



## James W. Holley, III

November 24, 1926 - October 5, 2012

THE HONORABLE JAMES WHITEING HOLLEY, III WAS BORN IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA IN 1926. HE GRADUATED FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND PRACTICED IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH FOR 50 YEARS. HE SERVED AS A CITY COUNCILMAN FIRST AND THEN THE MAYOR. HE IS PRE-DECEASED BY HIS PARENTS, LAURA AND JAMES W. HOLLEY, JR. AND HIS BROTHER, CLARENCE HOLLEY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 52 YEARS, MARY W. HOLLEY, THEIR CHILDREN, JAMES IV, ROBIN, OMAR AND CHERYL AND THEIR 12 GRANDCHILDREN. A LIFE CELEBRATION SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT WILLETT HALL, 3701 WILLETT DRIVE, PORTSMOUTH FROM 5-7PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY REQUEST DONATIONS BE MADE TO THE PORTSMOUTH RAILROAD MUSEUM.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Service

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Willett Hall  
3701 Willett Drive  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Larry Hamilton lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Larry Hamilton** - October 15, 2012 at 01:52 PM

RC

“ *Ricky and Kathy Carter purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of James W. Holley, III.*



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**Ricky and Kathy Carter** - October 13, 2012 at 01:23 PM

WW

“ *Wivona M. Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Wivona M. Ward** - October 12, 2012 at 04:24 PM

WW

“ *Mary,  
May you be strenghtened in the knowledge that your sorrow is  
shared by many.*

*MY sencere sympathy is extended to you and your family,*

*Wivona Ward*

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**Wivona M. Ward** - October 12, 2012 at 04:20 PM

BJ

*Ms. Ward, I am stretching in hopes you are in contact with the Holleys.  
I recently have come across a photo of young James Holley. I believe it  
is the same person w/o any details, I would like to send photo to family  
for verification. Hope this attempt to connect works.*

*Bernard James [bjames1169@yahoo.com](mailto:bjames1169@yahoo.com)*

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**Bernard James** - September 23, 2014 at 12:39 AM

NP

“ *National Pan Hellenic Council Portsmouth lit a  
candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**National Pan Hellenic Council Portsmouth** - October 11, 2012 at 02:55 PM

WH

“ *Wendy A. Hunter lit a candle in memory of  
James W. Holley, III*



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**Wendy A. Hunter** - October 11, 2012 at 02:53 PM

AB

“ *Alfreda Blowe-Hinton lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Alfreda Blowe-Hinton** - October 10, 2012 at 12:31 PM

AB

*We will be in prayer for all of the family Elder Johnnie L. Hinton, Bishop & Dr. Horace Blowe, Mr/Mrs Vernell Blowe, Cynthia and Sylvia, William & Kathy Hinton-Johnson and all of our extended families.*

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**Alfreda Blowe-Hinton** - October 10, 2012 at 12:35 PM

MF

“ *Michael D. Hines, Sr. And Family lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Michael D. Hines, Sr. and family** - October 10, 2012 at 12:17 PM

JH

“ *Juanita Harris-Jones lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Juanita Harris-Jones** - October 10, 2012 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ *The Scott Family lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**The Scott Family** - October 10, 2012 at 08:04 AM

MS

“ *DEAR MARY,  
I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED BY JIM'S DEATH. PLEASE  
KNOW THAT MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.*

*WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY,  
MARGARET B. SAUNDERS*

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**margaret b saunders** - October 09, 2012 at 09:22 PM

NR

“ *Mayor Holley will be missed! My condolences to your family. May  
God bring you and your family comfort and strength!*

*The Sykes Family  
Portsmouth, VA*

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**Natashia Sykes Raysor** - October 09, 2012 at 07:48 PM

JF

“ *Jackie Freeman lit a candle in memory of  
James W. Holley, III*



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**Jackie Freeman** - October 09, 2012 at 06:18 PM

LS

“My deepest sympathy goes out to the Holley family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of our beloved Mayor. He was a gentleman and true servant. He is missed.”

