



## Ms. Wilhelmina M. Holton

October 14, 1940 - April 25, 2024

On October 14, 1940, Wilhelmina Antoinette (Mayes) Holton the daughter of the late Garfield William and Inez Maria Mayes of Southampton County, VA was born. She departed this earth peacefully on April 23, 2024.

Other than her birth name Wilhelmina, she has always been known as Mickey, it was given to her by her late Uncle Charley. She was raised in Franklin, VA where she was a member of O'Berry A.M.E. Zion Church of Franklin, VA. She graduated from Hayden High School in Southampton County, VA. Thereafter, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she enrolled and graduated from Cortez Peters Business College. While attending business school, she met John W. Holton, Jr. (deceased) and married. They had their first child, a daughter Dawn A. Holton in 1964. Five years later, they had their second child, a son John W. Holton, III (deceased) in 1969. In between those years, Wilhelmina worked for the U.S. federal government at General Services Administration (GSA), then moved to a different agency, the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW), presently known as the Department of Health & Human Services (HSS). She enjoyed learning and attended the University of District of Columbia (UDC). In the early 1990s, she converted to Catholic, and joined St. Luke's Church, but she never forgot her roots as a Methodist.

Wilhelmina worked extremely hard to provide a decent living for her family.

She had personal interests that she enjoyed outside of her job. She loved music, especially the blues. Her favorite artist was B.B. King and she loved R&B. Also, she loved to sew. She made outfits for herself and her children and they were beautiful. She loved to travel especially, with her job, and she also found time to travel with her children. Traveling to Italy to see the Pope was always on her list to do.

Wilhelmina is survived by her loving daughter Dawn A. Holton, her sister Mrs. Candice W. Woodruff, her nephews Reginald L. Woodruff, Jr. and Lewis A. Woodruff, great nephew Josiah Woodruff and niece Laila Woodruff and other relatives, friends, and neighbors and last but not least her cat "P". She was preceded in death by her husband John W. Holton, Jr and loving son John W. Holton, III.

Mickey will be truly missed by her family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL

4101 SUITLAND RD  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Wake

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4925 E Capitol St SE  
Washington, DC 20019

## Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4925 E Capitol St SE  
Washington, DC 20019

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my sister, Dawn.

*Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mama Willa was a bright light to this world and will be sorely missed. Just know that you are not alone and that I and the rest of your sisters are here for you. We all now have another angel watching over us.*

*R.I.P. Mama Willa. You may be gone from this earth but you will never be forgotten. 🙏*

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Alice - May 09, 2024 at 02:39 PM

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“ Dear mom, you are no longer with us, but your memories are imprinted in our minds and spirit. We will miss you, but we are celebrating your victory because you are now living your best life with the Father. Just know that your other daughters have your “daughter’s” back. You don’t have to worry about her. Thank you for always watching and praying for us, we are eternally grateful. Rest in peace, we love you!



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"Rainy" - May 09, 2024 at 08:09 AM

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“ I’ll always remember the beautiful friendship that Mickey had with my mom, Della Anderson. They worried about each other so much. Now they are together in heaven ☐☐ 🙏. Much love always to the family 🙏🙏🙏

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Kathy Anderson - May 07, 2024 at 01:43 PM