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In Appreciation

"We have seen God's promise of comfort fulfilled through the hands and hearts of our friends and neighbors. Thank you for helping us bear this season of sorrow. Your visits, prayers, and thoughtful deeds during the passing of our loved one are treasures we will always hold dear. May God bless and keep you in His perfect peace."

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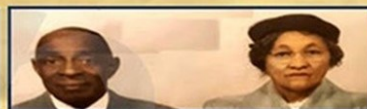
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*Celebrating the Journey from
Labor to Reward for*
Minister John Marcellus Holmes

Sunday | April 26, 2026 | 3:00 PM

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
108 North Joe Wright Drive | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Isaac H. Owens | Pastor
Officiating Minister

The Journey of Minister John Marcellus Holmes

John Marcellus Holmes, a devoted man of God, a dedicated patriot, and a pillar of his family, transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, April 20, 2026. Born on June 14, 1970, in Dougherty County, Georgia, John was the son of the late Norman and Tempie Holmes. He was reared with profound love and guidance by his beloved grandmother, the late Lue Ellen Lane Porter.

John's journey was rooted in excellence and service. He was educated in the Dougherty County Public School system and was a proud 1988 graduate of Monroe Comprehensive High School. Following his graduation, John answered the call of duty, enlisting in the United States Air Force. He served with honor and distinction from 1988 to 1993, attaining the rank of Sergeant before receiving an honorable discharge. Ever a student of life and technology, he continued his education at South Georgia Tech, completing his course of study in Computer Science in 1998.

Raised in a Christian home, John was introduced to Jesus Christ at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. His spiritual journey later led him to Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, where he served with unwavering humility and zeal. Throughout the years, he served as a Men's Sunday School teacher, a member of the Deacon Board, and a faithful voice in the Mount Calvary Gospel Ensemble. Minister Holmes had a heart for the youth, organizing the Junior Deacon Board and serving as an advisor to the Junior Usher Board. Ultimately, he accepted his divine call into the Ministry, continuing to serve the Lord's people faithfully until his passing.

On September 24, 1994, John married the love of his life, the former Carrie Porter. Together, they built a life centered on faith and family. Known affectionately by many as "Mr. Holmes" or "Pee Pa," John was a constant source of strength and wisdom. Never a stranger to work, he was ever a faithful co-worker to his City of Vienna family. He was also a die-hard Atlanta Falcon fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Tempie Holmes; his grandmother, Lue Ellen Lane Porter; and his brothers, Adrian Holmes and Johnathan Holmes.

Cherished memories of his life are left to his wife, Carrie Porter Holmes of Cordele, Georgia; his children, Tempest Holmes and Jeremy Johnson of Cordele, Georgia; his grandchildren, Kyrie M. Holmes, Ja'Quavion Jackson, Jermaine Harvey, Rontavious Lester, and Roniah Lester; five great-grandchildren; his sisters, Wanda Holmes of Phoenix, Arizona and Leigh (Marquis) Glenn of Douglasville, Georgia; a niece whom he reared, Matosha Porter and her children, Z'hane Bradford and Zachery Bradford of Byron, Georgia; a nephew whom he reared, Terance Arnold; his aunt, Mattie M. Callaway of Atlanta, Georgia; his in-laws, Ruby Colson, Alton Biggins, and CJ Brown of Cordele, Georgia, Brenda Porter of Orlando, Florida, and Patricia Brown of Winter Haven, Florida; many other nieces and nephews, to include, Debra Porter; his cousins, DeEtta Lane, Gwen Lane, DeShannon (Dennis) Lowe, Janie Porter & children, and The Pope Family; his god daughters, Melissa Smith & children and Ayesha Owens; his best friend, Vance Adams of Albany, Georgia; a host of other relatives; his caretakers, Keisha Johnson and Shantae Johnson, Reverend Isaac & Minister Kathleen Owens, Deacon Leon & Minister Kathy Spears, Deacon Ray & Deaconess Linda Rollins, Deacon Emmett & Deaconess Debra Graham and the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Family, Reverend Douglas & Mrs. Lillie Parham, and Deacon Kelwin Jackson and a multitude of friends and neighbors whose lives he touched.

