



Mr. Donald Durant Holmes

May 4, 1962 - October 1, 2015

Mr. Donald Durant “Donnie” Holmes, age 53, passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Faxon-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center. He fought fearlessly for 2 years against his diagnosis of cancer.

Born in Utica on May 4, 1962, Donald was the son of the late Warren E. Holmes, Sr. and Lillie May (Bouie) Holmes-Height. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1976. He subsequently enrolled in a flux and soldering training program earning a certificate in the trade. Donnie entered into a marriage with Eva Marie McKorcel, a union that knew the blessings of their children. For over 20 years, Donnie and his companion Marvin Heyward shared love, trust, communication, and laughter. They were truly good for one another and to one another.

Donald was well-suited for his career in the field of construction and found fulfillment working with various firms and friends over the years. Forever smiling and ready for fun, Donnie brought out the best in everyone. He was a true ‘people person’ blessed with a caring and optimistic nature. He had the ability to put others before himself and lift their spirits despite what burdens were on his shoulders. Music was also an important aspect of his life which began when he played lead guitar in Church, a calling that he continued throughout his life. He was talented in many trades and crafts including cooking. He was also a man of many names, including Blob, Blobster, and My Babe, and he always had a nickname for everyone in his circle of life. Donald

had a deep devotion to God and he accepted Christ as his Savior at Faith Baptist Temple. He loved the Lord and it showed in his sensitive soul and his love for humanity.

Donald is survived by his mother, Lillie Mae Holmes-Height; his children and their families, Kimnesha Holmes, Neisha Holmes, Donald Holmes Jr., Jasmine Holmes, and their mother Eva Marie Holmes, all of Rome; Hydia Holmes, Omari Holmes, both of Utica, Shakoiya Robinson of FL, Keona Robinson, Jessica Heyward, and their mother Marvinna Heyward, all of Utica; his 17 grandchildren; his aunts and uncles, Willie Wright of Utica, Jerry D. and Bulan Wright of FL, Reggie Holmes of Bridgewater, Juanita Bass of Frankfort, Leona Booth of Rochester, Delores Gaston, and Debbie Holmes, both of Utica. Also left to cherish his memory are his siblings and best friends, Evelyn and Anthony Seracusa of Rochester, Warren Holmes Jr., Dwayne and Joanne Holmes, Wyatt Holmes, Johnny Holmes, and Evert Holmes, all of Utica; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Donald was preceded in death by his father, Warren E. Holmes, Sr. in 1994; his sister, Joannie Holmes in, 1997; his brother, Eddie Holmes in 1986; and several aunts and uncles.

The family extends sincere thanks to the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their professional care and compassion in caring for Donald.

Visitation will be held on Friday morning, October 9, 2015, from 10:00-11:00 at the House of God Church, 1304 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501. Donald's Home Going and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:00 at the church. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY-
DONNIE WAS A GOOD MAN HE USE TO
COME TO MY HOUSE ONCE IN AWHILE
TO HANG WITH MY HUSBAND
HE'S RESTING NOW AT PEACE AND
WATCHING OVER HIS LOVED ONES*



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