

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Barola
BULLS "BEE"
HOLLOWAY

SUNRISE
March 11, 1944

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
12:00 PM

SUNSET
June 9, 2023

Viewing/Family Hour 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Huntsville, Alabama

Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor

OBITUARY

Mrs. Bazola "Bee" Bulls Holloway, affectionately known as "Bee," was born on March 11, 1944, in Waukegan, Illinois, and gained her wings on June 9, 2023. She was the second of three children born to the late Elizabeth Bulls Thompson and the late Leather Thompson, Jr. She graduated from North Chicago Community High School in 1962.

On November 20, 1969, she married MSGT (Retired) Merrill Edward Holloway "Holly" where they spent 54 years travelling the world during his military service.

Bee began her 39-year career as a Civil Servant for the United States Government at Great Lakes Naval Base and travelled extensively during the next three decades of service. She served at Fort Lewis, Washington; Etimesgut Air Base, Ankara, Turkey; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Leighton Barracks, Wurzburg, Germany; Cambria-Fritz Kaserne, Darmstadt, Germany; and she retired from Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama as a Program Analyst for the Federal Missile Defense Agency. In her work, she supported projects of international prominence such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and the launching of the Pershing Missile.

A constant learner, Mrs. Bee returned to college in 1988 to complete her degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland in 1990. She used this degree to comfort and counsel military families at the bases where she and Holly were stationed.

She was the oldest living grandchild of the 34 grandchildren of the late John T. and Bazola B. Bulls. She often sent annual birthday cards and organized family gatherings for the cousins.

Her love of people is what led her to her huge circle of friends. Bee had friends around the world – and she kept in touch with all of them. Her consistent phone calls, social media messages, and annual Christmas letter are fondly remembered and will be greatly missed. Her friends from Darmstadt, Germany, particularly Yolanda Patterson, were especially dear to her heart.

Mrs. Bee was also brave – at 78 years young, she embarked on swimming lessons! She even learned to dive off the diving board! She was an inspiration to everyone at the Dr. Richard Showers Recreation Center and Pool.

She was a bonus grandmother and great-grandmother to many, especially the children of Myra Wright, Katrini Goshay, Kayla Wright, Destiny Goshay, Kennedi Goshay, and Kai Freeman.

As a 30-year resident of the Fred Atkinson sub-division, she developed life-long friendships with the Doubleday and Henry families, whom she considered family. Finally, it is here where she met her "sister," Bettye Cain, with whom she shared countless cups of coffee.

As a 29 year member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Bee attended and assisted with many events and was known to bring baked goods to anyone with a sweet tooth.

Bazola "Bee" Holloway was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Leather Thompson, Jr. She leaves her memories to her husband, MSGT. (Retired) Merrill E. Holloway; brother, Duwayane (Editha) Thompson; nieces, Maria (Paul) Peay, Deanna Thompson and nephew Michael Thompson; great-niece, Amelia; children, Charlisa Holloway Edelin and Merrill Holloway II; beloved nephew, Gregory Thompson; stepchildren, Darrell (Vickie) Holloway, Andre Holloway, and Renesha (Cecil) Bowles; grandchildren, Kendall (Malik) Edelin Wilkins, Kenneth Edelin III, Kimberley Edelin, Kayla Edelin, Darrell (Kimberly) Holloway, Jr., Phaedra (John Jr.) Preston, Charli (Christopher) Monaghan, Christiana (Daniel) Vega, Marilyn (Jayden) Cabiad, Abigail Bowles, and Hannah Bowles; great-grandchildren, Ayanna Holloway, Darrell "Phoenix" Holloway III, Harper Monaghan, Keenan Monaghan, Ezra Vega, and Nyla Wilkins whom she held for the first time a few weeks ago.

ORDER OF SERVICE



Musical PreludeMusician

Processional

Opening Prayer Reverend Dr. Harold Lockett

Scripture Readings Louis Elmore, Jr. and Gregory Thompson

Musical Selection..... Union Chapel M.B. Church Music Department

Reflections *Two Minutes, Please*

 From Her Son Merrill "Ed" Holloway II

 From Her Granddaughter Kayla Edelin

 From Her First Cousin Reverend Charlene Mills

 From Her Darmstadt Friends Yolanda Patterson

Resolution (Presentation)..... Union Chapel M.B. Church

Musical Selection..... Union Chapel M.B. Church Music Department

EulogyDr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor

Closing PrayerDr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor

Mortician Thompson & Son Funeral Home

Recessional



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INTERMENT

Jordan-Bulls Cemetery

County Road 68

Killen, Alabama 35645

REPAST

Killen Senior Center

319 J.C. Mauldin Highway

Killen, Alabama 35645

Catered by the Palace House of Catering & Event Company

(256)-513-3086

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

It is with deep appreciation that the family acknowledges all the acts of love and concern during the loss of our wife and mother. Thank you for your love and support, not only now, but for all the love you have shown her through the years. Our prayer is that God blesses and keeps each of you.

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