



## Joyce Holness Findlay

July 16, 1942 - April 8, 2016

Joyce Ann Holness Findlay 73, died April 08, 2016 at her home in Newnan, Ga. surrounded by her loving family members and the support nursing staff from Gentiva Hospice of Newnan, Ga.

Survivors include her two children, Sean Findlay and Theresa Findlay, sisters Gloria Holness Smythe, Marian Holness Gault, Yolanda Holness Clarke & Julie Castillo Holness, brothers Roy Holness, Robert Holness & Libdo "Pinky" Holness, daughter in law Kemba Findlay; her grandchildren Azeez, Amina, Sanaa, Elijah and Aaliyah.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Piedmont Cancer Center of Newnan, GA. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

The family will receive friends starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Saint George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Rd, Newnan, Ga. 30265. The funeral service will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the church. Interment will be directly after the service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Rd. Newnan, Ga. 30264. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 16. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church  
771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Visitation

APR 16 (ET)

St. George Catholic Church  
771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Holness Findlay*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 16, 2016 at 09:40 AM

YP

*Thank you so much for allowing those who could not attend the Homegoing Service for our departed Joyce Holness Findlay to be able to share in her Service through video. May God's richest blessings be with all the family and friends gathered together and may Joyce rest in peace.*

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**Yvonne Parker** - April 16, 2016 at 11:38 AM

NH

*My Deepest Condolences to Aunt Joyce's Children Theresa and Sean, Her Grandchildren, All her Sisters and Brothers, other Relatives and Friends. rest In Peace Beautiful Lady.*

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**Nicola Holness** - April 16, 2016 at 11:38 AM

YC

*The feed cut off before the service was ended so I was not able to see the mass to the very end.. I would have liked to have seen the faces of my family since I could not be there. That was disappointing!*

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**Yolanda Clark** - April 16, 2016 at 11:41 AM

TF

*Sorry you as disappointed but this comment should have gone directly to the staff at mckoons adj that they could have addressed it with you personally*

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**Theresa Findlay** - April 22, 2016 at 03:13 PM

YC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Yolanda Clark** - February 01, 2025 at 01:09 AM

YC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Yolanda Clark** - February 01, 2025 at 01:03 AM

YC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Yolanda Holness Clark** - April 08, 2019 at 10:23 PM

YC

*Still missing my BELOVED sister Joyce 1/31/25*

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**Yolanda Clark** - February 01, 2025 at 12:55 AM

YC

“ *Yolanda Holness Clark lit a candle in memory of Joyce Holness Findlay*



Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2019 at 10:19 PM

YC

*I light this candle, offered today's Mass & Rosary from EWTN in your memory my loving sister! I carry you in my heart always!*

Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2019 at 10:19 PM

YC

“ *Joyce, today, April 8th 2019 marks three years since you went HOME TO YOUR LORD, MASTER, SAVIOR! Though I know from our Catholic upbringing, that you are God's; on loan here on earth; that your REAL HOME IS HEAVEN; selfishly; I grieve being separated from you & miss you so much! You are always in my thoughts & heart!! I think about you all the time & wish we could chat on the phone the way we always did! I know you are happy in your Heavenly home & that gives comfort to the distance & silence. Missing you lots especially on this anniversary! DIOS TE BENDIGA SIEMPRE HERMANA!*



Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2019 at 10:14 PM

YC

“ TODAY MARKS 2 YEARS SINCE YOU WENT BACK HOME TO THE LORD WHO LOANED YOU TO US FOR SUCH A BRIEF TIME! AS I REFLECT ON SOME OF THE MEMORIES OF OUR CHILDHOOD; I REMEMBER SO VIVIDLY--YOUR RECITING THIS POEM IN A PACKED GYMNASIUM IN GAMBOA! YOU WERE A FIRST GRADER--7 YEARS OLD--YET YOU MEMORIZED THIS ENTIRE POEM WHILE COACHED BY OUR OLDER SISTER & MENTOR--MARIAN!

