

Stanton

**REVEREND CHARLES
RAY HOLMES**

Funeral services for Rev. Charles Ray Holmes were held Friday, May 2, at 1:00 p.m. at Harvest Church East Loop 304 in Crockett with Rev. Marvin McPherson officiating. Interment followed in the Stanton Cemetery in Crockett.

Rev. Charles Ray Holmes, age 66, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2003 in Crockett.

Rev. Holmes was born January 1, 1937 in Nacogdoches to Mary Holmes Walker. Rev. Holmes accepted Christ at the age of three and was baptized at the age of eleven. During his youth he was a member of Bethel CME and Simpson Chapel Baptist Churches-Tadmore Community. Adult/Family affiliation-St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Crockett. Rev. Holmes attended Kennard Colored Schools and graduated in 1954. Rev. Holmes served in the U.S. Army Reserve (1954-1962). Rev. Holmes was called to ministry at the age of 34 in 1971.

Rev. Holmes pastored at Mt. Zion-Grapeland, Hopewell-Hopewell Community, Beria-Beria Community, Rocky Mountain-Crockett, St. Paul-Crockett, Mt. Calvary-Palestine, Clegg Chapel-Trinity.

Rev. Holmes received a Degree in Theology and continuing Education Courses at Mary Allen College, Sam Houston State University, Angelina College, Piedmont, Chicago, Ill. (Dr. Sears), Conroe Normal and Industrial College.

Rev. Holmes occupations were Pulpwood, Logging, Sawmill, Vulcraft (1971-1989), and Self-employed.

Rev. Holmes Organizations was Zion Hill-Moderator, Palestine Bowen District, Ministerial Alliance, State Congress and Association, L.K. Williams Institute, Water Board, Latexo.

In Anderson County, Palestine, Rev. Holmes initiated Mt. Calvary's growth by purchasing property, in addition. Rev. Holmes contributed his architectural work to the "new" Mt. Calvary Church. Rev. Holmes also started a bus min-

istry in Palestine.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years Izetta Lamb Holmes married on June 30, 1958. To this union five children were born; sons Sherman Holmes, proceeded him in death; Shawn Holmes (Hazel), of Mesquite; daughters Sharmanc Bryson (Paul), of Mesquite, Sherronda Giles (Mark), of Crockett, and Shanel Holmes, of Lancaster; eight grandchildren Candice and Tiffany Bryson, Marchel, Marlissa, and Maronda Giles, and Derek, Morgan, and Camron Holmes; mother Mary Holmes Walker, of Jasper; aunts Annie Washington, of Tadmore, Mary Strong and Helen Jackson, of Jasper; brothers M.I. Walker (Lorraine), of Houston, James Walker (Coreen), of Crockett; and an adopted brother Harold (Butch) Walker (Jean), of Lufkin; sisters Annie Graham, of Jasper; and three sisters proceeded him in death Betty Jean Knight, Mabel Walker, and Virginia Ruth Walker; a very special cousin Urley Holmes, Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends near and far.

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