



Russell Sherrod Holmes

February 25, 1969 - January 30, 2016

Russell Sherrod Holmes, Sr. was born on February 25th, 1969 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Mr. Sidney R. Holmes, Sr. and Mother Ora L. Holmes.

Russell “Sherrod” was a member of The Supreme Council of the House of Jacob from birth. As a young man, he learned to play the saxophone and was a gifted musician. He and his older brother Sidney, Jr. loved playing the saxophone and traveled as much as they could to different missions to share their gifts. He also loved to sing and in his youth was a member of the all-male singing group “The Joy Givers” of North Edison, NJ and later a lead singer of the Israelite Singers in New Haven.

He graduated from Elizabeth High School in New Jersey in 1987. During his high school years, he played the saxophone for the Elizabeth High School Marching Band and he was also a player on the basketball team. Shortly after graduation, he moved to New Haven, CT.

Sherrod was a hard working young man. At the age of 16, he got his first job at Elizabeth General Hospital. After arriving in New Haven, he immediately secured work at Stop & Shop Warehouse and remained employed there for over 16 years. He would later serve as Warehouse Supervisor for Roche, Inc. for about 9 years. Most recently, he was hired as a Supervisor at the Coca-Cola Company where he flourished very quickly.

Sherrod loved working with the youth. He coached AAU basketball for many years and was very active, not only with his own children, but with the children around the city. He was known as Coach Sherrod.

Among many gifts, he was blessed in song. He would often sing at the drop of a hat, whether it was at home, at church, and even at work. He was also known to many as one of the best grill masters around. He grilled for his job functions, his family, friends and his church. People loved his cooking.

Sherrod was always proud of his naturally curly hair. In his younger days he would call himself, "Pretty Ricky". He was a man of many names; Russell, Sherrod, Russ, Homie, Gus, Rowdy, Bucktown, just to name a few. Although, he may have been a man of many names, he was a man of one purpose - uniting people together for the common good. He had a way of making people feel comfortable, and loved to see people eating and enjoying each other's company. Sherrod loved his family and almost singlehandedly assumed responsibility for bringing the Holmes Family together for its first official family reunion in over 20 years.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Cheri Hall-Holmes, his parents Mr. Sidney R. Holmes, Sr. and Mother Ora L. Holmes. His children, Shondell Lationnah (NJ); Tyrice Lamont (NJ); Kyle (CT) Precious (CT); Jayden Russell and Russell Sherrod, Jr. (CT). He also leaves behind his siblings, Mrs. Latanya M. Holmes-Washington (Dana) of NJ, Mrs. Veronica L. Franklin (Trevor) of CT, Bro. Sidney R. Holmes, Jr. & Major T. Holmes of NJ, St. Ronnetta B. Holmes of CT, 11 nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

There are angels all around us, and we often do not notice them until it is too late; before you make a mistake that will affect yours or others life, ask yourself; "What would Sherrod do?"

Cemetery Details

Beverdale Memorial Park

Hamden, CT 06514

Previous Events

Service

FEB 6. 9:00 AM (ET)

Morning Star Church
125 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven, CT CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Sherrod Holmes*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Sherrod Holmes.*



February 06, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ *To the Holmes family praying for you in this time of sorrow. May God comfort as only He can.
Sylvia Covington & family*

Sylvia Covington - February 06, 2016 at 06:36 AM



“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my friend. SHERROD and I shared many memories in childhood and adulthood (HOJ). He will forever be missed. My prayers are with the family.*

Connie Birth - February 06, 2016 at 05:08 AM



“ *Rest In Paradise and may God wrap his arms around those who are grieving and give them strength. Love Always....*

Mia - February 06, 2016 at 03:04 AM

NC

“ My condolences goes out to the entire family. Cheri- I am so sorry you and your family have to experience this. You guys were great neighbors on Franklin Rd. and we missed you all when you moved. RIP to Russell and you are in my prayers.

Nicole, David, & Cheryl - February 05, 2016 at 10:36 PM

BC

“ Brad and Joanna Carr purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Russell Sherrod Holmes.



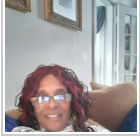
Brad and Joanna Carr - February 05, 2016 at 06:41 PM

CP

“ Cherie, I love you. You are like a niece to me. I am sorry for this major loss in your life, the children's, and the Hall-Holmes family. We have you and your family in our prayers. May God continue to comfort you.
Our condolences,
The Piggott-Vereen Family



Carlotta Piggott - February 05, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ want to send my condolences.out to his family .may god keep you strong through sad times.may he wrap his arms around you and hold you tight for the love that Sherrod had for his family as well as friends..hold on to the good times you share with him.it will always keep a smile on your face . a friend May Austin..may god watch over this family



May Austin - February 05, 2016 at 02:32 PM

CK

“ Cookie, Tina, Teddy, Jensen, & Kaylah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Sherrod Holmes.



