



## Mr Steven Darrell Holland

December 21, 1962 - July 8, 2023

### DEACON STEVEN D. HOLLAND

Through the years, I keep on toiling,  
Toiling through the storm and rain,  
Watching and patiently waiting,  
Until the Savior comes again.  
I'm coming, Lord, trusting in thy word,  
Keep me from the paths of sin,  
Hide me in thy love, write my name above,  
When the gates swing open, I'll walk in.

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, God, in His infinite wisdom, beckoned our beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend to come from labor to rest. Deacon Steven D. Holland was born on December 21, 1962, to the late George and Bertha Holland in Newport News, VA. His name was put on the House of Prayer roll at birth, and here he received his Christian foundation, upbringing, and natural inclination for music.

Steve attended Newport News public schools, graduating from Warwick High School in 1982. He developed a love for music in childhood, playing the baritone in 5th grade and advancing to 1st chair trombone in high school. It's only natural that the trombone would become his instrument of choice, which he loved. After all, he was born the son of the late George Holland, legendary

trombone master, of the infamous Happyland Band. Not only did he receive the instrumental blessing of his father, but he also inherited a smooth baritone voice that bellowed hymns from deep within his soul.

At a young age, a young girl caught his eye and piqued his interest. Although he was way too young at the time, it was something about her that would make him say "You're going to be my wife." Even though she thought "What?", she was flattered by his interest. And, this was the beginning of their love story. Their friendship blossomed, time passed, and Steve's dream became a reality. CoCo said "yes" to his request to be his wife, and they received the blessing of Daddy McCollough to marry on June 21, 1986. Before long there was the pitter-patter of little feet---four to be exact, with the birth of twin boys, Cleveland and Steven Jr. in 1988. They would later be joined by a sister, Stephanie, in 1989. "Big Steve," as he was affectionately called, was a devoted husband and father, always protective of his family. His stature shadowed a humble man with a gentle and quiet spirit, who was deeply loved by his family. Thirty-seven years, until his passing, Steve and CoCo walked as one and were meant to be!

His early trade was a brick mason, and eventually, he found his passion in cooking. For some 30 years, Steve was a professional cook for the International House of Pancakes. His love for cooking was served at home for his family, on holiday time, and on special occasions. His favorite dish was good ole fried chicken, and he always looked forward to Thanksgiving with his family.

As much as he enjoyed cooking, it was second to his passion for playing his horn in the House of Prayer bands. Once he became a deacon, his vocals would stir up the testimony service, or he would render a solo on the program. He created and taught music parts, mixed sounds, and made original melodies and songs. More than anything, we will miss Steve's gifted playing of

the trombone; a sound that remains in our hearts forever.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, George and Bertha Holland; his brothers, Stanley Holland, and George (Sonny Boy) Holland, III; his sisters, Delores Lawrence, Edith Moss, and Valerie Holley.

Left with many precious memories are: his wife, St. Coretha (CoCo) Holland of Newport News, VA; two sons, Cleveland Holland of Charlotte, NC and Steven Holland (Kelly) of Virginia Beach, VA; one daughter, Stephanie Garnett (Curtis) of Newport News, VA; mother-in-law, St. Joan Diggs; father-in-law, Elder Roy L. Carter; sisters, Denise Holland and Deborah Randall; brother, Donald Holland; aunts, Joycelyn Holland, Bertha Fentress, Daisy Thomas, Theresa Holland, and Shirley Holland; sister-in-law, Carolyn Holland; brothers-in-law, Elder Michael Carter, Johnathan Carter, and Apostle D. Holley; (7) grandchildren: Aubrianna, Zachariah, Nastasia, Elijah, Imari, Gabrielle, and Zaylee; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.

We love you, but God loves you best.

THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Holland Viewing

JUL 14. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

## Holland Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

United House of Prayer for All People  
1811 Ivy Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

## Holland Burial

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Park  
2700 Parish Ave  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Steven Darrell Holland



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2023 at 05:20 PM

AB

*I remember the day you all got married and so much more. I remember how when they were at the HOP Jeremy and Tremaine loved to follow Steve around. Hope that they r together now along with so many others with their trombones*

Angela Burton - July 15, 2023 at 04:34 PM

TS

*My Trombone brother you walked soft with a big smile and a love for everyone I'm going to miss you Steve love you much Dec ❤️❤️🙏*  
Thaddeus J. Cradle Sr.

