



Emma L. Holland

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Emma Lee Holland, 79, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2015 at Kindred Hospital in Albuquerque, NM with her family members by her side when she went to sleep to be with the Lord. Emma was born to James and Minnie (Williams) Fincher of North Carolina on September 7, 1935. She was born and raised in Pocahontas, Virginia and later moved to Maybeury, West Virginia at a young age where she resided with her Aunt. She attended Pocahontas and Maybeury Elementary Schools, and graduated from Elkhorn High School. She continued her education at Bluefield State College earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Psychology, and a Master of Science Degree in Education Administration from Radford University. In addition, she was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Emma loved God with her whole heart, and she loved going to church. She was baptized at the age of five, and filled with the Holy Spirit at age twelve. She was a former member of Bishop Clarence Moore Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church in Bluefield, WV. She was an active member of Restoration Life Ministries in Albuquerque, NM where she served as a Minister and Sunday School Dean and Superintendent.

Emma was passionate about her work and going beyond the call of duty to teach children and others, helping to serve her community in many capacities, and gave everyone she worked with experiences that would be memorable for

a lifetime. She worked for McDowell County Board of Education as a teacher at Kimball Elementary, where she was a cheerleading coach and formed the first dance team called the Kimbalites. She spent her early teaching career at one school until she became a principal over the following schools: Superior Elementary, Bradshaw Elementary, Keystone Elementary, and Welch Elementary from which she retired and moved to Albuquerque, NM. While principal at Keystone Elementary, Emma sponsored a Japanese intern, one of her many accomplishments.

Emma loved her children, grandchildren, family, and friends; and her most memorable time that was precious to her was sitting in the pulpit preaching and lifting up the name of Jesus together with her brother Chico. Emma touched the lives of many people with her smile, kindness, encouragement, love, and generosity. She loved cooking, reading, watching game shows, teaching, encouraging others, praying, preaching, and football, the West Virginia Mountaineers, and the New Mexico State Aggies. Her yell could be heard all the way back to West Virginia, especially when the referees were accused of cheating.

In May 2014, Emma had a stroke and became a patient at UNM Hospital and Anna Kaseman Rehabilitation. She became ill again on February 27, 2015 and was a patient at Presbyterian and Kindred Hospital where she fought the good fight of faith praising God until her passing "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Emma is survived by her second mother Catherine Fincher (AKA Granny/Cat); 2 daughters: Mondawena Holland-Walden and her husband Kevin Walden, Camelia Pearson and her husband John Pearson (AKA Tom); four grandchildren: Shanna and Abram Holland, Michael, John, and like a grandson Jason Williams; five great grandchildren: Elijah Kimbrough, Jaylen, Julian, Shaniece, and Makarius Pearson; 1 brother: James Fincher (AKA Chico) wife Inez Fincher. She also leaves behind her close friends Audrey Williams, Emma Lou Martin, Claudette Marcus, and Brenda Owens, and her sister-in-law Virginia, and a host of nieces, nephews, and along with countless

family, friends, and Church Family. She was preceded in death by her husband: Walter Holland, daughter: Marie Holland, father: James Fincher, and mother: Minnie Williams.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to extend our gratitude to her caregivers: UNM Hospital Neurology, Presbyterian Hospitals, Anna Kaseman Rehabilitation, Home Health Care, and Rust Medical Center; Kindred Long Term Acute Care Hospital, and all of the families and friends, for their prayers and support to us during this time. Special thanks to her granddaughter Shanna, friends of the family Lashonda and Sandra, and her son-in-law Tom, and Abram her grandson who helped take care of our Mother to the end. The family would like to invite all to a Celebration of Emma's Life at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 at FRENCH – Wyoming, 7121 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque with a reception following the Celebration of Life service at the FRENCH Reception Center.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Emma L. Holland*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - April 20, 2015 at 11:22 AM

SM

“ *What a beautiful photo of Emma! It's just how I remember her. Monda & Camille, it's not easy to lose your mom, but you will get through this. You have many beautiful memories of her that you'll always cherish. In addition to growing up in the same community with you all, I remember Emma as an educator. She was a principal and I was a beginning teacher. We attended many training sessions together. Emma always found the time to encourage me and offer advice. I appreciate her input into my career. Your mother lived her life & did all that God called her to do. You must continue to live your lives & do God's will. Hold to God's unchanging hand. Lean on Him, He will comfort and keep you. Praying for your strength in the Lord.*

Shirley E. Morrow & son, Taylor

Shirley E. Morrow - April 20, 2015 at 11:07 PM

CF

“ Dear Family,
My heart feels your lose. She was a second mother to me and my siblings. Wonderful, kind and beautiful lady. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to contact me my FB and I will get back to you.

