



John E. Holley

May 10, 1917 - April 21, 2014

John Edward Holley was born on May 10, 1917 in Hertford, North Carolina. He went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 21, 2014, at Life Care at Lofland Park in Seaford, Delaware, at the age of 96.

His parents, John H. and Mattie H. Holley preceded him in death. Five sisters: Annie Bell Pettaway, Alice Combs, Creecy Mae Seymore, Lucinda Seymore, and Mattie Banks also preceded him in death. His Wife, Esther Holley, and son, John Rhodes preceded him in death as well.

John is survived by his son, Furman L. Sessoms (Joyce) of Laurel, DE; brothers, Elder William Holley (Ellen), of Seaford, DE; and Clarence Holley of Hertford, North Carolina; 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, 4 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great granddaughter; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives, all of whom he held dear and loved with his whole heart. John, also known as "John Ed," "Pop," and "Uncle Edward," was a tall strong man who spent his life providing for his family. He understood hard labor and often talked about his experiences growing up during hard times under slavery rule. He had a compassion for people and helped those in his community whenever he could. When John chose to surrender his life to the Lord, he was elevated to "Deacon" and served faithfully under the leadership of Elder Johnnie Banks, Pastor of Solid Rock Holiness Church of the Apostolic Faith, in Milton, DE. He was baptized on January 7, 1977.

A man of strong, unwavering faith, Deacon Holley will always be remembered for sharing the gospel on any given opportunity. Although he did not complete

a formal education, God taught him to read the bible and helped him to get an understanding of the Word of God. As the leader of the family, God empowered him with wisdom in order to provide wise counsel to his family. He has never looked back.

Some of his favorite things included: reading the bible (John 14:1-4; 6 was his favorite scripture); and caring for his garden and livestock when he was physically able to do so. John enjoyed the beauty and simplicity of nature. He quietly and patiently took the time to appreciate all of God's creation. He will be greatly missed.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of John E. Holley, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible give us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

P Land - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ 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)

Sherry - April 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To the Holley Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dearly beloved one. With the death of a loved one comes much pain. God is aware of your pain as reflected by Jesus Christ when he was here one earth. (John 11:32-35) He has promised: "...he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4) Also, "there is going to be a resurrection..." (Acts 24:15) This gives us the hope of being reunited with our deceased loved ones right here on earth under perfect conditions. May these wonderful promises give you a measure of comfort.

M. Starke - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am so sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. As you prepare to lay them to rest; to sleep in death for just a little while (John 11:11) I hope your family will find solace in the resurrection promise of Jesus; to awaken those who are now sleeping in death (John 5:28,29) restoring them back to life; this time with the hope to live eternally on the renewed Paradise earth, so that God's will, will be done on the earth, as it is in Heaven.-Matthew 6:9,10; Luke 23:43. Until that wonderful blessed promise is fulfilled, and you are reunited with your loved one again; may GOD(Psalms 83:18) soothe your grieving hearts now and grant you peace and comfort, during this most grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - April 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM