



## Tommie Holloway

December 17, 2016

Tommie Holloway 82 of St. Petersburg passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016. Mr. Holloway was born in Magee, Mississippi and moved to St. Petersburg in 1956. He was owner and operator of Holloway Upholstery and Interior design for many years. A lover of live Blues music, he was a noted fan and staple in the Tampa Bay Blues music scene and was also a loyal patron of St. Petersburg's Ringside Cafe for many years Tommie is survived by his wife of 26 years Eddie Mae Hawthorne, children Katie Jones, Kassandra Holloway, and Jeffery Holloway , Sr. . In addition, he was a devoted grandfather of 6 and great-grandfather of 7; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Friends will be received at the funeral home Monday, December 26 from 11 A.M. until time of Celebration of Life service at 1 P.M. Interment will follow on Tuesday, December 27th at 11 am at Calvary Cemetery located at 5233 118th Avenue North, Clearwater, Florida.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Tommie Holloway uploaded a photo*

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August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Brian Snyder - Best Friend posted a condolence Tommie and I became old friends almost immediately after being introduced to me by my wife Pam 25 years ago. When forced to move his Upholstery Business on Central Avenue, Holloway moved into my shop. I got to spend every day with him working side by side sharing stories of music, life, friends and family. An accomplished Craftsman in restoration of antique and contemporary furniture, Mr Holloway came to work every day dressed in a dress shirt and tie. I never saw him any other way. Tampa Bays number one Blues fan, he was seen at talking with musicians and friends at the Big Apple, Ringside, Captain K's, The Hideaway, and always the VIP area of the Tampa Bay Bluesfest. As we talked, we discovered that we passed each other as far back as 1971, when Tommie worked at the Aquatarium on St Pete Beach. Again when he went to St Pete Junior Colleges years later. Always well dressed, he made friends with so many Blues musicians and friends, he was a gentlemane and thoughtful in his conversations about life and music. I am the luckiest person of all, I spent as much time, maybe more than I spent with my wife during this time. He became a part of my family sharing every Holiday. We became Brothers In Life. His favorite saying was " Life's a Party Baby, so his Celebration of Life will be what he wanted, a Party with all of his friends, good Blues, and conversation. I will miss my Brother, as we all will. His beautiful spirit lives on every day in all of us that were lucky to share a dance, Coca cola, and the Blues. His favorite song that became our private home thruout our time together was Me and Mrs Jones. It's truly amazing how music brings us all together, and that's his most amazing legacy. How he has brought us all together. .

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**Brian Snyder - Best Friend** - December 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sweet Pea Jones - Friend posted a condolence St. Petersburg has lost an amazing gentleman. Back when I played in bands at the old Ringside, Mr. Holloway and I became friends. His pure appreciation for the Blues, his impeccable attire, and his warm, friendly and cheerful manner were always such a welcome sight. Tommy Holloway stands way above all of the friends I made during my career as the most gracious and kind. My deepest condolences to his wife and children.

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Sweet Pea Jones - Friend - December 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Nese Leigh - friend posted a condolence To all the friends and loved ones of Mr. Tommie Holloway, I was truly sad to hear of Tommie's passing this past Saturday. I only knew Tommie for just a few months while he was at Alhambra. Nevertheless, I was grateful for the short time he was there. I play music at Alhambra regularly and got to know both Tommie and his close friend Brian. I always say you can learn a lot about a person by the music they love. I asked Tommie what kind of music and/or singers/bands he loved. And Tommie made clear (and without hesitation) the first day I met him he was DEFINITELY "a Blues Man"! He loved Motown and Marvin Gaye tunes--but most esp. loved a tune by Billy Paul. So I set my sights on learning and playing for Tommie the Billy Paul tune--though, sadly, I sound nothing like Billy Paul! ;o) I could always tell when Tommie was (or wasn't) moved by any music. Tommie was all about the feel or heart of a song. I suppose he must've lived his entire life that way. What a gift to find: music can truly feed you! Tommie found that gift early on in life, I imagine. My sincere condolences to the lives of all who were touched by this man--Mr. Tommie Holloway. "The greatness of a man is not in how much he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively." ~Bob Marley "One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."~Bob Marley

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Nese Leigh - friend - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM