



# Donnie Lee Holden

December 7, 1924 - March 26, 2019

## Obituary

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endured forever ~  
Psalm 136

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Donnie Lee Holden was called to his Heavenly home. Donnie was born on December 7, 1924, to the late Joe Lee and Bertie Frances Holden in Withams, Virginia.

He attended public schools in Accomack County. In 1946, he married the love of his life, LaRue T. Watson. This union was blessed with three children—one daughter and two sons.

Although he found early employment at the Sawmill, Bird's Eye, Campbell Soup and in agriculture, his true vocation was serving as the owner and operator of D.L. Holden Trucking. Through this vocation, he was able to provide for his family and send all of his children to college, inclusive of the grandson whom he raised as his own son. From the fruits of this labor, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren possess a host of professional certificates, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees, and have flourished in occupations of their own such as executive leadership of universities and corporations, physical therapy, federal government employment, primary care, auto mechanics, human resources, social service,

computer science, and even those who have followed in his footsteps as truck drivers. Donnie was a devoted father who loved and was very proud of his family. Upon retirement, he enjoyed gardening and providing a voracity of fruits and vegetables for his family and friends. He was an avid connoisseur of Pepsi-Cola, loved to share his philosophies on life, and enjoyed performing mechanical work in his free time.

At an early age, Donnie joined Mount Zion Church in Withams, Virginia where he became a loyal and faithful member. He loved his church and truly enjoyed ushering and singing with the male chorus.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: his loving wife of seventy-two (72+) years, LaRue T. Holden; his daughter, Joan (Ronald) Forsythe; his son Ronnie (Brenda) Holden; his daughter-in-law, Marva Justine Holden and the grandson to whom he was a father, Tony M Holden. His presence will also be missed by: his nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one aunt-in-law, Althea Fletcher; one sister-in-law, Carolyn F. Holden and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Houston L. Holden and Carroll Lee Holden, his sister, Alberta M. Holden-Wise, his son, Terry "Larry" Frederick Holden and granddaughter, Stacey Milbourne-Taylor.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Tribute Wall

IR

“*Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.*

Irene - April 08, 2019 at 05:08 PM

AR

“*Dear family, I express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one and I know it\u2019s so hard to bear. But know that your heavenly Father understands your pain and He cares. He extends a hope to each and everyone and that hope is that you will see your loved one again. John 5:28, 29; Isaiah 25:8a*

Artina - April 05, 2019 at 02:48 PM

HS

“*Sire Archon and Archousa Holden: The Archons and Archousai of Gamma Theta Boule' send our deep condolences at this difficult time. God Bless.*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - April 01, 2019 at 12:52 PM

HF

“*My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.*

H. Fields - April 01, 2019 at 08:07 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. It is our sincerest hope that we may in some small way comfort you as we've been comforted by what the Bible reveals to us about all those who have died. Almighty God promises that one day his only-begotten son, Jesus Christ is going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). It's a sure hope and promise from God who cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). May this promise and hope comfort you to some degree during this difficult time. May it also strengthen you for the trials ahead as you await its fulfillment. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George & Christine Ragusa** - March 30, 2019 at 08:26 AM

VE

“ RonnieWe send our sincerest sympathy and prayers to you and the family as you celebrate the home going of your Dad. May God continue to Bless you and the family!Audrey & Vernon Rivers

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**Vernon** - March 29, 2019 at 03:27 PM

SB

“ My Heart goes out to the family and so sorry for your lost . and am asking God to send comfort right now and for the days ahead peace in blessings be with you..Shelita&WillieBelljr

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**Shelita Bell** - March 29, 2019 at 09:27 AM

BW

“ Condolences to you Aunt Larue and family.Love, Bernice

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**Bernice Watson** - March 28, 2019 at 07:20 PM

JO

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences for your loss. In such difficult time, many families appreciate the comfort offered by the Bible of the time when no one will lose a loved one in death and we will be able to enjoy life again with our loved one. (Isaiah 41: 10). I hope these thoughts comfort you

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**JoyceA** - March 28, 2019 at 02:23 PM

FS

“ I recall such wonderful memories growing up and spent with Uncle Donnie and Uncle Huston and seeing how close they were. Two gentle giants. Sending love to Aunt LaRue and the family. Francine Savage

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**Francine Savage** - March 28, 2019 at 02:05 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

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**Thomas Widgeon** - March 27, 2019 at 06:32 PM

MW

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and death will be no more. (Rev 21:3,4) Ms. Woodson

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**Ms Woodson** - March 27, 2019 at 09:18 AM

TA

“ The death of someone you love is one of life\u2019s greatest tragedies but the God who comforts all who mourn help to sustain you during this most difficult time, as you await the fulfillment of Gods promise to be reunited with your loved one again (John 6:40)

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**TA** - March 26, 2019 at 10:46 PM