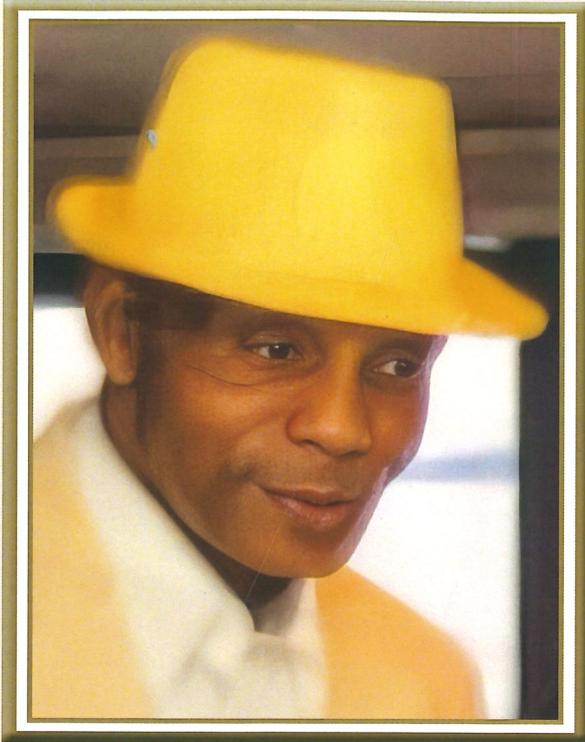


*In Loving Memory*

OF



*Raymond W. Holt, Jr.*  
"Butch"

September 21, 1953 - January 31, 2023

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Wake: 10:00 a.m.      Funeral: 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME  
2140 N. Fulton Avenue | Baltimore, Maryland

# Obituary

**RAYMOND WILLIAM HOLT**, affectionately referred to as "Butch," was born on September 21, 1953 to the late Raymond and Mary Holt in the South East Section of Washington, DC. He unexpectedly departed this life on January 31, 2023.

At a very young age, Raymond moved with his family to West Baltimore, Maryland where he attended Baltimore City Public Schools. After departing the Baltimore City Public Schools System, Raymond joined the United States Army and worked for the Baltimore City Water Department and Sparrows Point Shipyard. Prior to the start of the COVID 19 Pandemic, Ray worked for 15 years in the Manufacturing Industry, including, but not limited to Cloverland Dairy and Phoenix Mechanics. After his retirement, he worked part-time with the Baltimore County Senior Employment Program (BCSEP) where he was stationed at the Baltimore County Westside Emergency Men's Shelter. Raymond especially enjoyed the opportunity to work at the shelter and to support the clients whenever he could, because he never forgot his own journey, and the road once traveled.

Raymond met his longtime friend Malissa and from that relationship came their daughter, Shaqunita N. Holt. He later married the former Gwendolyn Reddick, but that union ended in divorce.

Raymond was known for his cleanliness and for being organized. He kept his home immaculate and kept his workspace clean and orderly at the Westside Men's Shelter. Additionally, he also had impeccable style and a very strong sense of fashion. He enjoyed family gatherings, watching sports, and spending time with his rambunctious Jack Russell puppy, Pepper.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Shaqunita (Lakia); granddaughter, Morgan (Kennedy); brothers, Anthony (Charmaine), Arnold (Joyce), Tyron (Michelle); sisters, Sharon (Robert), Beverly (two sisters preceded him in death Cynthia and Evelyn); nephews, Corey (Jerlonia), Cortly (Sherelle), Ethan; nieces, Mallory, Cynthia and Wanda; and host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, extended family, and his best friend Rasheed "Beaver."

# Order of Service

OPENING PRAYER ..... Cortly D. Witherspoon, Sr.

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Matthew Chapman  
New Testament  
Old Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Johnetta Witherspoon

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Gino Howard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CARDS ..... Cynthia Neely

## REFLECTIONS

Floretta Tillman (*Co-worker*)

Arnold McKuen (*Brother*)

Cortly D. Witherspoon, Jr. (*Great-nephew*)

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Pastor Steven Turner

EULOGY ..... Pastor Veronica Boulware

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor Veronica Boulware

### I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play;*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*



### FALLEN LIMB

*A limb has fallen from the family tree,*

*I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.*

*Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,*

*The good life I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,*

*Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,*

*Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions, no matter how small,*

*Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,*

*Until the day comes we're together again."*



## Acknowledgement

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during its hour of bereavement.