



## Jefferi V. Holland

January 26, 1959 - February 2, 2025

Jefferi V. Holland was born to the union of the late Raymond and Zenobia Holland on January 26, 1959, in Detroit, MI – the second child of the family. He was affectionately known as “Jeff”.

Faith played a significant role in Jeff’s life. His Christian experience began at St. Clements Episcopal Church in Inkster, MI. Jeff and his family were members of the church for many years. In his early teens, Jeff served as an acolyte, helping with essential religious services. Later, in his adult life, he worked tirelessly for the Men’s Guild, acted as Senior Warden and was a member of the board for the St. Clements Manor Senior Center.

Jeff graduated from Aquinas High School - Class of 1977. It turned out to be a pivotal milestone. He was awarded a basketball scholarship to attend the University of Detroit Mercy - a nod to his talent on the court. But it was his academic performance that eventually led to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics in 1982.

In the late 1990’s, it was only fitting that Jeff would meet the love of his life, Kimberly Truman, at church. Their passion for community service also fueled their passion and love for each other and on July 8, 2000, the two got married. They settled in Plymouth, MI, and went on to host countless get-togethers at their home over the years for family and friends. Jeff continued his Christian experience with St. John’s Episcopal Church in Plymouth, under the leadership of Pastor Chris.

Despite dealing with numerous health challenges, Jeff was an accomplished

engineer, principal technology consultant, account manager and entrepreneur. (He and Kim once operated a wine store together!) His work at the University of Michigan was cutting edge. It also gave Jeff another opportunity to mentor youngsters through the university's Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP).

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, our beloved Jeff changed his earthly garments to his heavenly robe. He was 66 years old.

Jefferi leaves to cherish his love and memories: beloved wife, Kim Holland; mother-in-law, Flo Truman; one brother, Raymond (Ida) Holland; one sister, Loren Gaffin; one brother-in-law, Scott (Desiree) Truman; two nieces, Dr. LaVonne Gaffin and Tanisha (Jeremy) Payne; four nephews, Raymond Holland Jr., Richard Gaffin, Avery Truman and Alexander (Juli) Truman; grandniece, Journey Payne; goddaughter, Raven Thompson, numerous cousins and friends and a large host of his Kappa Alpha Psi brothers (see legacy tribute).

"We bless the Lord for his life." Amen!

JEFFERI V. HOLLAND

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

JUNE 9, 1989, 9:09 p.m.

Brother Jefferi Holland was raised in nobility from birth and his character and mind were always clear and focused. Brother Holland was initiated into the Noble Clan of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on June 9, 1989, at 9:09 p.m., and became number 6 on the line of the "Significant Six."

Brother Holland embodied the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., which is ACHIEVEMENT in every field of Human Endeavor. Brother Holland's servant leadership style led him to being nominated, accepted, and elected as the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Keeper of Exchequer. Not only was this special considering Brother Holland's tenure in the Fraternity, but he was

elected and served in this capacity for 23 straight years. This is a feat that no other person in our Chapter's history has achieved.

Brother Holland continued to excel in excellence serving as the Chapter's Vice Polemarch despite battling courageously, a very rare and serious illness.

Brother Holland served in this capacity for five years overseeing the Chapter's committees and activities. In this role, Brother Holland coordinated the Chapter's financial contributions to St. Jude's Hospital which provides life-saving medical services for youth without charging families. Brother Holland served on various Chapter committees and his significant contributions led directly to the shaping of the future direction of the Chapter. He forged many impactful community relationships and served as the Chapter's Ambassador to Starfish Family Services, a nonprofit organization, providing food security, clothes, toys, and other essentials for low-income families. One of Brother Holland's most noteworthy gifts was his willingness to serve for years on the Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away Committee. Brother Holland bestowed participation on this committee assisting in identifying individuals that qualified for the donation.

