



Holiday "Holly" High

March 30, 1956 - July 31, 2023

Holiday High passed away on July 31, 2023. She was born on March 30, 1956, the daughter of the late Miami Mayor Robert King High and Faith Price High. She is survived by her self-described “miracle” daughter, Brittany Faith Meeks, son-in-law Michael Ringgenberg, and her beloved grandson, Desi. Surviving siblings include her brother Robert King High, Jr. (Ruth Ann), and sisters Virginia Bunton, Valerie Bogos, Bonnie McDonald (John), and Susan High. After her father passed away in 1967, her mother remarried Tropicana, Inc. executive Kenneth A. Barnebey of Bradenton, FL and she is also survived by stepbrother Mark Barnebey (Marianne), Kendra Whitehead (Brent) and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her beloved niece, Katie McDonald, her stepfather, and a stepsister, Laurel Young. She remained good friends with her former husband, Jamie Meeks, formerly with the Leon County Sheriff’s Department.

Holly attended Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida and graduated from Florida State University with degrees in criminology and education. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Holly was a school teacher in the Leon County School system for over 20 years, having taught at Woodville Elementary, Kate Sullivan Elementary, Heritage Trails, and Pineview Elementary schools. She received so much gratification from teaching her young students and enjoyed hearing from parents who thanked her for what she did for their children. She was a faithful

member of Christian Heritage Church. Her favorite quote from the Bible was Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding but in all your ways knowing Him and He will make your paths straight".

Holly was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and daughter and was so proud of Brittany and Desi. She loved anything and everything about Christmas and received great joy at being "Ho-Ho" to Desi. Holly's laughter was contagious; at any family gathering, it would be Holly's laugh heard above the din! She will be forever missed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 2 PM at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions in Holly's name to Foundation for Leon County Schools, <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E346357&id=49&t=638266597026106970>

The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Holiday "Holly" High*



Bevis Funeral Home - August 06, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear that Holiday had passed. It is with great sorrow that I pay tribute to her today. We worked together at Kate Sullivan Elementary School for many years. God bless her daughter and immediate family. 🌹*



Beverly Robinson - August 04, 2023 at 01:16 PM

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“ Ms. Holiday High was one of the very first teachers I met at Kate Sullivan. I loved her spunk! There she was, bright red hair, big smile, and overalls. She was loved by her students...and when I got some of them in 3rd grade...so many of them said they liked me ok...but they loved Ms. High! One of my favorite things she did was make beautiful nutcracker arts pieces with her students before they got to go see the show. There was always LOTS of glitter involved!!! Again with her spunk! Before I left Sullivan I took an ESOL class with her online...we would meet in my room and do it together because she would say she was technologically challenged ;)! I have missed your spunk Holiday and will continue to. Your bright spirit lives on in each and everyone of your students!! Prayers and love to your family!!!

Leigh-Ann Campbell - August 03, 2023 at 08:15 PM

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“ We were neighbors of Holly for about 40 years. She loved our pets and took great care of them when we were gone. I think they liked her more than us. She also would come to our house during hurricanes and we would have a great time. We have moved from Tallahassee now but have great memories of Holly. Our prayers are with Brittany, Desi and the rest of the family.

Glenda and Anthony Locke

Glenda Locke - August 02, 2023 at 09:53 AM