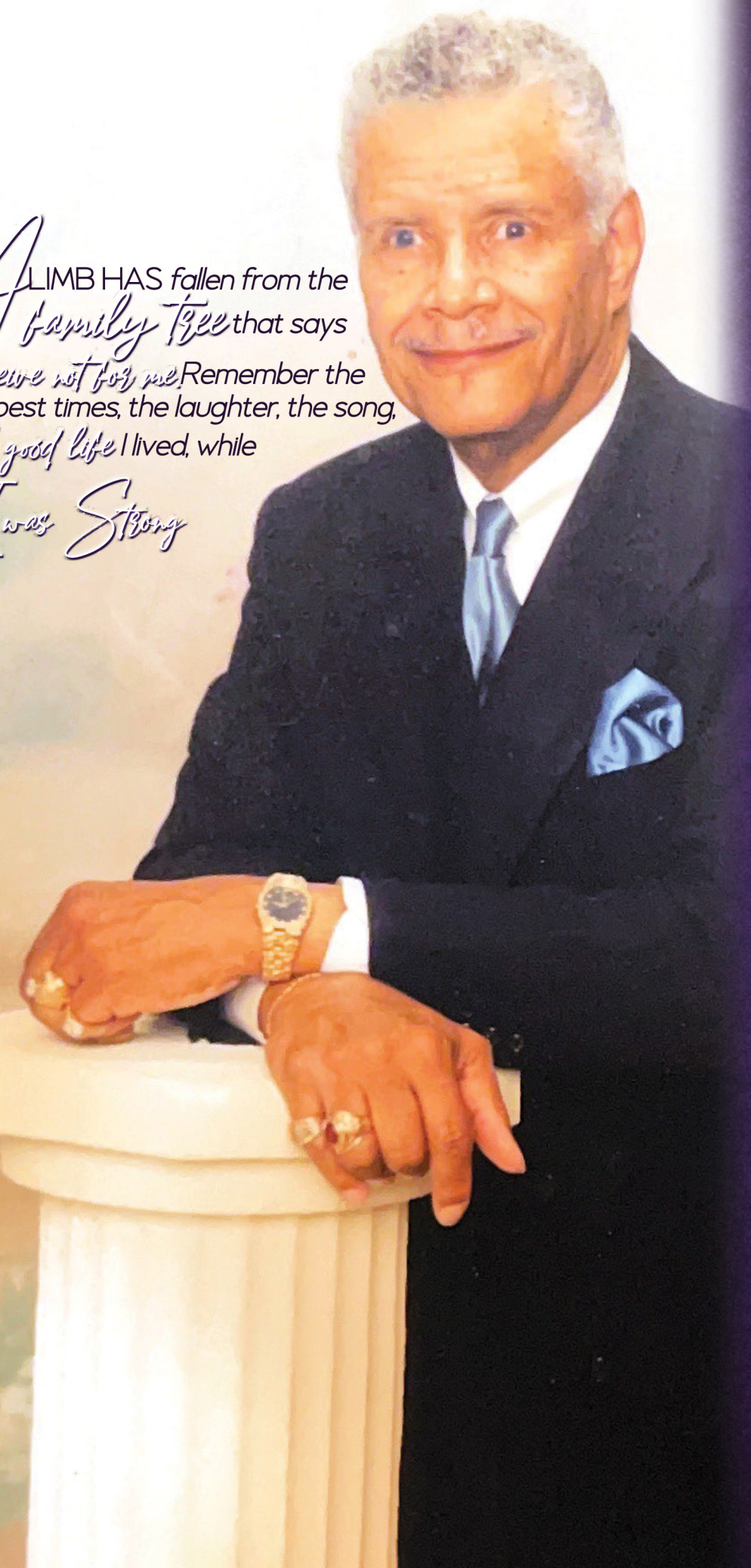


*A LIMB HAS fallen from the
A family tree that says
Grieve not for me! Remember the
best times, the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived, while
I was Strong*



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

ORDER OF *Celebration* Saturday, June 4, 2022 | 11:00AM
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Brother Gary Edwards, Officiating
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Saxophone Tribute, Robin Garcia

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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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"I Believe In You and Me"
Whitney Houston Instrumental Recording

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Fairmount Cemetery | Denver, Colorado

Acknowledgement
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer, or gave us a call;
Perhaps you sang a cheerful song, if so, we heard it all;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day;
Whatever you did to console our hearts, by word or deed or touch;
We thank you, oh so very much.
The Family of Dr. James Julius Holden, Ph.D.

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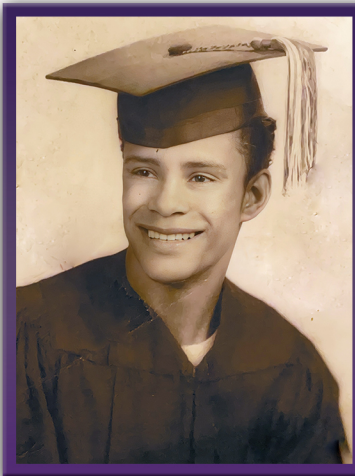
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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."



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"Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us each and every day. Unseen, unheard but yet always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear."



