

# Acknowledgements



The family of Duryea Holley wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have expressed acts of kindness and support during this time of bereavement.

**Immanuel Church  
Deborah O. Whipper Funeral Services**

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in memory of Duryea Holley to her mother, Dolores Parson, to assist with honoring her legacy. Donations can be sent to Immanuel Baptist Church c/o Dolores Parson at 68-10 31st Ave, Woodside, NY 11377.

Thank you for honoring Duryea's memory in this meaningful way.

## Duryea Ronnise Holley

February 23, 1967-October 16, 2024

### Funeral Service

Immanuel Baptist Church  
Viewing 10-11 am | Service 11 am  
68-10 31st Ave Woodside, NY 11377



# Obituary

The name Duryea has a few meanings. One of which is "always active". Those of us who loved and knew her would agree with the meaning. Those who were close to her affectionally nicknamed her Dew.

Dew became a member of the International organization ToastMasters through Boaz and Ruth where she spoke and encouraged youth to not only have goals but to pursue them as well. Boaz and Ruth was a big part of Duryea's life. There she honed skills in technology as well as construction as well as a motivational speaker.

Once she was invited to give a presentation at the University of Richmond. Her experiences were so motivating that her story was also to appear in the local newspaper.

Dew was a person who was always in demand because of her caring, compassionate and nurturing traits. In fact when Duryea was only 11 years old those qualities were noticed by her great-maternal- grandmother who proclaimed Dew had the calling to be a nurse!

Over the years her affinity for caring for others was well known and cherished by her family. She in fact was the one to help care for two of her aunts before their passing. Her grandfather actually requested that she return to NYC to help care for him during his final days.

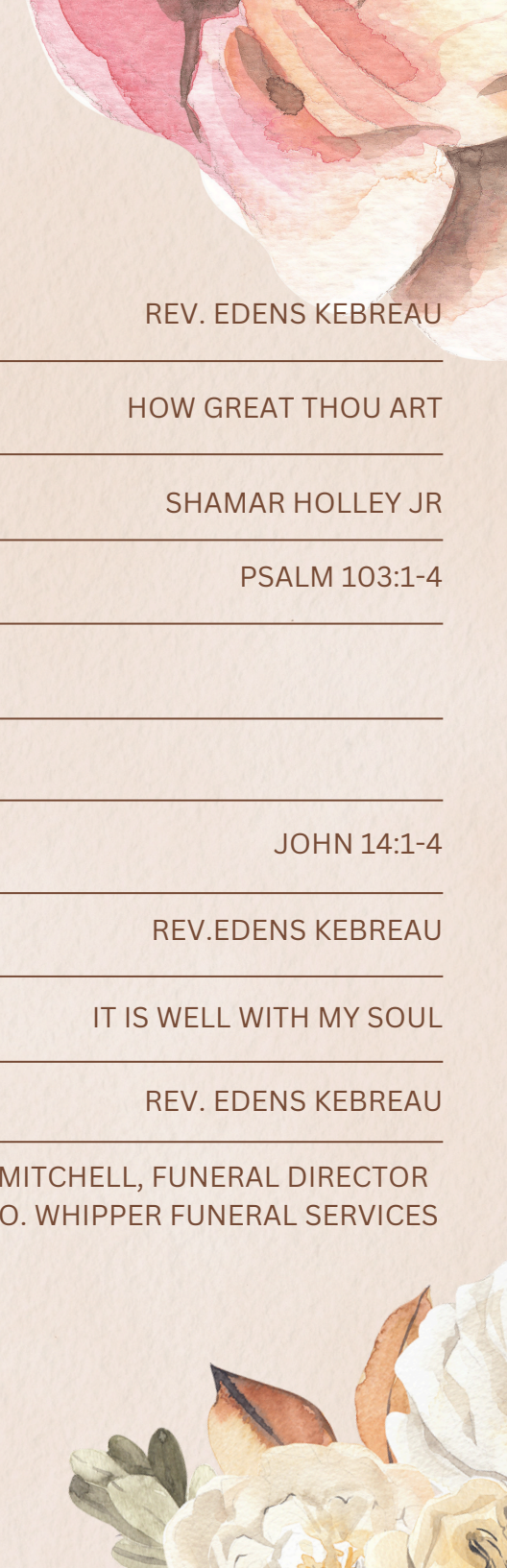
Dew's resume is diversified. Like her mother and family she loved learning. She lived and worked in New York, Kentucky and Virginia. However, she always considered herself a native New Yorker.

Duryea's true calling was a caregiver. Therefore she studied to become an official home health care aid whose responsibilities ranged from observing mental and physical condition of patients to helping family members take care of loved ones, teaching patients self care and maintaining a safe and secure environment for patients.

Duryea carried out such duties both in nursing care facilities and in private settings until her own health took a turn. She was diagnosed with a complicated heart disease. However that didn't stop the woman whose name means "active one" to throw her hands up and stand still!

Duryea cooked like an old soul while still a child. Duryea brought the south to the north every time, with her famous southern dishes especially her "HOT WATER CORNBREAD". One thing Duryea never played with was her family. You can always count on her. She cooked braided hair and crocheted on her spare time. There are not enough words to fully describe our Dew.

Duryea had two loving daughters; Cheyenne and Zharia Holley. She leaves behind her grandson Darnell Sullivan Jr, mother Dolores Parson, siblings Shamar Holley, Jareem Parson, Mattaniah Yip and Robyn Holley, grandmother Mattie Pettiford, Uncle Steve Moore, Aunt Veronica Moore, Aunt Shirley Neville, Aunt Gale Griffin and host of other loving family members.



Opening Prayer

REV. EDENS KEBREAU

Opening Hymn

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Reading of the obituary

SHAMAR HOLLEY JR

Scripture Reading

PSALM 103:1-4

Personal Tributes

Special Song

Scripture Reading

JOHN 14:1-4

Message

REV. EDENS KEBREAU

Closing Song

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Closing Prayer & Benediction

REV. EDENS KEBREAU

Final Instructions

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