Love you all,

Carmela Harris Frederick & Donna Harris

Carmela Frederick - April 20, 2015 at 02:44 PM

AD

“ Mother Holland was such an amazing, beautiful, praying woman. I always looked to her for encouragement and strength. Knowing her has made me a better person.

Annamarie Davis - April 20, 2015 at 11:38 AM

MP

“ Condolences to Monda and Camille. May God comfort you. Marie Bradshaw Parker & the Bradshaw family.

Marie Parker - April 20, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Emma L. Holland.



April 20, 2015 at 07:31 AM

AA

“Mrs. Emma was like my second Mom. She treated me just like a Daughter. I will always Love her. Rest In Heaven. When Our time comes, we'll be together again.

Annie Anderson - April 20, 2015 at 06:38 AM

SB

“My husband and I taught under Mrs. Holland for eight years and we often refer to those years as the best eight of our teaching careers. Her passion for her students was unmatched. She was always finding innovative ways for her faculty to instruct the students....prime example, the map she had us paint on the parking lot! She and her beautiful smile will be missed! May each of you be comforted through God's unending love and compassion.
Steve and Sherry Baker

Sherry Baker - April 19, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“Monda, I am very sorry for your loss I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. I will pray for your strength In the Lord.
Love always

Dana Allred - April 19, 2015 at 08:38 PM

DB

“Monda I do not know if you remember me. I taught you in junior high and high school at NHS. Your mom, Emma, and I attended BSC together and have been friends forever. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. Please friend me on Facebook and let's keep in touch. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. Tom Blevins

Dr Tom Blevins - April 19, 2015 at 07:54 PM

SA

“ Monda, please know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time. Please take comfort in knowing that she will always be a part of you and the memories will live on forever!!

Shannon and Jalen

Shannon Allred - April 19, 2015 at 06:38 PM

BA

“ Emma a kind loving, gentle spirit and strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. My fondest memories of Emma are the way Emma embraced me and my husband into her family sight unseen; how Emma prayed and petition God for the life and health of my husband who was given days to live...that was 4 years ago. Emma's Faith was immeasurable and was further demonstrated when Emma shipped a homemade German Chocolate Cake for my birthday by FED EX.....they were the best CRUMBS ever eaten. These are my memories of Emma. The best gifts however are teaching me how good God is, bridging our families. The best gift is sharing her daughter Monda with me and loving my son Kevin as her son also. We will miss you dear heart and now we pray for you to rest in peace. Love you Barbara and Hank

Barbara & Hank Allred - April 19, 2015 at 10:16 AM

LJ

“ Monda & Camille my prayers, love and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Aunt Emma will be truly missed, we can rejoice because we know that she is home with the Lord. Emma was a good and faithful servant.

*Love you much
Rain & Thea, Mike*

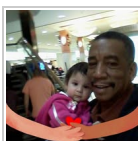
Lorraine Graves Jackson - April 18, 2015 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ John W. Miller purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Emma L. Holland.



John W. Miller - April 18, 2015 at 01:10 PM



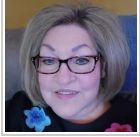
“ Sorry about your lost Monda. RIH Prayers to the family. Lynn

Lynn D. Hairston - April 17, 2015 at 06:33 PM

TV

“ No matter what had happened that day or how stressful it was Mrs Holland always had a smile on her face. I worked with her at Keystone Elementary and she always seemed to read my mind. She would always somehow know when I was having a bad day and would call me to the office at the end of the day to help me straighten "my mind" out. Lol. There was no one that cared more for the students than she did. And as an administrator she was always being innovative and relevant to current teaching practices. Ater our years at Keystone Elementary, I would occasionally see her while shopping. Her friendly smile that greeted me would warm my heart like no one else. She would always end our conversations with a hug. It was an honor and pleasure to not only work for her but to know her.

Tina Vaglianti - April 17, 2015 at 06:20 PM



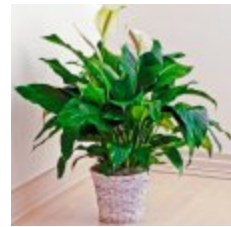
“ I first met Ms Holland in 1973, she was a 1st grade teacher at Kimball Elementary School and it was the first year as a School Secretary. She was so good to me and helped me in so many ways, we became very good friends. She was an exceptional woman so kind to everyone and had an amazing heart. It was a privilege for me to have been able to call this outstanding lady my friend.

Wanda Brown, Welch, WV

Wanda Brown - April 17, 2015 at 05:17 PM

IF

“ I Love You All, Sis. Marie Fuller purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Emma L. Holland.