Cookie, Tina, Teddy, Jensen, & Kaylah - February 04, 2016 at 10:59 PM

VL

“ Love you Russell Rip gone but never forgotten valerie L

Valerie L - February 04, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MM

“ Monique Manuel-Carroll purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Russell Sherrod Holmes.



Monique Manuel-Carroll - February 04, 2016 at 08:28 PM

MM

“ *Monique Manuel-Carroll lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Monique Manuel-Carroll - February 04, 2016 at 07:19 PM

TR

“ *Rest in peace Rod Roddy*

Travis TR Richardson - February 04, 2016 at 04:44 PM

MH

“ *Martin & Barbara Howard lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Martin & Barbara Howard - February 04, 2016 at 09:15 AM

LO

“ *Lamisha Owens lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Lamisha Owens - February 03, 2016 at 11:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Sherrod Holmes.*

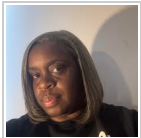


February 03, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ *To the Holmes family. My deepest condolences for the loss of Russell. Russell and i worked together at stop and shop warehouse for 15yrs we became friend instantly and had many great times and memories. Russell was a true gentleman and also a genuine friend always taking time to make sure all of his brothers were good and their day was going ok. It is people like Russell that made going to work a pleasure knowing you were going to have a great day. I will miss Russell very much RIP my brother until we meet again may God hold you in his hand and carry you through the promise land. Much love Hommie. Sincerely Vincent Gambardella and Family*

vincent gambardella - February 03, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ *Shelvy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Shelvy Bowers - February 03, 2016 at 08:43 PM

AC

“ Sherod, mentor, coach, and a father like figure to a lot of young men including my son. He will truly be missed. My condolences go out to the entire Holems family.



Alice Coleman - February 03, 2016 at 07:45 PM

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“ Sherrod, mentor, coach, friend and proxy father to a lot of young men including my son. He will truly be missed. My condolences go out to the entire Holmes Family.



Alice Coleman - February 03, 2016 at 07:36 PM



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February 03, 2016 at 07:19 PM

BJ

“ You have my condolence and prayers, Margaret Jones

Bea Jones - February 03, 2016 at 06:55 PM

JL

“ *Jill Little lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Jill Little - February 03, 2016 at 06:53 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Ship-Freeman lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Joyce Ship-Freeman - February 03, 2016 at 06:36 PM

MH

“ *Martin & Barbara Howard lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Martin & Barbara Howard - February 03, 2016 at 06:31 PM

SJ

“ *Shelley Joyner lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes*



Shelley Joyner - February 03, 2016 at 05:56 PM

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Alice Coleman - February 03, 2016 at 05:11 PM

GD

“ Gwendolyn Davis-Arrington lit a candle in memory of Russell Sherrod Holmes



Gwendolyn Davis-Arrington - February 03, 2016 at 09:50 AM

GD

To the Holmes family, So sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. Words cannot express how much are hearts hurt right now. We are all still in a state of shock and disbelief. When I got the news that early Saturday morning I could not stop crying. Sherrod was like a brother to us and a very very close friend of my brother Greg. He cannot not grasp the fact that he not only lost a dear friend but a brother as well. All we can do is cherish the memories and remember that big smile and sweet spirit he had. lost but will never be forgotten.

Love: The Davis Family...

Gwendolyn Davis-Arrington - February 03, 2016 at 10:04 AM

 Eric Meadows

RUS AND I GO WAY BACK SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL..IT WAS AN HONOR TO KNOW MY BROTHER AND A GREAT HUMAN BEING...MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY. .PEACE AND BLESSINGS

Eric Meadows - February 03, 2016 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ To a good brother. A great father. One who mentored a lot of our young brothers from the Boys and Girls Club (Blazers). You will be very deeply missed. RIP.

The Staggers family offer our sincere condolence to the whole family

Carlton Staggers - February 03, 2016 at 09:00 AM



Sorry for ur lost

Gloria Grinnan - February 04, 2016 at 01:22 AM

SH

Words cannot express how you will be missed. We pray for strength knowing that our love and memories will eventually replace our grief. Rest on sweet and loving cousin. Sherman and Regina Holmes

Sherman and Regina Holmes - February 04, 2016 at 06:23 PM