Lamont Simmons - October 09, 2012 at 05:26 PM

LS

“Lamont Simmons lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III



Lamont Simmons - October 09, 2012 at 05:23 PM

CL

“Cheryl Lockett lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III



cheryl lockett - October 09, 2012 at 05:07 PM

AB

“Allan Boddie lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III



Allan Boddie - October 09, 2012 at 05:01 PM

TB

“ *Tanya Boddie lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



Tanya Boddie - October 09, 2012 at 05:01 PM

TW

“ *Tonya White lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



Tonya White - October 09, 2012 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jeff& Saunders lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



Jeff& Saunders - October 09, 2012 at 02:46 PM

RV

“ *Regina Laverne Vass lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



Regina Laverne Vass - October 09, 2012 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ *DONNA C. DARDEN lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**DONNA C. DARDEN** - October 09, 2012 at 12:44 PM

DD

*The Long and Darden Families would like to extend our condolences to the Holley Family. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's abiding love comfort you during your time of loss. Jacqueline Choate Long, Donna Long Darden & Family, Randy Long and Cherita Long*

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**DONNA C. DARDEN** - October 09, 2012 at 12:50 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Cross lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Gladys Cross** - October 09, 2012 at 10:57 AM

AM

“ *Angela McGee lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Angela McGee** - October 09, 2012 at 08:43 AM

MP

“ *To the Holley family: You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I got to know Mayor Holley as I worked on the Cradock revitalization effort in the late 1990s. His humor and insight were always valued. The lights maybe dimmer in Portsmouth now but they are shining brighter in Heaven. Mary E. Phillips*

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**Mary E Phillips** - October 09, 2012 at 07:41 AM

MD

“ *Mamie Dailey lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Mamie Dailey** - October 09, 2012 at 06:33 AM

TC

“ *Tim & Charlotte Carroll lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Tim & Charlotte Carroll** - October 09, 2012 at 05:49 AM

EI

“ *Dr. James Holley was a very encouraging, outspoken, and wise man. When I was a college intern, he taught me a lot about how to carry on about life, and what I needed to know to get things done right. I have done ribbon cutting ceremonies with him and are blessed to have had contact with such a inspiring man.*



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**Exum Lee III** - October 08, 2012 at 11:25 PM

TA

“ *Please accept our most sincere condolences to your entire family on the loss of your father. He was a great force in Portsmouth and devoted his life to his family, friends and community. We are in prayer for your loss and mourn along with you during this difficult time. Please take comfort knowing that Heaven has another angel in Dr. Holley!*

*Mr. and Mrs. T. Lee Austin  
Gloucester, VA*

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**T. Lee Austin** - October 08, 2012 at 09:01 PM

LH

“ *Lenze Harris-Holliman lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Lenze Harris-Holliman** - October 08, 2012 at 06:51 PM



“ *Crystal Washington lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Crystal Washington** - October 08, 2012 at 04:21 PM



“ *Anita Colley lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Anita Colley** - October 07, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ *Sharon Jones lit a candle in memory of James W. Holley, III*



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**Sharon Jones** - October 07, 2012 at 09:32 PM



*Dr Holley was my dentist for years while I'll was a youngster in Portsmouth. He also was a friend of my father the late Raymond E. Jones. May God bless and comfort his family and all those who remember his great work for the city of Portsmouth. Rest in Peace Doctor Holley*

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**Sharon Jones** - October 07, 2012 at 09:35 PM

LH

*Dr. Holley was also my dentist when I was younger. He was a friend of my mom, the late Audrey Harris. Dr. Holley, because of you, I will always remember my first dental experience. RIP Dr. Holley.*

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**Lenze Harris-Holliman** - October 08, 2012 at 06:53 PM

TC

*Mayor Holley (he will always be called Mayor of Portsmouth in my book) was a great man. God Bless Mary and his Children and Grandchildren.*

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**Tim and Charlotte Carroll** - October 09, 2012 at 05:52 AM