



## Racheal A. Holliday

June 28, 1936 - August 21, 2024

With arms open wide and eyes looking towards the heavens, Deaconess Racheal Ann Baughn Holliday transitioned to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Racheal was born June 28, 1936 to the late Wilbert T. Baughn and the late Deaconess Virginia Sarah Smith Baughn. Racheal made history the day she was born by being the first black baby born at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital in Darby, PA.

On Easter Sunday morning, in 1946, she accepted Christ and was baptized by Reverend James Lincoln Lewis at First Baptist Church, Morton, PA. During her youth she attended Sunday School, sang in the junior choir, attended B.Y.P.U. and youth fellowship. She later became a Sunday School teacher, Director and President of the senior choir, sponsor of the youth choir, a member of the nurse's unit and the John Mack Freeman Education Committee and then became an ordained Deaconess. For several years she was the program chairperson for Unity Day and instrumental in the senior citizen's Christmas dinner.

Racheal was an active member of K.E.M. Ministries in Philadelphia, PA where she remained an active Deaconess and enjoyed their senior citizen outings and outreach programs.

She attended and graduated from Swarthmore High School, Swarthmore PA. Racheal then furthered her education at Franklin Institute of Technology to become a medical technologist and medical assistant. She worked for years as a phlebotomist at Mercy Douglas Hospital in Philadelphia, PA and for several Doctors in the surrounding area. After working in the medical field for many years, Racheal started a daycare and watched many, many children who loved her. As they became young adults, they continued to visit her over the years.

Racheal married Maurice Holliday on August 10, 1989. They were married until he answered his call home in 2006.

Racheal was the Matriarch of the Baughn family and known for her delicious homemade cakes & Christmas villages.

Racheal is survived by her loving family – daughter & son-in-love, Theodosia Taylor (Keith) of Morton, PA; sister, Virginia Grundy of Morgantown, PA; grandson Keith Taylor, Jr. (Marilou) of Tempe, AZ; two grand-daughters NaKeisha Roberson (Rodney) of Wilmington, DE & Kendra Jordan (Curtis) of Swarthmore, PA; sister-in-love, Jean Nichols of Newark, DE; step-son, Guy Williams of East Norriton, PA; step-daughter, Maureen Stephens (Darryl), of Kennett Square, PA; step-grandson, Darryl II Stephens , two step grand-daughters, Ja'Net Holliday-Stephens & Desirae Stephens all of Kennett Square, PA; five great grand-sons, five great grand-daughters and many nephews, nieces, cousins & friends.

Racheal is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Theodore Baughn and sister Darlyne Womack



# Cemetery Details

## Rolling Green Memorial Park

1008 West Chester Pike  
West Chester, PA 19382

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Community Christian Church  
317 Central Avenue  
Chester, PA 19013  
(610) 876-5197

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *the Jordan and Antoine Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Racheal A. Holliday.*



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**the Jordan and Antoine Families** - September 03, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Racheal A. Holliday.*



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September 02, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Racheal A. Holliday.*



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September 02, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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“ We have had our ups and downs in the beginning. After I had time to think and pray I reached out to mom Rach and we talked. I cried because she said she never stopped loving me, prayed for me and forgave me. Then on we would go shopping and would eat out on the weekend up until she was sick. Everytime she called me or I would call her, all she wanted was to go shopping and eat with me. At the same time I understood why we couldn't. I'm going to always remember those times and her words before I left. Thank you Teddy for letting me me do that for her. Rest in peace mom.

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**Maureen E Stephens** - August 28, 2024 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Brenda Bishop - EP Wealth Advisors purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Racheal A. Holliday.*



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**Brenda Bishop - EP Wealth Advisors** - August 28, 2024 at 05:32 PM