



Mr. Joseph Warren Holley

January 25, 1950 - December 16, 2025

Joseph Vann Warren Holley “Sonny” was born on January 25, 1950 to the late Cecil Warren and Mattie Ree Holley. He departed this life on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at ECU Health Beaufort Hospital, Washington, NC.

Sonny attended Edenton Public schools. He was a domestic worker most of his life. He also worked for Mr. Parker at Parker’s Drop in Store, Edenton, NC.

Sonny never drove, but he loved riding his bike or walking to do whatever he could for anybody. He was a clean guy, loved doing laundry. Sonny made sure the bed sheets were white as snow. He could cook and didn’t mind keeping your kids. He made sure they were well fed. Back in his younger days he loved to play music on his record player, those 45’s and albums. In his mid-40 he became ill and was referred to an Assistant Living Facility. He was satisfied there and met many friends; they gave him a new name Pa-Pa. Sonny loved fried chicken and Pepsi cola. If you were to visit him and ask did, he needed anything, he would say fried chicken and a Pepsi cola. He did not like bake chicken, it had to be fried chicken or nothing. Sonny loved his sister, she was the light in his eyes, whenever she visited him at the center or picked him up for a ride, he would get very excited. He loved his nieces and nephews, if his sister visited and the kids was missing, he would ask about them. He will truly be missed by his sister and her kids.

Sonny was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Warren; his mother, Mattie Ree Holley; sister, Kattie Bell Holley; two brothers, Ernest L. Holley "Frog," and William E. Holley "Fuzz"; brother-in-law, Alvin Williams.

Sonny leaves to cherish his memories, his sister, Rosa Holley Williams; four nieces, Tabitha Holley of Durham, NC, Tinitra Holley Gilbert (Eric), Sheena Harrell and Letia Harrell all of Greenville, NC; three great nieces, Kierra Holley of Durham, NC, Za'Niyah Harrell and Tyjah Outlaw; one great nephew, Daquez Harrell; two great-great nieces, Makenzie Holley and Madisyn Holley; his second family of many years, Pantego Assistant Living Family, Pantego NC; a host of cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Blair and Congleton Memorial Funeral Services and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Blari/Congleton Memorial and Staff - December 19, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ My Sympathy And Prayers Are With The Family 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 18, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Warren Holley



Cecily Sene - December 17, 2025 at 11:39 PM