



Carl Anthony Holland

June 2, 1956 - July 14, 2025

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Life & Legacy of Carl Anthony Holland

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Sunrise: June 2, 1956 Sunset: July 14, 2025

Carl Anthony Holland was born on June 2, 1956, on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois, to the late Cathrine Ann Holland and Morris Holland. Growing up in Chicago shaped him—he carried the grit, pride, and presence of the West Side wherever he went. In those early years, he also found identity through basketball, a game that taught him discipline, confidence, and how to lead—on and off the court.

In 1978, Carl graduated from the University of Dayton, where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1977. The fraternity's values of achievement, service, and brotherhood deeply aligned with the way Carl lived his life. His leadership and intellect led him into a successful career in finance,

a field in which he thrived for decades.

After college, Carl returned to Chicago briefly before relocating to Plainfield, New Jersey. There, he became a proud father to his firstborn, Carl Anthony Holland II (with Tracy), and established deep community roots. In 1991, he was raised to Master Mason at Stone Square Lodge #38 (PHA), and remained actively involved in both Kappa Alpha Psi and the Masonic brotherhood—giving back through service, mentorship, and leadership.

Eventually, Carl returned to Chicago to be closer to family, where he welcomed his daughter, Gabrielle Patrice Holland (with Donnie). His presence in their lives was strong, steady, and full of love.

Later in life, Carl moved to Houston, Texas, for a role at A.I.G. There, he formed a close-knit group of friends who became family. He also found spiritual grounding at Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he proudly served as both an usher and a trustee. Known affectionately as “Coach,” Carl was a fixture in the congregation—always ready with a handshake, a smile, or a word of encouragement.

Carl’s final stop in life was Atlanta, Georgia, where he married the love of his life, Adrienne Denise Holland. Their union was a joyful chapter, filled with laughter, partnership, and deep love. Through Adrienne, Carl embraced his

role as a bonus father to Malika Gates and Anthony McClary.

Out of all the roles he held, “Papa” may have been his favorite—his granddaughter Charleigh brought him endless joy, and he cherished every moment spent with her.

Carl lived life with intention. He loved golf, good food, great conversation, and any reason to bring people together. Whether in a boardroom, a lodge meeting, a backyard, or a church pew. Carl showed up with wisdom, pride, and purpose. He had a way of commanding respect without demanding it, and left a lasting impression on all who met him.

Carl Anthony Holland is survived by his loving wife Adrienne Denise Holland; his son Carl “Spud” Anthony Holland II; his daughter Gabrielle “Gabby” Patrice Holland; his bonus daughter Malika Gates; his bonus son Anthony McClary; his cherished granddaughter Charleigh Smith; his bonus grandson Genesis Malik Gates; his sister Sheila Nienhaus; and a host of family, fraternity brothers, Masonic brothers, church family, and lifelong friends who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cathrine Ann Holland and Morris Holland.

Carl Anthony Holland leaves behind a legacy defined by integrity, love,

leadership, and impact. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, mentor, friend, and brother in the bond. His presence will be deeply missed. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum

950 Mansell Road
Roswell, GA 30076

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church
888 Zion Circle
Roswell, GA 30075

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ I was very sorry to hear about Carl. My deepest condolences go out to the Adrienne and the family.

Stephan Plummer

Stephan Plummer - August 10, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Carl Holland and family. Carl and I met as a result of him pledging Kappa Alpha Psi. I will cherish his friendship always. Rest in Paradise good Nupe. Cameron Forch

Cameron Forch - July 26, 2025 at 10:15 AM

EC

Thank You Cuz, you will truly be missed. You've always held it down in every aspect of your life, especially with your family. It has been said that; The Day A Person Truly Dies Is The Day That We Stop Speaking Of Their Existence. So, let us always continue to lift up your name and the contributions you made to your family, communities and Life. Rest In Power.

Edwin Cobb - July 26, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.



July 25, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



July 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM

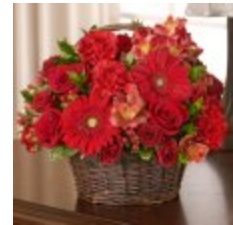


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl Anthony Holland.

July 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Lisa Martin your Houston favorite family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



Lisa Martin your Houston favorite family - July 24, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *You were a great friend and brother. Always smiling, helpful and extending yourself beyond yourself thinking of others. You will be missed, Chelete*

Chelete - July 24, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DS

“ You was such a servant, thank you for showing us how to love. A wonderful brother and friend. We will cherish your memory. Lilly Grove Ushers

Dallas Singleton - July 24, 2025 at 08:19 AM

FF

Carl, thank you so very much for being such a great colleague during my time at AIG. We worked hard, had fun, supported each other, and delivered results. I will always fondly remember you and our time together! God bless!

