



## Tommy Kenneth Holton

June 24, 1933 - April 17, 2022

Tommy Kenneth Holton, 88, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on April 17, 2022, in Ocala, Florida.

Tom was the eighth of nine children and was born in Gainesville, FL on June 24, 1933, to Laborne Jesse and Celia Elizabeth Dampier Holton. He graduated from Gainesville High in 1953 and after serving in the Army went on to earn a Master's degree in Health and Human Services from the University of Florida. Tom enjoyed a long 40-year career as a Director for the Marion County School Board. He enjoyed gardening, camping, being a Florida Gator, and spending time with his family. Tom was a distinguished alumni of the University of Florida for his contributions and involvement in physical education and recreation.

Tom is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Holton of Ocala, children, Ken (wife Michelle) Holton and Cindy Hutto, grandchildren Michael Holton, Tyler (wife Shawnee) Holton and Kacey Hutto and his brother Robert Holton. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie Holton, seven siblings (three sisters and four brothers) and his parents.

Tom was an educator at heart and cared deeply for those in his life. He would offer to help in any way that he could and take time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small. He will be dearly missed by his family

and friends.

His Celebration of Life service will be held at Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations at 606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala, FL 34471 on May 21, 2022, at 3:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel

606 SW 2nd Ave

Ocala, FL 34471

(352) 780-1267

<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Tommy Kenneth Holton*



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**Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations** - May 20, 2022 at 02:55 PM

SR

“ *Mary, my heart goes out to you. As his cousin who knew him all my life, I can say you married a good man who dearly loved you and all the Family. If you and he had searched the world over, neither of you could have found a better mate. My love and respect to you and compassion regarding the loss of your very special daughter, also.*  
*Shirley Johnson Reid*

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**Shirley Johnson Reid** - July 21, 2022 at 06:22 PM

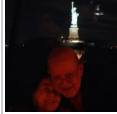
KH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Kacey Hutto** - May 21, 2022 at 01:23 AM



*What a good life he had! So many wonderful pictures of him with his family and his wife who was truly the love of his life!*

**Dorothy Gordon** - May 21, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MD

*Mary, It was good to see you today. One of my favorite memories of your husband was when he told about the call from Arnold Schwarzenegger. He thought someone was playing a joke on him. It wasn't a joke. He really achieved that honor. Everyone who knew him was proud of his achievements. He was a wonderful man. I can tell miss him so much. What a wonderful couple you were! Mary Ann DeLong*

**Mary Ann DeLong** - January 12, 2024 at 09:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tommy Kenneth Holton.*



May 18, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tommy Kenneth Holton.*



May 15, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tommy Kenneth Holton.*



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May 15, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *What a great man, a great mate for Mary, and a great father to his children. Tom was a special person who was loved and appreciated by all who knew him. Doris and I are sorry for your lose.*

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**Don and Doris Tyler** - April 26, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *Mr. Holton was a wonderful educator; always willing to lend an ear or offer wise advice. He cared about his family and all of us in MCPS. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Janine Grover** - April 25, 2022 at 09:17 PM



*Wonderful co-worker for many years. The best neighbors I will miss his visits with Mary.*

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**Jo Brooks** - April 27, 2022 at 11:34 AM

CM

*Tom was a terrific colleague & neighbor. He was one of my mentors when I joined the MCSS district office staff. In adjacent offices for 3 years, we played racquetball each week with Al Appleby, Asst. Supt., our boss. We were also prone to office mischief. My family lived a few blocks from Tom's family but we often walked over in the evening to chat. My daughter, Cindi, was especially fond of Tom. He was committed to children & education, both at the highest standard. I will miss our infrequent lunches at Sonny's that Mary & Tom shared with me after my wife's passing. Mary, Ken, Cindy & family, my deepest condolences. What a great person you were able to spend life with! I look forward to joining him again for looong talks in Heaven. –Chris Mendola*

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**Chris Mendola** - May 02, 2022 at 10:22 PM