



Betsy Lou Holmes

March 10, 1937 - January 26, 2024

Betsy Lou Holmes was born on March 10, 1937 to Mittie and Curtis Dawkins in Lexington, North Carolina. She was the second child and only girl among her brothers — Arthur, Robert (deceased), and Nolan.

The family moved permanently to Alexandria, Virginia when she was 2 years old. She attended and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church. She graduated in 1955 from Parker-Gray High School. She lived and breathed the small, close-knit hometown in which she grew up — so much so that she visited quite frequently until 2023. She warmly and proudly referred to Alexandria as being “home” all of her life was her ultimate joy.

On June 3, 1961, she married Dones Holmes, and they settled in Detroit, Michigan. From their union, they had 2 children, Gail and Eric.

In 1970, began working part time as a noon hour aid at the neighborhood elementary school. It was there that discovered her passion for working with children and teaching. She later started working full time as then became a paraprofessional. Her passion led on a journey to her to pursue her Associate Degree, then Bachelors and Master’s Degree in Education from Wayne State University. She taught Special Education in the Detroit Public Schools. She adored her students so much that she rarely missed days from work. Her health eventually forced her to retire after 37 years.

Known as a “Woman of Style”. Betsy was a classy woman is one who exuded and elegance in her day-to-day life. She carried herself with grace, dignity, and confidence that set her apart from the rest of the crowd. She carried herself with a sense of warmth about her that endeared others to her.

She loved traveling when she could. Family meant everything to her. She also attended just about all her children’s, grandchildren’s, and great-grandchildren’s school and sports events.

She leaves behind a host of friends and relatives; including her 2 brothers, Arthur and Nolan, nieces and nephews; 2 children — Gail and Eric.

Stepson Richard Holmes (Kathy)

4 grandchildren:

Christoper, Jennifer, Lauryn, Devin.

Also, 3 great-grandchildren.

Chase, Christian, and Harper.

She touched and left an impression on everyone she met. will be greatly missed.

Please encourage the Holmes family with words of Love and Condolences on this personal Tribute page, created just for Betsy Holmes. To send flowers or to plant a tree in memory of: please visit on online sympathy store.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Empowerment Church (Shriners Silver Garden Events Center)
24350 Southfield Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live-streamed Funeral Service in memory of Betsy Lou Holmes*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 07, 2024 at 10:19 PM

MG

“ *I will love you forever and never forget you until we meet again...□□*
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Love, Marilyn

Marilyn Goodwin - November 16, 2024 at 03:52 PM

CW

“ *We are sending prayers of comfort to you and your family. Your mother was truly blessed to have you care for her as you so lovingly did. Crystal and Mike*♥

Crystal White - February 06, 2024 at 08:09 PM

CJ

“ *May God continue to bless and be with the entire Holmes family.*
- Ms. Causey-Johnson

Causey Johnson - February 06, 2024 at 03:19 PM

LS

“ My sweet cakes we’re going to miss her dearly. 💖 Smithbey Family
🌸 You were more than a teacher to us. Love you sweet cakes 🌸

LaToya Smithbey - February 06, 2024 at 02:58 PM

TF

“ The Moragne Family purchased the Divine Peace
Bouquet for the family of Betsy Lou Holmes.



The Moragne Family - February 06, 2024 at 09:14 AM

CS

“ I Can't Believe This, You Will be forever missed Mrs.Holmes!!!!!! I
LOVE YOU Cordney ❤️

Cordney Autry I'm Ms.Holmes student! - February 06, 2024 at 09:03 AM

LE

“ I Love You Ms.Holmes Going Miss You So Much!!!!Love Tasha

latasha england - February 04, 2024 at 07:07 PM

VV

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Holmes Family.
Levoid and Veronica Vickers

Veronica Vickers - February 01, 2024 at 05:26 PM