

Acknowledgment

The family of Debra S. Holmes would like to share its thanks and gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. They would also like to give special acknowledgements to Debbie's friends and family from her time with the United States Air Force, the State of Ohio Department of Education, the YMCA of Columbus, and Mary Kay.

The family also thanks the caring staff at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, the team from OhioHealth at Home, and the staff at Marlan Gary Funeral Home, Chapel of Peace for their kindness.

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Holmes Darren Ford
Yusef Anderson Salvatore Reedus
Edward Holmes Jr. Benjamin Reedus

Repast

Springhill Suites Columbus Easton Area
4048 Morse Road
4pm to 7pm

Your Mother by Irene Conner

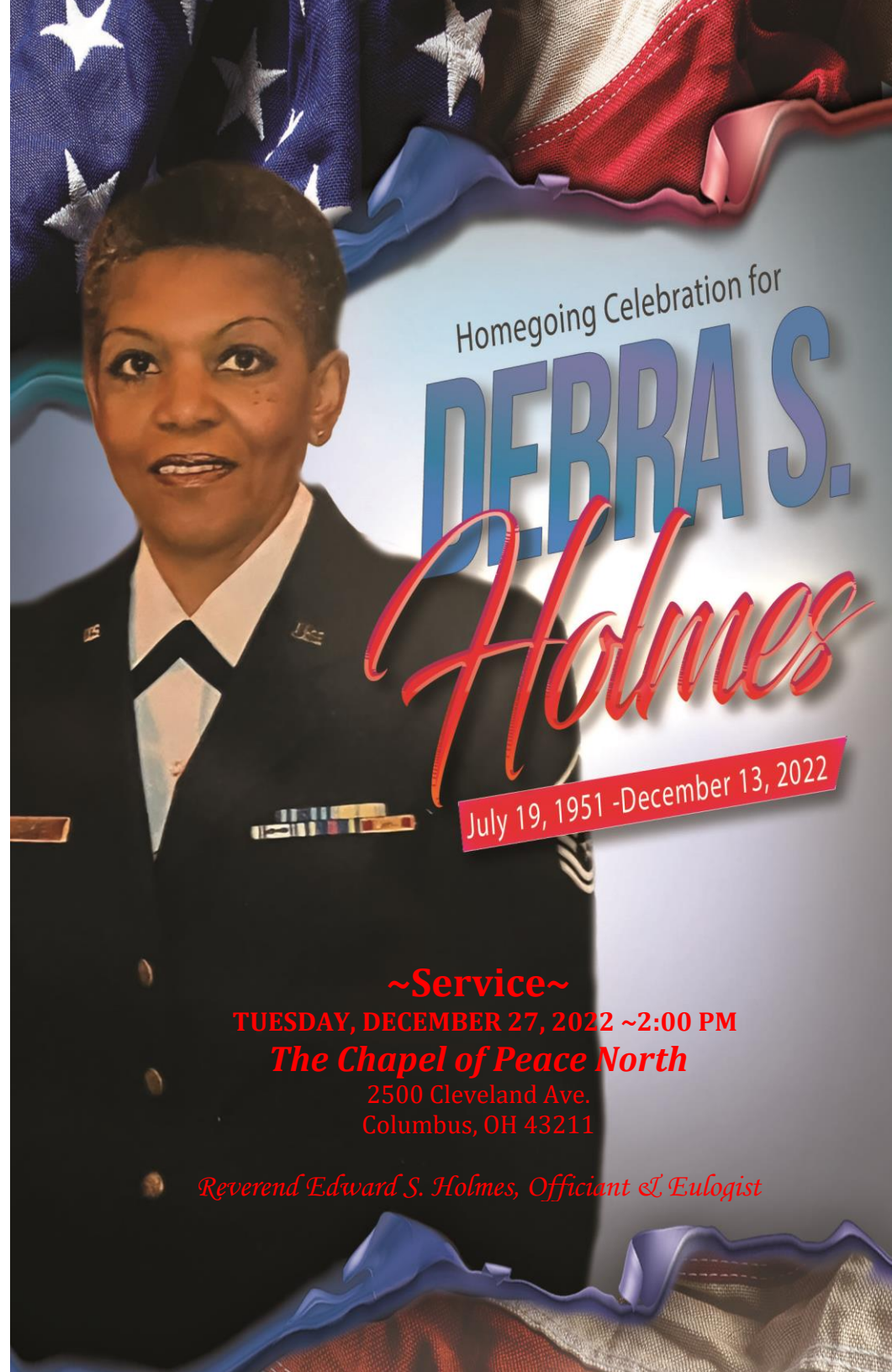
Although you cannot hear her voice
or see her smile no more,
your mother walks beside you still
just as she did before.