I Love You All, Sis. Marie Fuller - April 17, 2015 at 01:35 PM

VJ

“ May God be with the Holland Family at this time. My condolences go out to the Family. One of the sweetest persons I've had a chance to meet always greeted with a smile Ms Emma Holland RIP you will be truly missed. Love ya Victor V. Johnson

Victor V. Johnson - April 17, 2015 at 07:31 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Emma L. Holland.



April 17, 2015 at 06:45 AM

AM

“ To Monda and Camelia: You were truly blessed to have Aunt Emma as a Mother. Aunt Emma made everyone feel so special and loved. She was a great inspiration to all and made room in her heart for everyone who knew her. It is always hurtful to say "farewell" to our loved ones, but take comfort that she is resting with the Lord. Much Love from Cousin Ann and John Miller, 4/16/15.

Ann & John Miller - April 16, 2015 at 09:37 PM

RP

“ Ruby Harris Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Emma L. Holland



Ruby Harris Prewitt - April 16, 2015 at 08:27 PM

RP

“ My deepest condolences to the family maY the Lord give u the strength to endure this pain. Johnny Ray and Emma will meet again. Love u all and u r in my prayers and thoughts. Sincerely Harris and Prewitt family

Ruby Harris Prewitt - April 16, 2015 at 08:25 PM

SF

“ We were so sorry to hear of Emma's passing. May you find comfort in knowing she is at peace resting in her Saviour's arms. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Scott and Jennifer Graves and family.

Scott and Jennifer Graves and family - April 16, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ *From The Original Glorious Church of God
Maybeury WV Pastor Kathy Hairston, Rosiland
Hairston and Ella Mae Hairston*



Erica Hairston - April 16, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Darryle Edgerton and Family
purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the
family of Emma L. Holland.*



Mr. and Mrs. Darryle Edgerton and Family - April 16, 2015 at
10:49 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to this family. The years that I
worked with Mrs. Holland at Welch Elementary will forever be fondly
remembered because of her devotion to and love for all her
students and staff. - Bonnie Brown Spurlock*

Bonnie Brown Spurlock - April 16, 2015 at 07:40 AM

ST

“ To Family,

My love is with you and everyone there. We all loved her, she is in a better place. Take care if you need me im here for you.

Monda and Camile you know I love you and I will speak to you very very soon.

Love, Steve, Mary Beth, Eric and Rachel

Steve - April 16, 2015 at 07:20 AM

TW

“ Emma thank you for all you did for me growing up. Especially during those years at WVU. You always had loving advice and life lessons even if you were scolding us. You were an awesome woman. I love you.

Tina C Wilkes - April 15, 2015 at 08:00 PM

CK

“ She was my principal at Bradshaw Elementary School. She supported my work and always made me feel like I was doing a good job. She encouraged the students to do their best and made them feel important. I am so sorry for your loss.

Cora Kissinger - April 15, 2015 at 12:06 PM

CK

“ Monda and Camilia - I'm so sorry to hear about your mom passing. She was a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Chuck King - April 15, 2015 at 10:45 AM

LL

“ I worked for many years with Emma and considered her a friend. While principal of Welch Elementary, Emma sponsored a Japanese intern teacher, Ricako Masuda. My family acted as the host family. This was a very rewarding experience for my family and for the students of Welch Elementary. This is but one example of her innovative and forward thinking ideas that provided positive experiences for her community and her students. She will be missed. Larry Lane

Larry Lane - April 15, 2015 at 10:40 AM

MA

“ She was a great person.....So sorry for your loss...My heart and prayers are with the family

Michelle Anderson - April 14, 2015 at 10:19 PM

MH

to my dear cousins this message is from mark vivian byron vinnie and aunt Virginia Seek Comfort in her memory ,For even though she's gone,The loving thoughts you have of her will always linger on'. Rev.1:17.. Fear not I am the first and the last.

mark holland - April 16, 2015 at 10:20 PM

JN

“ I still remember she and I sitting at the back table during our principal meetings solving all the problems that seem to surface. Nobody listened to us most of the time but we sure had good laughs together trying to get them to listen.. I am sorry to hear about her passing. Your family is in our prayers. Jeff Nash

Jeff Nash - April 14, 2015 at 10:03 PM

 Rosa
Lane

“ *One of the best Cheerleading Coach you ever wanted to meet. Nice, kind -hearted and cared about all her girls.*

Rosa Lane - April 14, 2015 at 09:43 PM

RR

“ *Sorry for your loss may God b with u in this time of sorrow a friend of Emma.*

Rosa L Reese - April 14, 2015 at 08:08 PM

AJ

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. She was the sweetest person.*

