



# Order of Service

# The Obituary

Apostle Addie M. Harris Rawls, Officiating

Musical Prelude.....Brother Ramsey Nash, Musician

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Praise.....Elder Marvin E. Rawls, Jr.

Reading of the Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8).....Rev. Charles Dublin

New Testament (I Corinthians 15: 51-57).....Rev. Dr. DeAshley Curtis

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Ann Mitchener

Musical Selection.....Elder Marvin Rawls, Jr.

Obituary.....(read silently)

Poem.....“Here I Am A Soldier”.....Sister Dian Zanfordino

Musical Selection.....Elder Marvin Rawls, Jr.

Eulogy.....Apostle Addie M. Harris Rawls

Mortician’s Brief.....Sanders Funeral Home

Committal and Benediction.....Apostle Addie M. Harris Rawls

Repass.....Reginald B. Ennis Pavilion

Interment ~ Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm

East Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

Reverend Vanessa Denise Williams Holliday was born on May 2, 1956 to the late Edward U. Williams and Savannah Watson Williams. She transitioned from this earthly life into eternal rest on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

After graduation from Smithfield Selma High School, Vanessa enlisted in the Air Force Basic Military Training School in October 1975. She completed Organizational Maintenance Manuals Course, NCO Leadership School and USAF Supervisor’s Course. Throughout her years of Service, Vanessa received AF Training Ribbon, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with One Oak Leaf Cluster, AF Overseas Ribbon, AF Good Conduct Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster and NCO Professional Military Education Graduation Ribbon. She was honorable discharged on May 20, 1987.

More importantly, Vanessa was an humble servant of her God. She was well read and she studied to show herself approved unto God. Vanessa served faithfully at Mt. Zion AME Zion Church and she accepted her call to ministry and received her formal training at Green Chapel Church under Rev. Dr. DeAshley Curtis. She was ordained on March 20, 2005. One of her favorite quotes was “Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, by the the moments that take our breath of way.” Well done God’s good and faithful servant to God, country and humankind.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Eddie D. Holliday; two brothers, James Edward Williams (Elizabeth) of Kenly, NC and Dwight Kenneth Williams (Portia) of Clayton, NC; three sisters, Genora Williams Street of the home, Sylvia Williams James (Alexis) of Kissimmee, Fl and Ursula William Lewis (James) of Holly Springs, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*Pall Bearers*

Nephews and Friends of Vanessa Holliday

*Floral Bearers*

Nieces and Friends of Vanessa Holliday

*Acknowledgement*

Our family extends a heartfelt thank you for your love, support and prayers. Your acts of love and presence today are a cherished reminder of the impact that she had on our lives.

May God bless and keep you!



*A Tribute to Our Sister*

We love and miss you so much, Sis;  
Even though you are no longer physically present in our lives,  
You will always be present in our hearts and memories;  
Until we all meet again, our dear Sister,  
Know that you are always on our minds and in our prayers.  
Love always, Your Siblings

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Sanders Funeral Home  
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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE & LEGACY OF



*Vanessa*  
**DENISE HOLLIDAY**

May 2, 1956 ~ June 26, 2024

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

11:00 AM

Shiloh Christian Church

Smithfield, NC 27577