Brother Holland's full body of work led to his Brother of the Year Award twice and being inducted into the Chapter's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Association. Brother Holland's toils were endless, his service abundant and his love for others selfless. The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., specifically the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti- Inkster Alumni Chapter, shall miss the smile and easy-going nature of Brother Holland and the servant leadership which is engraved in the community in which we serve.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, please make donations to the Kappa Foundation in memory of Jefferi Holland

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Episcopal Church  
574 S. Sheldon Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of Jefferi V. Holland*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 10, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DP

“ *To Kim, Lori, David, The Truman and Holland Families, my prayers are with you.*

*I have known Jeff all his life. Always smart, always kind, with the goofy laugh. My fondest memories are the two years that I drove Jeff, Linda, Brenda, Conrad, Rodney, and Pooh to Aquinas High School. I remember one time when I had a flat tire, and 20 minutes to get to school. Jeff and others jumped out of the car in Taylor, MI, changed the tire in less than 10 minutes, I floored it, and we made it to school with a minute to spare. We often played cards in the back of the cafeteria, and cheered Jeff on when he played basketball. However one thing was for sure, we all took our education very seriously and for all of our joking, everyone stayed on the honor roll, with Jeff and Rodney leading the way. The car rides to school were filled with laughter, loud music, and encouragement. Jeff never bragged about his work, but quietly achieved all that he desired. I am grateful that I got to know Jeff during those two years, and the happy memories I will hold dear forever. Jeff, I thank God that I was honored to spend just a little time on the road of life with you. Thank you for being my friend.*

*Donna Cooper Pearson*

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**Donna Cooper Pearson** - February 14, 2025 at 01:01 AM

LC

“ *Kim, Lori and David,*  
*My deepest condolences to you all on Jeff's passing. I have known Jeff since elementary school age, serving together as acolytes at St Clements Episcopal Church, then attending High School together and even starting up our Disco Group "Phase III" with Ronald Byrd during our teen years. In my opinion Jeff was always the "smartest " dude in the room when it came to academics and especially electronics. He was also a athletic force to be dealt with on the Basketball court, his ball scholarship to Mercy College proved that point! Most of all he was a kind compassionate person and a Godly person from early on. Serving on the Vestry at St Clements Jeff took the lead on several projects and always had input and ideas to grow the Kingdom of God. He also defended those who were bullied/bothered during high school. With his hearty laugh, Jeff possessed a wry sense of humor and fun, but on the other side he could be intense when the situation called for it. He indeed was a force and leader in and outside the community and will be missed .*  
*RIP Brother J Von!!*  
*Leslie Cobb*

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**Leslie Cobb** - February 13, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jefferi V. Holland.*



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February 12, 2025 at 10:13 PM

EH

“ Eric, Lasean, Jordyn, and Sydney Hardy purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Jefferi V. Holland.



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**Eric, Lasean, Jordyn, and Sydney Hardy** - February 12, 2025 at 09:40 AM

EH

“ Eric, Lasean, Jordyn, and Sydney Hardy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jefferi V. Holland.

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**Eric, Lasean, Jordyn, and Sydney Hardy** - February 12, 2025 at 09:40 AM

RD

“ Rachel Lazere & Dave DaSacco purchased the Favorites Gift Box for the family of Jefferi V. Holland.



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**Rachel Lazere & Dave DaSacco** - February 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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**Rachel Lazere & Dave DaSacco** - February 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

TD

“*Kim and the Holland Family— I am saddened to learn that my high school chum and life-long friend made his transition. He and I met in 10th grade at Aquinas High School where we shared classes, and many laughs. Jeff was one of the star basketball players, and we cheered him on at many of the games. While our lives went in different directions, when we spoke, it was though no time had passed. Jeff was truly a good guy, who will not be forgotten. I’m glad we reconnected this past summer/fall and it was good seeing him. God makes no mistakes; and He called Jeff home to work in another vineyard. May you keep his memories close to your heart. May Jeff Rest In His Arms....Blessings,*

*Tina Daniels*



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**Tina Daniels** - February 08, 2025 at 03:11 PM

BW

“*My deepest condolences and prayers to the Holland family. I had the pleasure to attend Aquinas High School with Jeff. He was always a kind gentleman. May my his memories comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Belinda Wright (nee Griffin)*  
*Lansing, MI*

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**Belinda Wright** - February 06, 2025 at 03:40 PM