Angela Reese Jones. - April 14, 2015 at 08:02 PM

KB

“ *Sorry for your loss she was the best principal ever may she rest in pface..*

katrina brooks - April 14, 2015 at 07:55 PM

MC

“ *Most wonderful woman left very lasting impact on my life at a early age very great lady. Fly high with the angels*

misty christian - April 14, 2015 at 07:49 PM

JT

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom, I know she's in a better place with all of her olds friends. RIP Miss Emma*

Jamarilla Taylor-Burks - April 14, 2015 at 07:37 PM

RT

“ *Job well done Mrs Holland !!. (She was an excellent principal)
May God Bless & Keep The Family.*

Redia Leonard welch Elem. Teacher - April 14, 2015 at 06:18 PM

GS

“ *Mrs. Holland was a teacher at Kimball Elementary who had
compassion and love for the students. She will be a joy in Heaven..
Guy Sutphin*

Guy Sutphin - April 14, 2015 at 05:13 PM

AJ

“ *We are so o sad to hear about the passing of Emma. She was a
dear friend a beautiful person inside and out. She will truly be
missed. Praying that our Heavenly Father will comfort the family and
keep them in His loving care.*

Annie Johnson - April 14, 2015 at 04:41 PM

CC

“ *I was so saddened to learn of Mrs. Holland's passing. She was an
excellent administrator and friend to all who knew her. Her spiritual
leadership was apparent to anyone who had the pleasure of
working with her. When I look back upon our years at Welch
Elementary, I will count it a blessing to have shared that time with
Mrs. Holland. We know that our loss is heaven's gain. God bless the
family.*

*Love and prayers,
Cathy Crouse*

Cathy Crouse - April 14, 2015 at 04:22 PM

CS

“ Although you will truly be missed, your devotion to your family and church will always be in our hearts and minds. Your last day on this earth, I know the Lord sent me and my mother to say farewell and to pray with you because I know you were a woman who loved the Lord.

Our condolences to the family.

Love,

Carmen Spratley and Emma Pearson

Carmen Spratley - April 14, 2015 at 01:15 PM

SH

“ Ms. Holland was a wonderful instructional leader while at Keystone Elementary School and the principal who welcomed each new face to her building. I recall doing something out of character and "reporting to the principals office." I was in tears before I could get down the steps. She called me into her office and said--Sabrina, you're not like anyone else around here...don't ever act as though you are. I've carried those words my entire life because at that time she thought more of that little spirited 5th grader than I thought of myself. My love to her family. May God bless you all for sharing a moment of her time with all of us. Educators are the true seeds that grow our futures. -Sabrina W. Horton & Mr. Wayne Horton & Family

Sabrina W Horton - April 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM

CG

My condolences to Mrs Holland family. She was a wonderful principal when my children went to Keystone Elementary. Charlene Gamble & Family

Charlene Gamble - April 14, 2015 at 02:28 PM

HA

Emma was a beautiful person inside and out! Her pleasant smile and kind heart were two of her most valuable assets as an educator. Her devotion to the field is what most schools lack today. Praying that her family finds peace and acceptance with her passing. May she rest in eternal peace. Hattie & Alphonso Avery.

Hattie M. Avery - April 14, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JL

Mrs. Holland was my principal when I was a student at Superior Elementary School, and I will never forget her. She was a wonderful lady who meant a lot to me in my childhood years--she made a difference.

Joy Coleman Lamb - April 14, 2015 at 07:21 PM

AC

“Ms. Holland was my principal at Superior Elementary, she was a wonderful lady. She brought a lot of joy to my elementary years.

Anna Edwards Carper - April 14, 2015 at 01:10 PM

FH

“Monda & Camille, our condolences to you and your family in the loss of your Mother. She was such a sweet person. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless and comfort you. Rev. Timothy & Faye Hairston

Faye Walker Hairston - April 14, 2015 at 12:26 PM

RH

“Monda and Camellia I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Holland was such a sweet and beautiful person. Praying that God will give you strength and comfort your hearts. Robbin-White Hairston.

robbin white hairston - April 14, 2015 at 11:57 AM

KT

“ *Emma was a gift and a blessing to all who crossed her path in the schools, community and church. A loving person with a kind heart who saw the best in everybody. Our prayers and love are with the family at this difficult time. The Thomas Family.*

Kim Thomas - April 14, 2015 at 09:04 AM

PF

“ *Mrs.Holland was one of the sweetest principals, you could have, condolences to the family,from the Foddrell@Allen families.*

Patricia Allen Foddrell - April 14, 2015 at 08:55 AM

SR

“ *She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Prayers , hugs, love and condolences to the family. Sherry Ra-Jones & the Ray family*

sherry ray-jones - April 13, 2015 at 11:16 PM

BM

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

Brandon Morrison - April 13, 2015 at 03:31 PM