



William L. Holder

June 12, 1922 - October 8, 2023

William Leslie Holder was born, June 12, 1922, in Allen County, KY, a son of the late William Bud and Martha Elnora Holder. Leslie attended Franklin Grade School and Lincoln High School, but before Leslie could complete his studies, he was drafted into the United States Army. Leslie served his country proudly during World War II touring throughout India and Egypt. Leslie obtained the rank of Sergeant Quarter Master and received several commendations consisting of Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon. Upon returning to the states, in 1946, Leslie married the love of his life, Mildred Temple. Together they raised their two children and shared a life of joyful memories until her death on November 6, 1982.

Leslie was truly a pillar in the community of Franklin, Simpson County, KY. He was known for his willingness to help others while sharing the love of Jesus Christ with his fellow man. Leslie was the oldest member of the Elevated Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon, and in whatever capacity called upon. His joy of singing and praising will forever resonate in the hearts of those who met Leslie. A former employee of Robey Harris Feed & Seed Company and Dayton Walther Company. Achieving what many thought impossible, Leslie acquired his high school diploma from Franklin Simpson High School at the age of 82 years.

Before the break of day, Sunday, October 8, 2023, Leslie rested in the arms of

his loving Savior at the age of 101 years, 3 months and 26 days.

The memories of William Leslie Holder will be cherished by his daughter, Nancy Holder Handley; son, Larry (Lilia) Holder; grand-children, Leslie (Nate) Thompson, Vanna Holder, Emily Bradley Holder, and George Prystawskyj; great grandchildren, Quinyah, Madilyn, Nathaniel, Jr., Jamar, Jr., and Nasir; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Along with his wife and parents William was preceded in death by, Henry, Charles and Harvey (June) Holder, sister, Harriet Williams.

In Lieu of Flowers:

Contributions to Elevated Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund

P.O. Box 596

Franklin, Kentucky 42135-0596

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam & Son

Cemetery Details

Shady Rest Cemetery

East Street
420 Cemetery Street
Franklin, KY 42134
(270) 586-6029
<http://www.franklinky.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Elevated Baptist Church
307 Bell Street
Franklin, KY 42134

Funeral Service

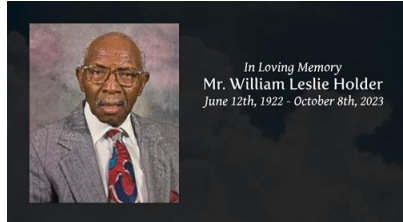
OCT **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Elevated Baptist Church
307 Bell Street
Franklin, KY 42134

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William L. Holder*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - October 11, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Linda L Williams lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder*



Linda L williams - October 17, 2023 at 06:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William L. Holder.*



October 14, 2023 at 02:50 AM

LA

“ *Condolences to the entire families.*



Linda and Brittany Atkins - October 13, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RM

“ *Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder*



Rachel Murrell - October 13, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TS

“ *Terry and Lorraine Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Holder.*

Terry and Lorraine Scott - October 13, 2023 at 08:34 AM

TS

“ *Terry and Lorraine Scott purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William L. Holder.*



Terry and Lorraine Scott - October 13, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PM

“A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.”
-Author Unknown

*Although we mourn Mr. Holder's passing, we are grateful for the 101 years of life that he was granted. His faith, determination and honesty were unparalleled and continue to be an inspiration for his family and all of us who knew him. He will always be remembered for his unwavering honesty, grace and irrefutable strength. A man ahead of his time, his legacy will continue to live on in the lives of all who were privileged to call him father, grandfather, great grandfather, family and friend. Rest in Peace Mr. Holder.
Love, Larry and Patricia Mitchell*

Patricia Mitchell - October 12, 2023 at 05:53 PM

MB

“Mr. Holder was the most energetic and positive person we have ever had the pleasure to know. He was always glad to see you and a story to tell. Much love and condolences to the family. Mashan and Mary Benbow 🤔”

Mary Benbow - October 12, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William L. Holder.

October 11, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William L. Holder.*



October 11, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Genevieve Patterson lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder*



Genevieve Patterson - October 11, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Mr. Holder was someone that I could listen to and never get tired of hearing him tell me about his time in the service and the things him and his troops had to endure. Every time we saw each other when I would go to visit Aunt Sadie B we would spend anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes of him talking and telling me things and talking about how this generation is different. If you ever talked to him you know he told it like it is and was and he never sugar coated things. Mr. Holder was a man that many would have benefited to talk to and get to know. I loved to see him at his church, Elevated Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin, Ky when the men would sing cause you knew if Mr. Holder was involved he would have a movement with the music and he would get you involved whether you felt it or not. Take your rest Mr. Holder and now you can sing and tell your experiences in your Heavenly Home.*

Gwen Rsy - October 10, 2023 at 06:50 PM

SL

“ Sabrina Loving lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder



Sabrina Loving - October 10, 2023 at 05:25 PM

WH

“ Brother Holder has been a dear friend of my whole family for more than seventy years. He was one of the men in the Franklin community who influenced and shaped me as I grew into manhood. I shall always cherish his memory, and am grateful that God brought him and his family into my life.
Judge (Ret.) William R. Harris

william r. harris - October 10, 2023 at 12:51 AM



“ Faith Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of William L. Holder



Faith Mitchell - October 09, 2023 at 05:32 PM

FH

“ The Shouting Deacon of Elevated Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin. He was very Nice and NEVER met a stranger. Brother Holder will be dearly missed. RIH 🕯️



Frederick & Estella Hill - October 09, 2023 at 02:24 PM

PW

“ He was my buddy so sorry to hear of his passing he was a really nice person ❤️🕊️



penny whitney - October 09, 2023 at 01:24 AM

KC

“ Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder



Kenny And Crisandra Coleman - October 08, 2023 at 02:23 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of William L. Holder



Cheryl Hewitt - October 08, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dear Holder Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - October 08, 2023 at 04:38 AM