



## Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm

December 13, 1937 - November 15, 2024

### In Loving Memory Of

Manuel Bennie Holcolm, son of Bennie and Martha Holcolm, was born on December 13, 1937 in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. Manuel, lovingly called “MB” by family and friends, was the middle child of three sons. Manuel’s parents were sharecroppers, and he began picking cotton with his parents at the young age of nine. In 1955, his family relocated to Flint, Michigan, and Manuel attended and graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1957. Manuel was an accomplished athlete. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University on a full-ride wrestling scholarship.

As Manuel matriculated through high school and college, he accumulated a plethora of athletic accolades. In the two years he attended Northern, he was the only undefeated wrestler for two consecutive years. He served as team captain in his senior year and won the city championship. Manuel was also an avid boxer, winning the Golden Gloves. On February 28, 1999, Manuel was inducted into the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame in the wrestling category.

Of his many college accomplishments, the one most endearing to him was capturing the heart of Mary J. Stinson, his college sweetheart and the love of his life. Upon graduation, Manuel returned to Flint, and they were married on December 19, 1964. From their union came two children, Manuel J. and Juliann. Manuel began his career as a special education teacher, later became a probation officer for the city of Flint, and settled in as an insurance

agent until his retirement in his late seventies.

Manuel was also a very gifted singer and musician. He was in several bands, including The Quintones (1957) and E.J. & The Echoes. They were produced by Diamond Jim Recording and dropped I Stayed Away Too Long and Put A Smile On Your Face (1967). Manuel was a church musician at First Trinity M.B.C. (Flint) and the minister of music at Mt. Carmel M.B.C. (Flint). He was in the men's and mass choirs of Christian Fellowship of Love (Detroit), and most recently, New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church. In 2002, he and Mary produced a gospel album, My God, My Friend.

Manuel also loved to travel, with one of the highlights being his trek to Israel and baptismal in the Jordan River. In the later years of his life, when things had slowed down significantly, you could count Manuel's activities on one hand: he spent time at church, fishing, or watching a ball game. Manuel was a man of many gifts and talents. He was easygoing and one of the most peaceful people ever met. He had a deep love for God and his family. Having started working at nine, Manuel finally received the rest he truly needed on the early morning of November 15, 2024.

Manuel was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Martha Holcolm, his brothers, Willie and James Holcolm, and his son, Manuel J. Holcolm. Manuel leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving and devoted wife, Mary Jacqueline Holcolm; his daughter, Juliann Deadrick (Carl), seven grandchildren: Aja and Claude Harper, ShaTarra, Treyvon, Montez, Shitierra, and Marquesha Holcolm, great-granddaughters: Nia Harper, Mckenzie Miller, Amirah'Lynn & A'Journi Holcolm, great-grandsons: James, Treyvon, Jr. and Malachi Holcolm, sisters-in-love: Emily Talbert-Holt and Barbara Ruckes, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Nov. **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Nov. **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church  
6330 Pembroke  
Detroit, MI 48221

## Funeral Service

Tuesday, Nov. **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ David and Candyce purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm.



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David and Candyce - November 25, 2024 at 10:48 AM

ER

“ My heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Holcolm family as they experience the love of our Sovereign God in his choosing to call home to him his loyal and faithful servant Brother Manuel Holcolm. Bro Holcolm's life was a shining example of how a gifted talent should be used in service for the Lord doing his membership at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Flint Michigan. He is well remembered. Rest in eternal peace Brother Holcolm.



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Edna M, Rubin - November 24, 2024 at 03:57 AM

ED

“ Praying, God's presence eases your loss. Grant you strength day by day. Evangeline Dixon and family



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Evangeline Dixon - November 23, 2024 at 08:26 PM

WB

“ With Love, Willenoa & Rodney Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm.

With Love, Willenoa & Rodney Brown - November 22, 2024 at 07:33 PM

WB

“ With Love, Willenoa & Rodney Brown purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm.



With Love, Willenoa & Rodney Brown - November 22, 2024 at 07:33 PM

SW

“ Bro Holcolm was a blessed Minister of Music, a gifted singer and a great man of God. He touched the lives of many of us in Flint. My sincere condolences to Rev. Holcolm and the entire Holcolm family as they go through this time of bereavement. I pray you are comforted knowing Bro Holcolm is with our Lord and Savior.



Sis. Mamie Wiggins - November 20, 2024 at 12:57 AM



“ Gloria Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm



Gloria Jenkins - November 19, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Laws lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manuel Bennie Holcolm*



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**Jacqueline Laws** - November 18, 2024 at 08:35 PM