Farideh Farrokhi - July 24, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DH

Bro Holland, it wasn't until about two years ago before I found out that you were between two States, Texas and Georgia. It wasn't until you showed up at my Brother-n-law's funeral in Georgia and spoke kind words of encouragement to the family. We are forever grateful for such a kind act. You will be missed at Lilly Grove! When you showed up, you showed up as a servant with a wonderful smile!

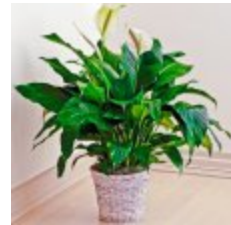
REST IN PEACE!

Demetra Harding

Demetra Harding - August 12, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.



July 24, 2025 at 01:30 AM

CS

“ Thank you for sharing your home and providing comfort and stability for my granddaughter and her dad for as long as they needed it. God bestows favor on all of His servants good deeds. I believe your spirit has been abundantly rewarded. I pray that every life you touched spread the gifts you shared: kindness, a listening ear, a helping hand and non-judgmental unconditional love. God has spoken, your work is done, rest in heaven Carl. Carolyn Savage, grandmother of Tshaura Cobb-Smith

Carolyn Savage - July 23, 2025 at 07:24 PM

RA

“ When you are CHOSEN.. there's something extra special about being CHOSEN!
Mama CHOSE.. HANDPICKED.. SELECTED YOUUUUUUU TO BE OUR BIG BROTHER!!
YOU DID A REALLY GREAT JOB !!!!!!!
I always told you how much I love how you loved us... Peace to us all.. here's a thought..
HIS PENCILS HAVE NO ERASERS....
Think about it.....
Still waiting for the morning... He said
JOY would come....

Rachel - July 23, 2025 at 05:13 PM

NJ

we are members of Lilly Grove missionary baptist church usher, my heart goes out to your family you had a heart of gold I never met a person like you always willing to go beyond and above its was hard when we heard about this, because we just saw you at church and you were in our usher meeting a month ago, gone but never forgot. We love you more than words could ever imagine take your rest. We shall meet again.

Norma Johnson - July 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

PG

My heart and prayers go out to the family. Much prayer, much power, and much love. Brother Holland will be missed. Lilly Grove Patricia Akpaffiong Grant

Patricia Akpaffiong Grant - July 24, 2025 at 03:13 PM

LK

“ *Lilly Grove Kappas purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



Lilly Grove Kappas - July 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



July 23, 2025 at 01:57 PM

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“ *The Men of Phi Beta Sigma IotaTheta -UD purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



The Men of Phi Beta Sigma IotaTheta -UD - July 22, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Brundy - July 22, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ Red & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.



July 21, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DB

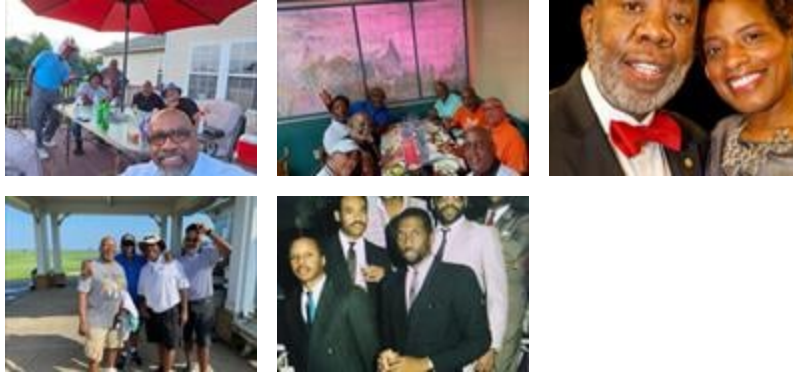
“ Gone too soon. But God in His sovereign way, controls our paths. Blessings



Dr. I. David Byrd - July 21, 2025 at 08:18 AM

WP

“ RIP my brother, friend and man of God
William Phillips Jr. 🙏💔👊



William Phillips - July 21, 2025 at 07:17 AM

TL

While the feeling of this being unreal still hits me from time to time, C. Anthony's spirit assures me he's alright. My brother in bond and spirit!

T. Anthony Lindsey - July 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM

HW

A brother extraordinaire, an achiever in his chosen field and a friend of distinction. RIP my brother.

Hollis Williams - July 21, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MB

I'll be missing you my brother. Thanks for letting me share the journey with you. Rest easy. To the Golden Shores.

Michael Brundy - July 22, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Anthony Holland.*



July 18, 2025 at 02:38 PM