



In Loving Memory Of

Dovie Jean

Holland

• 1953 - 2024 •



Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Homegoing Celebration 11:00 AM

Zion Cathedral C.O.G.I.C.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

312 Grand Avenue Freeport, NY 11520

Bishop Frank A. White, Host Pastor

Order of Service

Processional **Clergy and Family**

Prayer of Comfort **Evangelist A. Wilmer**

Old Testament Scripture **Lady A. Harris**

New Testament Scripture **Lady G. Harris**

Solo **Elder Jerome Jackson**

Local Tribute **Missionary J. Dudley**

District Tribute **District Missionary V. Stevenson**

Selection **Jurisdictional Choir**

Jurisdictional Tribute **Bishop James Pullings Jr.**

Tribute **Holland Family**

Reading of the Obituary and Acknowledgement **Lady R. Lacewell**
(Silently)

Introduction of the Eulogist **District Missionary M. Soutar**

Solo **Lady E. Brown**

Eulogy **Mother H. Marcelle Harris**

Final Tribute and Recessional

DOVIE JEAN HOLLAND was born on January 10, 1953, to L.A. and Gracie Belle Horsted. She was the youngest of six children. She had one brother and five sisters. Jean was born and raised in Samson, AL. She attended the Coffee County Schools in Alabama and later finished her schooling in NY at Far Rockaway High School. She was also a member at the Poplar Spring Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Rev. John L. Grayer. She sang with the Youth Choir, was a member of the Sunshine Band, and the Sunday School. She really enjoyed being a part of all the church activities.

Her mother was vigilant about praying and asking the Lord to take care of her children. During the summer, her mom allowed Jean to visit her sister who lived in NY. Jean visited many places and was enthralled with the sights and sounds of the City. It was during the summer of 1969 that she met the love of her life James L. Holland. It seemed like a match made in Heaven and that destiny brought them together. From the moment they met, James felt a 'divine connection' with Jean. He felt the Lord speak into his spirit that she was the one for him.

June 1975 during a revival they accepted the Lord together and shortly after were married and became members of Beth-EL Temple Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Jones. James became an ordained Elder in the church and acted upon the scripture, "He that findeth a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord, (Proverbs 18:22). He knew that he had found that one. They exchanged their vows before the Lord and became husband and wife. Jean truly loved the fellowship at Beth-EL. She sang in the choir and became a member of the Missionary Board. Sometime later, Jean was appointed as President of the Missionary Board. In addition she worked with Mother Callis as the Ways and Means District President.

God blessed Jean with both spiritual and natural gifts. After serving at Beth-EL Temple for a few years, God called them into pastorship. They founded the Far Rockaway Cathedral Church of God In Christ. God was with them and blessed them. As the First Lady of the church, Jean worked diligently to see that the work of the ministry would flourish. She presided over the Women's Department. She encouraged them to use their gifts and talents in the service of the Lord and for building up the Kingdom of God. They came to understand that the Bible teaches, "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might." Ecclesiastes- 9:10 (NKJV). \

After retirement, Lady Holland became active in the Gold Coast District. She was appointed to the position of District Unity President under Bishop Willie G. Robinson, Superintendent, and District Missionary Evangelist Vieren Stevenson.

Later, she was appointed First Facilitator of the New York Eastern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Women's Prayer Line by Mother H. Marcelle Harris, Supervisor of the Women's Department. She was very happy to minister in that capacity as she really loved working with the women.

Aside from her spiritual gifts, God also blessed her with special gifts and talents. She was an excellent organizer in the church and in the home. She patterned herself after the proverbs 31:10 woman.

She loved to welcome people into her home especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It brought her a lot of joy entertaining guests. She and Eld. Holland would prepare the most scrumptious meals. Jean loved to see their guests 'happy and blessed.'

Jean was a highly skilled interior decorator with a sharp eye for details. She used her talents both at home and in church. Along with Interior Design, she was also excellent in Designing and Creating Beautiful Scenic Yard Displays, which included an array of colorful flowers and corresponding Shrubbery. She was truly gifted and enjoyed making things lovely.

Jean was considered a "fashionista" as she was known for adorning beautiful suits, hats, shoes, and accessories. Lady Holland truly loved the Lord, her family and people. She loved coming into the 'House of the Lord and blessing the Lord with all of her heart and soul.

Her Heavenly Father has whispered to her, "You've done well my daughter." Now come home and enter into the JOY of the Lord. She departed this life on April 8, 2024. She leaves to cherish her memory, a LOVING and DEVOTED husband, of 55 years, Pastor James L. Holland, 3 sons, James Matthew Holland, Julian Frankie Holland, and Joshua Aaron Holland; 7 grandsons: Kristopher, Jaden, Jaheem, Aaron, Joshua, Jalon, and Jordan ; 5 granddaughters: Cianna, Aryianna, Rylie-Jean, Araya, and Taliyah; 1 brother, James H. Horsted, 4 sisters: Betty Horsted, (Annabelle and Peggy preceded in death), and Reverend Dr. Ella Paige; 2 sisters-in-law, Ida Davis, Emma Pelt (Elder. James Pelt), and brother-in-law, Freeland Holland (Loris); and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.





A Virtuous Woman

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, So that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil All the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, And worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; She bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, And giveth meat to her household, And a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, And strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: Her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, And her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: For all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; Her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; And delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; And she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her own works praise her in the gates."

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