The Life Story of...

Dr. James JULIUS HOLDEN

From very humble beginnings, the life of Dr. James Julius Holden, Ph.D., also known amongst family and friends as "Jimmy" or "Jim," began when he blessed his parents, Mary Louise Holden and James Henry Holden, on January 1, 1934, in Superior, Arizona. Jimmy was one of the four children. His siblings were Davelle, Moddela, JoAnn, and Bobby.

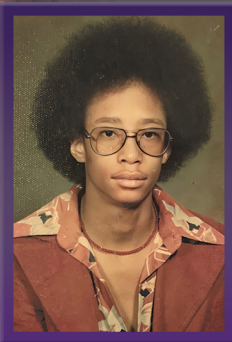
Jimmy graduated from Manual High School and went above and beyond to continue his education. He attended: The University of Colorado, receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Science; Kennedy - Western University, receiving his Doctorate in Philosophy and Masters of Science; Indiana University, receiving his Doctorate of Public Administration and Masters of Public Administration; The University of Washington, receiving his Masters of Business Administration; and The University of Denver, receiving his Bachelor of Arts. If you think that stopped him, he further became affiliated with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 1 Freemason "Masons," member of The Phi Chi Chapter at Metropolitan State University and served as President for the Greater Park Hill Sertoma Club. Jimmy was a notable member of several other organizations and previously served as a Captain in the Army.

As the degrees started to build up and he ran out of things to accomplish, he settled down and found employment with the Federal Government working as a computer engineer for ten years. He then went on to work for another company which he then retired years later.



During his matriculation in school, he met Ruth "Ruthie" Guinyard, who, unbeknownst at the time, later became his wife. In 1953, the two shared their first date consisting of meeting at the park, followed by a double date later that evening. The two became inseparable and memorialized 50+ plus years of marriage ever since. A wife and a Husband, diligently remaining by each other's side while holding true to the vows they took at the altar. For better, for worse, in sickness and in health, until death do us part. In September of 2010, Ruthie passed away from cancer which she had battled for several years prior.

To this union, three beautiful children were born, two sons and one daughter, adoringly nicknamed: Joey, Timmy, and Nina. Over the years, Jimmy watched his children matriculate through elementary school, middle school, high school, and even college as they grew up each day he turned around. Later in life, as the children reached adulthood, Jimmy and Ruthie lost their second-oldest son Timmy due to health complications in September of 1990. Despite this heartbreak, the family was able to grieve and still enjoy life to its fullest. Jimmy was able to watch his son Joey get married and walk his daughter Nina down the aisle. From these very moments, Jimmy became a grandfather, and his grandchildren lovingly renamed him "Poppa." They are Jay, Nae Nae, Joey, Justin, Tee, and Quin. Poppa was also blessed to be a great-grandfather to Jace and Jaya from the marriage of Janae' and Reverend Marcus Pope.



At a certain age, you are supposed to live out retirement in the best ways possible. One of Jimmy's favorite things to do was go to the free movie screenings with his nieces: Sharmane, April, and Michele (Shelly); him arriving late and trying to sneak past people to stand in the front of the line. He always came home and raved about how good the movie was, then offered take-home popcorn to everyone. Additionally, Poppa spent the rest of his time at home with his best friend and right-hand man, Spot. The two of them would go for early morning coffee rides and then later pick up his grandsons from school.

Tee and Quin remember Poppa being a grumpy old man who constantly complained about the light bill, taking the trash out, and getting the mail. However, despite what they thought, Poppa was the most caring, loving, and supportive grandfather anyone could ever ask for. From riding bikes behind Place Bridge Academy to feeding the ducks in City Park, cheering them on at sporting events, and extending a hand whenever needed. He was always there and never wasted a chance at creating memories.

In March of 2021, a father's worst nightmare came true yet again; both of his surviving children, Joey and Nina, passed away within days of each other. As a man and as a father, the amount of grief and defeat you feel from something like this is unimaginable. Yet, he stood strong like a soldier and remained the glue that held his family together. A few months after their passing, he became closer with his cousins Erica and Irma Michele. He would often say, "the girls take good care of me and Spot." Poppa then moved to Atlanta, Georgia to live with his grandson Tee. They visited aquariums, museums, and parks, went on car rides, and his favorite activity, going to the movies.

Dr. James J. Holden, Ph.D., departed this life on April 27, 2022, in Atlanta, reuniting with his wife and children: Ruth G. (Ruthie) Holden, James Joe Anthony (Joey) Holden, Timothy Audwin (Timmy) Holden, and Leta Ruth (Nina) Holden. He also joins his parents, siblings, and other family and friends who preceded him in death.

Those left to cherish his memories include his sister: Davelle Louisa Reagans, his grandchildren; James Maurice (Jay) Holden, Janae' Nicole (Nae Nae) Pope, Joseph William (Joey) Holden, Justin Anthony Holden, Terrence Anthony (Tee) Carter, and Quincy Xavier (Quin) Carter; his great-grandchildren, Jace Levi, and Jaya Naomi Pope; and family dog Spot. Jimmy also leaves behind all of Denver, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many friends, and colleagues.