



## Brother Learcy Holley

February 18, 1944 - March 28, 2024

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NKJV)

Brother Learcy (Larry) Holley was born on February 18, 1944 in Murray Hill, North Carolina. Learcy, fondly known as Larry, was raised from a very young age by the late and Beloved Evangelist Mother Mary Holley – Thompson. Though her nephew, the late Mother Mary raised and considered Larry as her own son. Larry moved to Brooklyn, New York at a young age. After a long illness, Larry transitioned from the physical world to his heavenly home on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Brooklyn Hospital. Larry was preceded in death by his mother, Evangelist Mother Mary Holley Thompson; one sister, Mrs. Joyce Nesbitt and his former wife, Alvivian German.

Larry was united in marriage to the late Alvivian German, September 1967. To

that union, one daughter was born.

After completing school, Larry became a certified optician. He worked at Cohen's Fashion Optical on Delancey Street in Lower Manhattan. He retired from Cohen's after 30 plus years of dedicated service. Larry was a caring and happy person. He loved God. He loved his children. He loved his community. He was a hard worker and was beloved by his colleagues at Cohen's, and his neighborhood lifelong friends, acquaintances and various family members. Larry was a mentor and advisor to young people as well as the young at heart. Larry loved gardening, socializing, fishing and cooking—he really loved fishing! Most especially, Larry loved his late Mother Mary's coconut cake, and often expressed that no one could make it quite like her.

Larry leaves to cherish fond and happy memories, his daughter, Mary Holley Gilliard (Vincent Frederick) of the home; one son, Timothy Knight of Suffolk, VA; two stepdaughters, who he nurtured and covered as his own daughters: Wanda Johnson of Brooklyn, NY and Brenda Johnson of Upper Marlboro, MD; grandchildren: Christina Greene (Demario Greene) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Floyd Gilliard of the home and Kamani Jeremiah Swann of Bowie, MD; great grandchildren: Destiny Greene, Prince Greene, Yasir Greene, all of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Jeremiah Emory Swann of Bowie, MD; one brother-in law, Bishop Thomas Nesbitt of Brooklyn NY, one god-daughter, Naima Topaz Farrow of Brooklyn, NY. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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A TRIBUTE TO MY DAD

A Love For All Seasons

A Love for all seasons

Is a Love for a lifetime...

The spirit of spring arises,

Filling the air with anticipation

And emanations of blooming flowers;

Lighting the earth like your ever-present smile-

And I Remember...

The summer sun's radiance embodies

Your warm breath of life;

Whispering in my ear, imparting wisdom,

Guiding me to a brighter tomorrow-

And I Remember...

The fall leaves flutter from trees

Like teardrops of change;

Symbolizing a life "well done,"

(Good and Faithful One)

I smile as they live on, one with the wind-

And I Remember...

As winter's chill touches my spine,

I embrace the memories of my youth...  
And I Remember...  
Dear Dad ---You are a Love For All Seasons.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The passing of

### BROTHER LEARCY (LARRY) HOLLEY

has been a difficult time for the family. We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to those relatives, friends and well-wishers who have been there for us through this time. You have been a tower of strength and a pillar of support, and for that we thank you. Since we might not be able to greet you personally, we use this medium to let you know how much we appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy and love through your visitations, cards, telephone calls, thoughtfulness and prayers—Your prayers will continue to sustain us. Your loving support has been a blessing to us.

God Bless You All.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 4. 9:00 AM (ET)

Apostolic Gospel Church of Christ  
99-105 Chester Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11212

## Burial

APR 4 (ET)

Cypress Hills Cemetery  
833 Jamaica Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
(718) 277-2900

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in Peace Uncle Larry! I will cherish every moment I was able to spend with you. I love you!*

*-Your Goddaughter, Naima*



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**Naima Farrow** - April 03, 2024 at 07:48 PM

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*Rest in heavenly peace Larry my friend. I still have fond memories of the great fishing in both New York and Virginia. I don't know who loved fishing more you are I, we could pull in some fish. Thanks my friend for the fond memories. RIP... Henry G.*

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**Henry G** - April 04, 2024 at 08:56 AM