



## William Henry Holley

February 4, 1925 - October 10, 2021

Elder William Henry Holley, son of the late John Henry and Mattie Virginia Holley was born February 4, 1925, in Perquimans County, North Carolina. He transitioned into heaven on October 10, 2021. He was 96 years old.

William met and married his beloved wife of seventy years, the late Julia E. Holley and they finally settled in Delaware where nine children were born from this union.

William was raised with seven Seaford siblings, two brothers and five sisters. He is survived by his beloved brother Clarence Holley.

William was a kind and gentle man and was called to serve the Lord about 1960. He graciously accepted and pastored Holy Bethel Pentecostal Church, Milton, Delaware from 1980-1985. He trusted God completely and listened daily for God's instructions. William enjoyed and loved serving the Lord. He was selfless, humble and wise beyond measure. He lived to please God and allowed God to order his steps. He was a great example of a man that followed God. William traveled as a minister and preached the word all over the Eastern Shore and had an annual standing engagement to minister in Winfall, North Carolina.

William was an entrepreneur where he owned his own business cutting and

hauling pulp wood with his sons. He also worked on and repaired vehicles. After being injured in 1975 he retired from pulp wood business. To continue to provide for his family he began raising and selling pigs and chickens which was his passion. He loved raising his pigs and you could find him outside with them any time of the day. He also enjoyed gardening for many years and yard work as well.

William was preceded in death by his brother, John E. Holley; sisters, Annie B. Pettaway, Creecy Mae Seymore, Lucinda Seymore, Alice Combs and Mattie Banks; son, Elwood E. Holley; daughter-in-law, Sharon L. Palmer Holley; grandson, Markquell Bumbrey.

Pop Holley or Mr. William as he was lovingly called also leaves to cherish his memories, eight children Sherwood W. Holley (Margaret), Mary E. Matthews (Ronald, deceased), Clarence R. Holley, Patricia A. Nichols (James), Peggy L. Hughes (Carlton, deceased), Barbara J. White (Edmund), Vonette Holley and Lynette Holley. He also leaves 22 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many adored friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

OCT **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

*Service will be live stream on our Facebook page "Benniesfh Salisbury"*

## Interment

OCT **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Henlopen Memorial Park (Milton)  
28787 Lockerman Rd  
MILTON, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Henry Holley*



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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - October 25, 2021 at 12:26 PM

JB

“ *Joan R Burton lit a candle in memory of William Henry Holley*



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**Joan R Burton** - October 23, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JB

“ *We send our heartfelt condolences. Mr. Holley will be missed. A kind pleasant ,sweet, gentle man. very soft spoken, And loved the lord and his Family.*

*Joan and Ronnie Burton*

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**Joan R Burton** - October 23, 2021 at 10:19 AM

YJ

“ *To The Holley Family:  
You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you in our thoughts  
and prayers.  
Love,  
Alvin and Yvette Cook*

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**Yvette Jacobs-Cook** - October 15, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CD

*Praying for peace and understanding your my family's prayers. Cheryl  
Doughty*

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**Cheryl Doughty** - October 18, 2021 at 11:32 AM

GM

*To Holley Family  
You have my deepest sympathy and prayers. I am truly sorry for your  
loss. My God strengthen you during this time. Love Grace Mills*

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**Grace Mills** - October 19, 2021 at 11:52 AM