"SOMEBODY'S MOTHER" BY MARY DOW BRINE 1816-1913

THE WOMAN WAS OLD AND RAGGED & GRAY  
& BENT WITH THE CHILL OF THE WINTER'S DAY;

THE STREET WAS WET WITH A RECENT SNOW  
AND THE WOMAN'S FEET WERE AGED & SLOW

SHE STOOD AT THE CROSSING & WAITED LONG  
ALONE, UNCARED FOR AMID THE THRONG

OF HUMAN BEINGS WHO PASSED HER BY  
NOR HEDED THE GLANCE OF HER ANXIOUS EYE

DOWN THE STREET WITH LAUGHTER & SHOUT  
GLAD IN THE FREEDOM OF SCHOOL LET OUT

CAME THE BOYS LIKE A FLOCK OF SHEEP  
HAILING THE SNOW PILED WHITE & DEEP

PAST THE WOMAN SO OLD & GRAY  
HASTENED THE CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY

NOR OFFERED A HELPING HAND TO HER...  
SO MEEK SO TIMID AFRAID TO STIR

LEST THE CARRIAGE WHEELS OR THE HORSE'S FEET  
SHOULD CROWD HER DOWN IN THE SLIPPERY STREET

*AT LAST CAME ONE OF THE MERRY TROOP  
THE GAYEST LADDIES OF ALL THE GROUP*

*HE PAUSED BESIDE HER AND WHISPERED LOW  
I'LL HELP YOU ACROSS IF YOU WISH TO GO*

*HER AGED HAND ON HIS STRONG YOUNG ARM  
SHE PLACED AND SO, WITHOUT HURT OR HARM*

*HE GUIDED TREMBLING FEET ALONG  
PROUD THAT HIS OWN WERE FIRM & STRONG*

*THEN BACK AGAIN TO HIS FRIENDS HE WENT  
HIS YOUNG HEART HAPPY & WELL CONTENT*

*SHE'S SOMEBODY'S MOTHER BOYS YOU KNOW  
FOR ALL SHE'S SO AGED & POOR & SLOW*

*AND I HOPE SOME FELLOW WILL LEND A HAND  
TO HELP MY MOTHER, YOU UNDERSTAND*

*IF EVER SHE'S POOR & OLD AND GRAY  
WHEN HER OWN DEAR BOY IS FAR AWAY*

*AND SOMEBODY'S MOTHER BOWED HER HEAD  
IN HER HOME THAT NIGHT & THE PRAYERS SHE SAID*

*WAS GOD, BE KIND TO THE NOBLE BOY  
WHO IS SOMEBODY'S SON AND PRIDE & JOY!*

*MOM MARCELA BEAMED WITH PRIDE AT HER YOUNG CHILD--  
SO CONFIDENT,  
WITH SUCH POETIC SENSE--AS THE CROWD CHEERED!  
I WAS PROUD OF MY LITTLE BIG SISTER. FIRST GRADE  
TEACHER ICELYN SMYTHE HAD MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE,  
SELECTED A FUTURE POET TO DELIVER THIS LONG,  
POIGNANT POEM. SISTER MARIAN WAS THE BEST COACH &*

*MENTOR AS JOYCE HONED HER POETIC GIFT! JOYCE WENT ON TO WRITE MANY BEAUTIFUL POEMS! ONE FOR MOTHER'S DAY FOR THE MOTHERS OF HER CLASS OF 61, ANOTHER FOR MARIAN'S RETIREMENT, ANOTHER FOR DAD'S FUNERAL & ANOTHER FOR BROTHER-IN-LAW; ROY BRYCE LAPORTE'S FUNERAL!*

*THANKS FOR ALL THE GIFTS YOU SHARED DURING YOUR BRIEF STAY HERE WITH US. I WILL TREASURE ALL MY MEMORIES OF YOU FOREVER!*

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**yolanda clark** - April 08, 2018 at 08:25 PM

YC

“ *Today; July 16th, 2017 would have been my beloved sister Joyce's 75th birthday. We always celebrated our birthdays together as often as we could, since her husband George's birthday was July 8th & mine is July 20th--and---their wedding anniversary was July 12th. We tried to be together in July every years as possible. I miss them both, especially the love & laughter we shared when we were together or apart! This is a bitter/sweet day as I remember the joy of memories shared & the sorrow of her absence! I love you always & miss you very much! Requiescant in Pacem hermana!*



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**Yolanda Honess Clark** - July 16, 2017 at 11:57 AM

YC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Yolanda Holness Clark** - April 10, 2017 at 12:04 AM

YC

*Joyce & sister Yolanda at rehab center in New Georgia July 2015*

Yolanda Holness Clark - April 10, 2017 at 12:06 AM

YC

“ 3 files added to the album *Joyce*



Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2017 at 06:02 PM

YC

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2017 at 05:59 PM

YC

“ AS I THINK OF YOU ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR LEAVING US TO JOIN GEORGE, MOM, DAD, & OUR ANCESTORS; I THOUGHT I'D INCLUDE THIS POEM THAT WAS ONCE POSTED ON FACEBOOK. I KNOW THESE ARE YOUR WORDS AS YOU CONSOLE US WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND, MOURNING YOUR DEPARTURE--OUR LOSS:

