

The Angels Have Opened Their Arms
to
Brother
Earnest James Holley
(Earnest Peter)



Earthly Landing

July 16, 1945

Flight Home

December 31, 2010

~ Service ~

Saturday, January 8, 2011

11:00 A.M.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Pennington, Texas

Officiating:

Pastor Cornelius Harbin
Rev. Alvin Mills

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"Just A Look Back "

On July 16, 1945, Earnest James Holley, the last son born to Johnnie and Captola Holley in Crockett, TX. To be born in the later years of their lives was truly a blessing. Throughout his life, Earnest was known as "Peter" to his siblings and friends. He united with the Antioch Baptist Church and was baptized at the age of nine, under the leadership of the late Rev. J.D. Williams.

Earnest received his education in the Fodice Public School and was in the 1965 class of G.W. Carver of Groveton. He entered the United States Army in 1965 and served during the Vietnam Conflict where he was awarded the "Purple Heart" for wounds received while serving his country in this war zone.

Earnest had a gift of fixing mechanical things and on his return, he developed a keen skill of working in this craft for many years.

On July 18, 1971, he married Leora Lee. This union lasted until the angel of death made appearance on July 16, 2010.

Earnest was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Clemett and Carlie C. and a baby sister.

His memories will be kept alive through his only sibling, a sister, Johnnie Holley of Groveton, Sister-in-law Dimple Holley of Houston, Nephews and Nieces of Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Abilene: Johnny G. Holley, Terrance Reese, Jarvis Reese, Christopher Whaley, Bryan Whaley, Antonio Reese, Clemency Whaley, Linda Taylor, Dshanya Reese, Anne Reese, Adrienne Reese, Talayeh Reese and Jazmyn Reese. Special Brother, Charles Taylor, many cousins, other family members and friends.

Brief Branches of Our Family Tree
"Let your life be a Light and not a Shadow"



Aaron & Lou Holley
Jasper Holley
wed Rozella Mills

Ed Holland
wed Sallie Williams

*** Johnnie Holley wed Captola Holland**

Johnnie's Siblings

- * Mae Willie Wortham
- * Jasper Holley
- * J.C. Horace
- * Calvin Horace
- * Lawyer Horace
- * Jimmie Horace
- * Annie Mae Smith
- * A.C. Horace
- * Verna Hendrick
- * Melvin Horace

Captola's Siblings

- Lula Mills Truss
- Tonie Holland
- Jasper Holland
- Sidney (Sead) Holland

* Johnnie and Captola's Offsprings

*Clemett (Dimple)

Clemency (Johnny)

Christopher (Josephine) & Bryan

Linda (Lawrence

Johnny Glenn

*Charlie C.

*Earnest (Leora)

*Johnnie (Reese)

Dshanya

Terrance

Jarvis (Anne) Talayeh & Jazmyn

(Tabetha) Adrienne & Antonio

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Our Lord Directs Our Way

God does not lead us year by year

Nor even day by day,

But step by step our path unfolds,

Our Lord directs our way.

Tomorrow's plans we do not know

We only have this minute!

But he will say, "This is the way,

By faith now walk ye in it," And we are glad that is so;

Today is ours to share,

And when tomorrow comes, His grace

Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then or fret?

The Lord who gave His only son

Holds all our moments in His hand

And gives them one by one.



(The Holley Family - Dimple, Johnnie, Clemency, Linda,
Johnny, Dshanya, Terrance, Jarvis, Anne, Christopher, Bryan,
Lawrence, Josephine, Adrienne, Antonio, Talayeh, and Jasmyn)

To One In Sorrow

-Grace Noll Crowell-

Let me come in where you are weeping, friend,

And let me take your hand.

I, who have known a sorrow such as yours,

Can understand.

Let me come in - I would be very still

Beside you in your grief;

I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend,

Tears bring relief.

Let me come in - I would only breathe a prayer,

And hold your hand,

For I have know a sorrow such as yours,

And understand.

The Fears Family

(Archie, Ira, Frances, and Shirley)



A Glimpse in Time



What a Family



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Family Scriptures



Psalm 34:1-8 "The Lord is Good"

- * I will praise the Lord at all times; his praise is always on my lips.
- * My whole being praises the Lord. The poor will hear and be glad.
- * Glorify the Lord with me, and let us praise his name together.
- * I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me. He saved me from all that I feared.
- * Those who go to him for help are happy, and they are never disgraced.
- * The angel of the Lord camps around those who fear God, and he saves them.
- * Examine and see how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trusts him.

Romans 5:1-5 "Right with God"

- * Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God. This happened through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- * Who has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy. And we are happy because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory.
- * We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience.
- * And patience produce character, and character produce hope.
- * And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Musical Director
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Entrance of Participating Clergy and Family

Written Word
Old Testament Psalm 34:1-8
 Rev. Alfred Horace
New Testament Romans 5:1-5
 Supt. Emmitt Horace
Prayer of Comfort Rev. David Horace

Song Choir & Congregation
 "Want It Be Grand"

Resolution, Obituary and Acknowledgement
 Sis. LaNette Hill

Solo Sis. Prinzola Ward
 "It's Just Good To Know the Lord"

Word of Encouragement
Pastor Cornelius Harbin

God's Word
Rev. Alvin N.E. Mills

Last Earthly Glimpse "Glory! Glory!"

Recessional Clergy, Family &
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Active Pallbearers
Family & Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

Johnny Holley
Jarvis Reese
Charles Taylor
Christopher Whaley

Terrance Reese
Ira Fears
Bryan Whaley
Antonio Reese

Acknowledgement

You have been with this family through births, graduations, marriages and even deaths. You chose us to laugh and cry with.

Your love and caring has given us strength when we thought that there were no tomorrows. You reminded us that God does not place more on us than we can bear. You prayed and cared for us when earthly physicians said that were no hope. We, the

Holley Family, thank you for your support, love, food, and above all, your prayers. Because you have reinforced our faith, we are able to overcome the departure of another loved one.

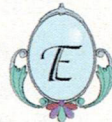
-The Earnest Holley Family-

Final Earthly Resting Place
Pennington Cemetery
Pennington, Texas

*Once again for the final care of our loved one, the
Holley Family has entrusted the services of*

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