 29, 1943, William married Mary Jane Atwell who preceded him in death. He served an honorable tour of military duty with the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945 and retired after many years of service from the former Bethlehem Steel Company. As a member of Cyrene Lodge #169, Steelton, William was the chief drum and bugle player dating back to the 1950’s. Very active most of his life, he enjoyed playing his guitar, using his jack-of-all-trade talents as an interior contractor, tailoring, baking for his friends and playing cards.

When William’s health began to decline, he was moved to New Rochelle, New York, where his daughter resides. On Friday, September 21, 2012, at United Hebrew of New Rochelle, he was received by his Heavenly Father, transitioning from the labor of his earthly journey into the reward of life eternal. William was predeceased by seven sisters, Arcelia Milton, Nellie Charity, Eunice Jones, Lucy Burnett, Ida Belle Holmes Bair, Geneva Jones and Ethel Jean Shields. He leaves to celebrate his life his devoted daughter, Gwendolyn Spady of New Rochelle; his grandchildren, Larry Brannock of San Diego, CA, and Sonya Spady of New Rochelle. Special memories will also be cherished

by his two devoted nieces, Helen Holmes Grier, Michele Washington, and a life-long friend, William "Lefty" Pettigrew.

Cemetery Details

Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens

6701 Jonestown Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17112