"AS I SIT IN HEAVEN & WATCH YOU EVERYDAY,  
I TRY TO LET YOU KNOW WITH SIGNS, I NEVER WENT AWAY  
I HEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING, & WATCH YOU AS  
YOU SLEEP  
I EVEN PLACE MY ARMS AROUND YOU; TO CALM YOU AS  
YOU WEEP  
I SEE YOU WISH THE DAYS AWAY; BEGGING TO HAVE ME  
HOME  
SO I TRY TO SEND YOU SIGNS; SO YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT  
ALONE  
DON'T FEEL GUILTY THAT YOU HAVE; LIFE THAT WAS DENIED  
TO ME  
HEAVEN IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL; JUST YOU WAIT & SEE  
SO LIVE YOUR LIFE; LAUGH AGAIN;ENJOY YOURSELF; BE  
FREE  
THEN I KNOW WITH EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE; YOU'LL BE  
TAKING ONE FOR ME!"

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Yolanda Holness Clark - April 08, 2017 at 05:18 PM

YC

“ The 2016 olympics in Rio de Janeiro are on now. Joyce & I watched every olympics very intently & would call each other daily to talk about our favorite moments, what an athlete did that day.

Joyce was a phenomenal athlete in her own rite. She was chosen to represent her home country of Panama in the PanAm Games in Chile in 1961 on the basketball team. The games were canceled due to political unrest.

Joyce would have loved to watch Simone Biles, Laurie Hernandez in gymnastics, Simone Manuel & Michael Phelps in swimming, beach volleyball, & especially men's & women's basketball.

I miss sharing this special moments in time & history with her.

*Descansa en paz hermana!*

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**Yolanda Clark** - August 16, 2016 at 12:04 AM

YC

“ Today, July 16th would have been my sister Joyce Holness Findlay's 74th birthday. She & I were born 3 years & four days apart. We always had joint birthday parties when we were children growing up in Gamboa (a community in the rain forest of the Panama Canal Zone). We also jointly celebrated our birthdays well into our teens & early twenties. After Joyce married George Findlay, the three of us jointly celebrated our July birthdays & their wedding anniversary whenever we were together. We tried to be together in July every year whether it was in New York, New Jersey, Georgia or Minnesota so we could celebrate together. That was not always possible but if we were not physically together, we would celebrate on the phone. We lost George in 2014--before his 70th birthday. This is the first year in my life that Joyce is not around for me to call or hug on her birthday, send & receive each others's birthday cards. Though I know that she is with George, his & our parents & relatives --in a better place, it is still difficult to have woken up this morning to a reality without her physically present in my life. i miss my sister Joyce. She was my sister--my twin!



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**Yolanda Clark** - July 16, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ Thank you Joyce for all the great times we shared on Marine Street in Massapequa. Thank you for raising great children, now go rest.

*Sydney Martin, Massapequa, New York*

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**Sydney Martin** - April 16, 2016 at 02:25 PM

YP

“ *Yvonne Parker lit a candle in memory of  
Joyce Holness Findlay*



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**Yvonne Parker** - April 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM

CH

“ *Celia L. Holness lit a candle in memory of  
Joyce Holness Findlay*



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**Celia L. Holness** - April 16, 2016 at 10:21 AM

YC

“ Sis, I cherish the days when you allowed me to tag along almost always--almost everywhere you went. You were my protector, my security blanket when we were growing up. We remained so very close all our lives--so it has been very difficult to watch you slip away--to watch the light fade in you eyes. I noticed that fading light way back in 2003 when we were in Panama--then again in 2011--- when we were in Panama--and again when Preston & I would visit you in Newnan. I saw a deep sadness--a deep pain in your eyes each time we were in each others' presence--I heard it in your voices when we spoke on the phone. I desperately wanted to console you--to take away your pain --to rekindle that light that was there when you hit that homerun, cleared the high jump, scored a basket, threw that discus or shot put, shot that arrow right in the bulls-eye, made that winning strike at the bowling alley--but your pain was much deeper than any joke I told, any hug I gave, any machine we played at the casino last April. So I must bid you farewell. Your pain is gone--you are at peace you are at rest. I pray that George was there to greet you & join hands as you did on your wedding day! I hope mom, dad, Cynthia, Gamboa family & friends were there to greet you. You are once again God's jewel that he loaned us for a breath of time. Nuetra Senora del Carmen--your patron saint--por favor protege a mi hermana en su viaje al hogar eterna. Joyce Vaya a su Padre celestial!