A Tribute of Love

*In the quiet strength of a life
well-lived, Through the wisdom
and love he so freely gave,
We honor a man who walked the
path of a servant, humble,
true, and brave.*

*At Mount Calvary Baptist, he
found his home,
In the sanctuary walls and the
spirit's call; with a heart
devoted to the Master's work,
He stood as a pillar,
a strength for all.*

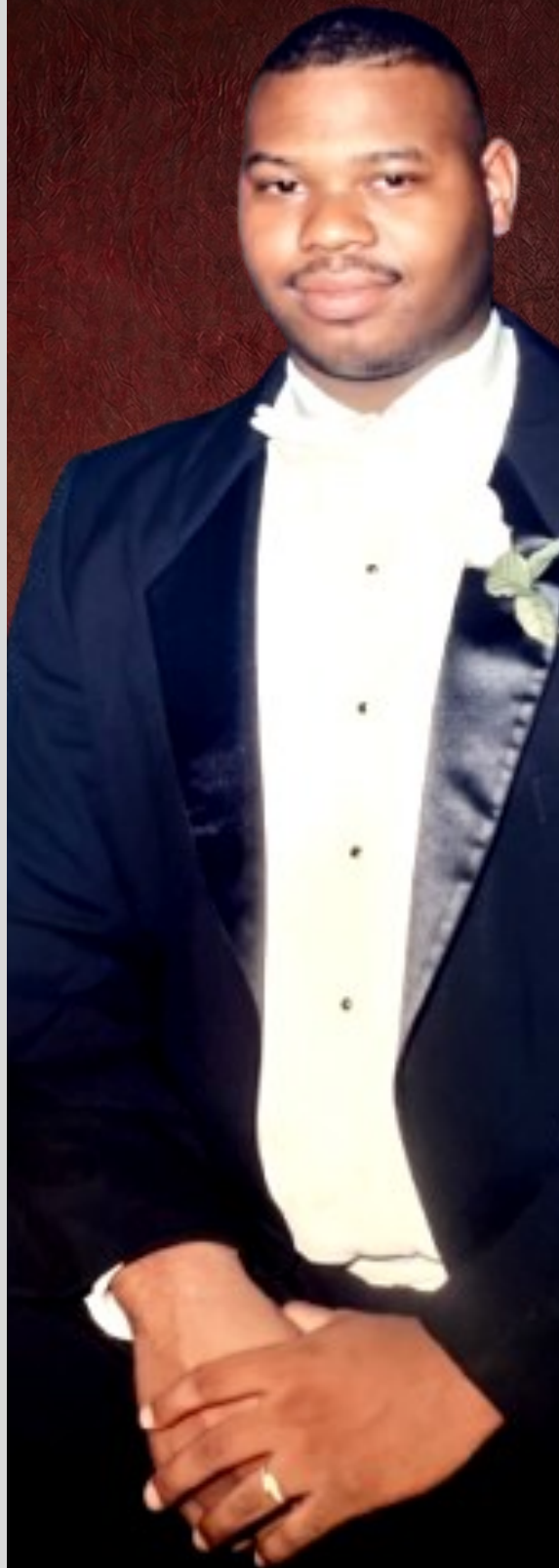
*He didn't seek the thunder or
the bright marquee,
But served in the shadows
where the need was great,
Modeling a grace for
the world to see,
With a faith that no trial
could ever abate.*

*A faithful husband,
a steady hand,
Building a home on
a foundation of prayer;
A father who led with
a gentle command,
Showing his children
the depth of his care.*

*As a grandfather,
his joy was complete,
A legacy blooming in eyes
bright and new –
Leaving behind a path
for their feet,
Washed in the light
of the good and the true.*

*To his community, he was a
helping hand,
A neighbor who listened,
a spirit who cared;
Sowing kindness across the
land, in every burden and
triumph he shared.*

*John Marcellus Holmes
has finished his race,
The tools of his labor now laid
aside; he rests in the warmth of
the Savior's embrace,*



*Where peace and eternal glory reside.
Well done, good servant,
your work is complete,
Your memory lingers, a holy perfume –
Until in the Kingdom, again we shall meet,
In the light of the Garden,
where life is in bloom.*

The Order of Service

Reverend Isaac H. Owens | Pastor *Officiating Minister*

Musical Prelude | Brother Curtis Mathis & Deacon Garrett Parham

Processional | Led by Pastor Isaac H. Owens

*The Final Viewing
The Final Sealing of the Casket*

The Hymn Medley | Minister Kathy Spears

Prayer of Comfort | Reverend Douglas Parham

Old Testament Scripture | Reverend Westley Ashton
New Testament Scripture | Reverend Greg Williams

Musical Selection | Combined Choirs

Poetic Tribute | Natoria Fullwood

The Two Minute Reflections
Church | *Deacon Leon Spears*
Community | *Deacon Ray Rollins*
The City of Vienna | *Mayor Eddie Daniels*
Family | *Tempest Holmes & Jeremy Johnson*

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Resolution
Deaconess Linda G. Rollins

Musical Selection | Combined Choirs

Eulogy | Reverend Isaac H. Owens

**Echoes of Sympathy, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
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Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

(With Military Honors)
Bethel Cemetery | Cordele, Georgia

**The family will receive friends immediately
following the committal service at
The 703 Event Center.**

The service may be viewed on the
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Facebook Page
or the
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Youtube Channel.