It's just she isn't visible
to see with human eye,
but talk to her in silence and
her spirit will reply.

She listens to your stories and
she wipes away your tears;
she wraps her arms around you
and she understands your fears.

You'll feel the love she has for you -
you'll hear her in your heart;
she's left her human body but
your souls will never part.

To offer condolences to The Holmes Family,
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Obituary

Debra Sue Holmes of Columbus, Ohio was called to be with the Lord on December 13, 2022, passing away peacefully in her home. Her final wishes were honored and fulfilled by her beloved son, Michael, who lovingly cared for her daily.

Debbie was born on July 19, 1951, to Zelma and Roscoe Holmes in Ironton, Ohio. At 23, she enlisted in the United States Air Force where she served for 33 years, completing most of her service at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. With her dedication, she rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and proudly retired from the military in 2008.

Alongside her military career, Debbie was also a public servant of the State of Ohio, working for the Department of Education for many years. She believed in working hard and in the value of education. She was extremely proud when her son completed nursing school, sharing the news with all who would hear.

Just like her parents, Debbie was fond of traveling and she saw much of the country, and as a cruise master, was a frequent visitor to the Caribbean. Her traveling buddies were cherished siblings and cousins who knew where to get the best deals and how to see the best views. She was the best traveling partner as she always had snacks on hand. Debbie also enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Her most notable dishes were her collard greens, macaroni and cheese, and her world-famous chocolate chip cookies that were made with love. Her fondness for a good gospel beat, Snoopy and Charlie Brown, Pepsi, Starbucks, and popcorn will provide comforting memories of her.

Debbie was a woman of faith, and as such, her spirit was welcomed into Heaven by her parents, Zelma and Roscoe; infant twin brothers, Michael and Patrick Holmes; brother, Roscoe Holmes Jr.; cousin, David Ford; nephew, Stanley Phillips Jr.; niece, Candice Deshields; and numerous other family who were there to guide her.

Debbie's memory and legacy will live on through, her treasured son, Michael Holmes; brother, Reverend Edward S. (Linda) Holmes; sisters, Margaret (William) Henderson and Frances (Clyde) Anderson; nieces and nephews, Crystal (Tim) Shannon, Edward Holmes Jr., Summer (Keenan) Mazion, Jasmine Anderson, and Yusef Anderson; frequent flyer cousins, Benita Reedus, Darren (Bonita) Ford, and Donald (Naomi) Ross; many more adored family, a host of friends, and all those who were blessed to meet her.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" by CeCe Winans
PARTING VIEW Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READING
 Old Testament Charlene Nesbitt-Strickland
 New Testament..... Beverly Pettway
PRAYER Benita Reedus
SELECTION "I Love the Lord" by Whitney Houston
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Crystal Shannon
REFLECTIONS & READINGS Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY Summer Mazion
SELECTION "Let the Church Say Amen" by Andrae Crouch

The Eulogy *Reverend Edward S. Holmes*

BENEDICTION Reverend Edward S. Holmes
RECESSIONAL "Goin Up Yonder" by Walter Hawkins

Interment

Friday, December 30, 2022, ~ 12:00 PM
Woodland Cemetery
824 Lorain Street
Ironton, OH 45638

*Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of
your mind. That by testing you may discern what is the will of God. What is
good and acceptable and perfect.*
Romans 12: 2