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**Yolanda Clark** - April 16, 2016 at 10:15 AM

AH

“ *The Holness family of Silver Spring, MD extends our condolences to the Joyce Holness Findlay family.*

*Joyce (the researcher and database creator) and Marian (the family historian) are my two favorite Holness genealogists.*

*I shall cherish the memories of Joyce's early morning emails when she sent me PDF copies of certificates of birth, death, marriage, etc., of Holnesses, in my branch, that she discovered while searching through the LDS archives.*

*Joyce will always be in my thoughts as I continue to pursue the validation of the oral history, passed down through generations, of the story of the "Three Holness Brothers" that migrated from Scotland to Jamaica. She will be missed as I try to link the Holness branches in Watsons Hill, Manchester; Myersville, St. Elizabeth; New Market, St. Elizabeth, Panama; Kent, England; Scotland, etc.*

*Alverton W. Holness & Family*

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**Alverton W. Holness** - April 16, 2016 at 08:01 AM



*My Condolences to Sean, Theresa and may God gives you comfort! Rest in Peace Aunt Joyce! All my love. Celia L. Holness*

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**Celia Holness** - April 16, 2016 at 09:24 AM

YC

*Thank you Alverton. Joyce shared her love of genealogy and your contributions with Marian & me constantly. She & Marian "got it" I always struggled to keep it straight. Marian & Joyce shared your passion for finding our family roots. I hope that you & Marian continue to discover our family past, present & future!*

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**Yolanda Clark** - April 16, 2016 at 11:49 AM

RM

“ Robin Barron Mann lit a candle in memory of Joyce Holness Findlay



Robin Barron Mann - April 16, 2016 at 07:51 AM

RM

*I'm so sorry for you all's loss. My thoughts and prayers have been with all of you. Love, Robin Mann*

Robin Barron Mann - April 16, 2016 at 07:52 AM

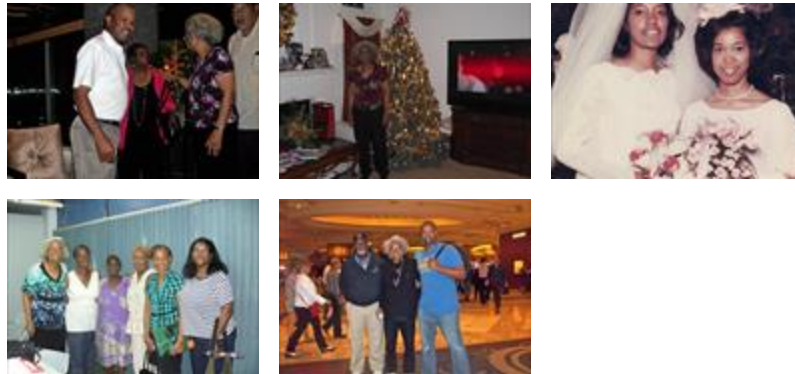
  
Chichi  
Holness

*Peace be with you aunt Joyce and safe journey into the hands of God.  
From Marisa Ana Holness and Ana Alicia Holness-Brown*

Chichi Holness - April 16, 2016 at 12:17 PM

YC

“ 26 files added to the album New Album Name



yolanda clark - April 16, 2016 at 06:02 AM

JC

“ 18 files added to the album Joyce



Jamal Clark - April 16, 2016 at 04:40 AM

YP

“ Joyce, thank you for reuniting me with my Holness Family members and giving me some of the family history. I will always treasure our "cousin" relationship in my heart and my thoughts and prayers are with all the family, especially with your children Theresa and Sean and all the grandchildren. May you rest in peace next to your beloved husband George and in the comfort of your heavenly home with our Lord and Savior. One Love Always and Forever, Yvonne Holness Parker-McDonald and Family

Yvonne Parker-McDonald - April 16, 2016 at 01:39 AM

B.

“ My condolences to the family and friends for your loss. May you find peace in the peace in the love of family and the strength in the care of friends. 2Cor. 1:3,4.

B.J. - April 14, 2016 at 09:41 AM

HB

“Joyce, thanks for all you have given to so very many and thanks to the great family for which you came. For all this and more, we are grateful. Herrington & Yvonne Bryce for all of the Bryces

Herrington J Bryce - April 13, 2016 at 03:45 AM

DT

“Bob and I will miss Joyce. She was a sweetheart, so full of life, and loved her family so dearly... especially her grandchildren. She and George exchanged stories of their Postal Service years with Bob, being a Postal Service retiree as well. She is now with her beloved George. You may be gone but will always remain in our hearts. Rest in peace Joyce.  
Bob and Di

Di Tschantz - April 12, 2016 at 01:49 PM

DT

“Di Tschantz lit a candle in memory of Joyce  
Holness Findlay



Di Tschantz - April 12, 2016 at 01:38 PM