



Craig A Holmes

April 7, 1963 - April 3, 2022

Craig Holmes, 58, of Greenfield, was born April 7th, 1963, in the Bronx, NY and departed this Earth April 3rd, 2022 to the late Alex Holmes and Flonell (Jackson) Holmes of Holyoke. He also leaves behind his wife Cesaltina Holmes, one and only child, Carolyn Flonell Minnie Holmes and her daughter Naelani Register of Greenfield, his sister Carolyn D. Holmes Baessa and her husband Priest Baessa of Pelham, two brothers: Charlie Holmes of Springfield, sister-in-law Donna Holmes, and Alex Holmes of Holyoke. Two God Brother's; Clarence and Bart McCalvin of Springfield. His favorite Aunt, Marva Wilkins of Springfield, and favorite Uncle, Mayor Earl Jackson of Sparks GA, and his wife Marva Jackson, Aunt Catherine (Holmes) Ingram of Perry, GA, (Husband Hervia Ingram preceded). Nephews Cassius Greenfield, Lavone Reed, and Charlie "CJ" Holmes, nieces Alexis and Camille Holmes, great nephews, Lamotte and Devin, many friends and cousins and God Sons Martin and Marvin. Much love to all Family of Western MA, Sparks and Adel GA, and all abroad, with special consideration to Sheila Mack and her daughter Melody, preceded by her brother Willie.

Craig was a proud member of the 82nd airborne following the legacy of his father Alex Holmes of the 101 airborne where he earned his Combat Infantry Badge for his role in The United States invasion of Grenada (1983) where he along with other Special Force Soldiers rescued 1,200 medical students. He Loved America and said, "he would die with his boots on".

His favorite scripture was the 91st Psalm which he recited by heart.

Craig lived military since he went to Technical High School where he was a part of the Airforce R.O.T.C. where him and his team won a room full of medals including a national championship (1978 - 1981). He loved the thrill and discipline so much he joined the National Guard in High School while awaiting his graduation so he could become a full time soldier, he said he wanted to go "all the way and then some".

There will be a calling hour from 4-5 PM on Wednesday April 13, 2022, at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., Northampton, MA. Funeral Service and burial will be Thursday April 14, 2022, at 10 AM, with Military Honors rendered at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit DrozdaFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Previous Events

Calling Hour

APR 13. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery
1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Craig Holmes,
After loosing my bio dad you came along right on time. You were the BEST father figure I ever had. My step-dad is what I would call you and your face would glow up like a light bulb. I'm so thankful to hear your last words were " I love ya Mel" (in your Boston accent)..
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Melody Battle - April 13, 2022 at 10:43 PM

SJ

Craig A. This is Lokko, you were my best friend back in Bragg, southern pines and vrginia, we smoked, ran, and danced down the halls of our barracks when you're around, God bless your soul, your in a better place now...lots of love from all the troops like marvin mcclain, corporal lakin, sheila, etc...love and miss you greatly.

Stanley Carl Lokko Jr. - March 19, 2024 at 10:05 PM

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“ Charles (Tony) Lewis, Tech HS - 1981 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Craig A Holmes.



Charles (Tony) Lewis, Tech HS - 1981 - April 13, 2022 at 09:36 PM

CL

“ Craig was my best friend in junior high (Forest Park) and high school (Tech Tigers Class of 1981). He was a genuinely good person! The kind of guy that would do anything for you.

I still remember he and I walking through a snowstorm to get to a house party (the winter of 1980) when his car (a red 1974 Toyota Corolla) broke down on us on the way to the party. We pushed it to the parking lot of Henderson's Funeral Home on Hancock, locked it up, and walked the rest of the way to the party. It was freezing!!! We were almost frozen solid by the time that we made it there.

However, that didn't stop us from having a ball at the party! Then, after the party (at about 2:00 am), we walked back to Henderson's, somehow got his car started, and made it back to our respective houses. We laughed about that one for a long time!

Unfortunately, we kind of lost touch over the years. You know how life tends to get in our way sometimes. However, I have never forgotten how good a friend Craig was and the great times that we shared. I can only hope that his soul is at peace and that his family (Mama Holmes, Carolyn, Alex and Chucky) can find the strength to get through this difficult time. My love and prayers go out to you all!!!

RIP my Brother from another Mother, until we meet again!!!

Sincerely,

Charles (Tony) Lewis

Charles (Tony) Lewis - April 13, 2022 at 09:26 PM

FM

“ When my late husband got to Fort Bragg, Craig showed him around. They became best friends. In fact, Craig was a great friend to both of us. He is godfather to our oldest son. Craig will be greatly missed.

Flora McLain - April 13, 2022 at 06:24 PM

MB



Melody Battle - April 13, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig A Holmes.



April 13, 2022 at 11:23 AM

TI

“ How do I begin to talk about my friendship for my brother. 1 deep breath fishing, camping, 3&4th grade school plays, sleep overs, minibike rides, sledding down the hill in the winter time. Go cart in the summer time. The 25 mile walk for charity. Painting the wall at the bottom of windsors str. Riding bike and all the delicious dinner that's Mrs Holmes shared with me!
I had alot of friends in my lifetime. But craig will always be my Best FRIEND
LOVE Timmy

Timmy - April 12, 2022 at 10:44 PM

SM

To my loving adopted family in Crust. Craig was so loved by his family and friends while station in Fort Bragg, NC. I can go on and on the wonderful memories we made together. To mother Holmes, I too have lost a son a son Craig loved as his own. I know of the pain in your heart. I want you to know this too shall past. To Craig siblings, continue to keep your brother name alive for I know he loved you all unconditionally Finally, baby, lil'and now Ms Carolyn the love of your father life hold on to his heart because if Craig could have taken it from chest he would have placed it I'm your hands. Melody and I will continue to keep all of you in prayer. We love Craig A Holmes forever. S.I.P. my love one~

Sheila/Melody Mack - April 13, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Craig A Holmes.*



April 12, 2022 at 08:13 AM

RM

“ *from childhood friends to my god daughters father craige you will be missed my friend ugh heart broken love the martin family*

robin martin - April 11, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Craig A Holmes.*



April 11, 2022 at 09:06 PM

TC

“ Craig was one of my many favorite cousins. He had a good heart. He served his country. Even more than that he served his family. Until we meet again sleep in peace.

Taneisha Carter - April 11, 2022 at 06:54 PM

MF

“ Rest in peace my brother.
You will be missed.
Rock them heavens
Until we meet again..
Love,
The Fennells

Melissa Fennell - April 11, 2022 at 04:52 PM

PB

“ Craig we got to hangout multiple times as Nieghbor's and friends you were a good man and friend and Nieghbor from all of the Bryden's you will be missed much love

pat bryden - April 11, 2022 at 03:33 PM