Thaddeus J. Cradle Sr. - July 16, 2023 at 11:29 PM

KL

*Mrs coco I am so sorry for your loss*

Kenzye leggon - August 02, 2023 at 12:55 PM

SG

“ *St. Wayne lit a candle in memory of Steven Holland*



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**St. Elder Wayne Guy** - August 15, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr Steven Darrell Holland.*



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July 25, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CP

“ *Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time. Our family share your loss of a beautiful soul.*

*St. Cynthia Payne and Kenneth Payne, Atlanta, GA  
St. Maude James, Hampton, VA*

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**Cynthia Payne** - July 21, 2023 at 05:15 PM

SM

“ Peace,  
St. Holland, Steve, Cleveland, Stephanie and family praying your comfort through this time, knowing our God will keep and sustain you all. I have fond memories of Deacon Holland @ NN#2, recalling his soul stirring voice, making those instruments hum to the glory of God! A humble man that I remember always serving. The obvious love you all shared for one another that radiated from your marriage. I do not ever recall seeing one of you in my entire life without the other. When the calls slow down and the visits diminish just remember one day at a time, we all have a race to finish. From one great memory to another, some days may seem harder or more complicated than the other. We know this time is sure to happen to us all, when your spirit feels weak on God you must call. See through Him you will find solace, your peace, your strength, our nature causes us to be sad from missing the presence of the loved ones we have, around His Holy Mountain is where you must go to keep your spirit strong and comfort your soul. 🙏  
With Love in Grace, Sis. Natasha Munn & Family  
Durham NC

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Sis. N Munn - July 14, 2023 at 10:13 PM

SF

“ To the family of Deacon Steven Holland, our family is sending our sincere sympathy. "God is still in control of our lives"

Humbly yours, Sis. Dorothy Askew Etheridge  
and Family



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Sis. Dorothy Askew Etheridge and Family - July 14, 2023 at 05:42 PM

SF

“ To the family of Deacon Steven Holland, my family and I are praying your strength during this trying time. "Only what you do for Christ will last "

*Peacefully yours, St. Barbara Britt- Hinton and family*



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**St. Barbara Britt- Hinton and Family** - July 14, 2023 at 05:36 PM

MG

“ To the family of Deacon Steven Holland, my family and I are sending our heartfelt condolences during and after your hours of bereavement. "Weeping May Endure for a Night but Joy Cometh in the Morning"

*Gracefully yours, St. Ella Mae Mercer, Bro. Michael Gates and Family*

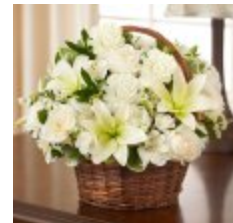


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**Michael Gates** - July 14, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mr Steven Darrell Holland.



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July 14, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2023 at 05:12 PM

BD

“ Denise and Family,  
I extend my sincerest condolences to each of you. I did not know Steven, but I do know that he was raised in a wonderful family. Denise is my Huntington High School friend/classmate. You all are lifted in my prayers. Be blessed and encouraged. 💜🙏

Beulah M Davis - July 13, 2023 at 04:09 PM

CB

“ St Holland, I light a candle in the honor of your faithfulness to your husband and the vows that both of you radiated from the time I met you. A profound dedication to God and each other. Praying for your strength in this most difficult time.



Clara Jones (aka Barbaraj) - July 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM

ST

“ Praying for strength and comfort to St. Coco and family.

Sis. Trudy - July 13, 2023 at 09:14 AM

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“ *My heart goes out to you, and I wish you nothing but comfort and strength.*

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**Eld. H.Wiggins, Jr. - Norfolk, VA #2** - July 11, 2023 at 08:57 PM

DW

“ *Sending prayers to St. Coco Holland and the entire family* 🙏

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**Dk walton** - July 11, 2023 at 04:27 PM