

# Obituaries

## David Edward Holden

McCORMICK - Dr. David Edward Holden, PsyD, NCC, 75, of the Savannah Lakes Village, McCormick, SC, husband of Diane Eubank Holden, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC. He was born in Windber, Penn. to the late Evander and Marjorie Gladis Holden.



Dr. Holden served in the Navy, Army and National Guard, retiring from his military career after 36 years of service. In 1987, he began his educational journey, obtaining his associate in Science degree in General Studies from Vincennes University. In 1992, Dr. Holden received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lebanon Valley College. In May 1997, he earned his Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Kutztown University. Continuing his education, Dr. Holden attained his Master of Science in Clinical Psychology in 2006 and in 2009, his Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was employed as a Reading Specialist in Family and Children's Problems as a Senior Clinical associate.

After retirement, he and his wife relocated to the Savannah Lakes Village. Dr. Holden was an enthusiastic golfer and served as a member of the Gold Committee. He found a place of service in his association with the McCormick Lion's Club. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David E. Holden Jr.

Dr. Holden is survived by his wife, Diane; two sons, Cody Holden (Katie) of Pine Grove, Penn., and Cade E. Holden (Mallory) of Hegins, Penn.; two daughters, Caitlin A. Holden of Hegins and Kristine Brazzle (Larry) of Appling, Ga.; brother, John Holden (Marie) of Windber, Penn.; four sisters, Susan Rich (David) of Fort Worth, Texas, Christine Steigerwald (Bob) and Sharyn Crawford (Bob), all of Gilbert, Ariz., and Mary Beth "Betsy" Holden of Mesa, Ariz.; ten grandchildren, Eli, Zeke, Zane, Noah, Maddex, Maleigh, Caleb, Mattie, Kendra and Daniel.

A service to celebrate Dr. Holden's life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Lutheran Church By The Lake, 100 12 Oaks Drive, McCormick, SC 29835 with the Rev. Jim Kinsler officiating. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is in charge of services.

## Shameka Denise Milton

McCORMICK - Shameka Denise Milton, 43, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at her home in McCormick. She was the daughter of Jasper Milton Jr. and the late Dorothy Jones Milton and was born on Aug. 28, 1978.



Shameka was a member of Shiloh A.M.E. Church in McCormick and a 1996 graduate of McCormick High School. Her favorite things to do were cleaning and making things look nice.

Shameka's precious memories will be cherished by her daughter, Sarena Milton of the home; her father, Jasper Milton Jr. of McCormick; her sister, Jennifer Milton of Greenwood; two nieces, Janisha Milton and Erica Milton of Greenwood; nephew, Jamal Milton of Greenwood; a special, devoted and loving friend, Seymore Dean of McCormick; her loving caregiver, Eddie Perrin of McCormick; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

The viewing was Sunday, January 9, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home. There was a graveside service Monday, January 10, at 11 a.m. at Shiloh A.M.E. Church.

Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home was in charge of services.

**McCormick County Government will be Closed January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## Note of Thanks

I would like to thank all of my friends and family who came out to wish me a happy birthday on Dec. 26. May God bless you.

-Ojetta Bland

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## Holiday on Main

The third place winner in the 2021 Holiday on Main Parade was Augusta's Own Marine Corps League and Michelle's Pizza Toys for Tots Donation.



## Savannah Lakes Village Pickleball Club is a smashing success!

By Joe Locke

Founder and President Savannah Lakes Village Pickleball Club

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, and Savannah Lakes Village is a shining example. The number of people playing Pickleball at SLV has tripled in the last year to over 150 and is growing steadily. To support that level of interest, SLV recently reconfigured the Pickleball Complex, and we now have six beautiful courts to play on.

To help organize and manage that growth, we recently created the SLV Pickleball Club (SLVPC). The Pickleball Club is primarily a social organization formed to promote the growth and enjoyment for residents of SLV. All SLV residents are welcome to join the club, and it is a great way to have fun, get some exercise and meet new people. As we grow, the Club will coordinate the following activities and events:

- New player introduction and training/development for all skill levels.
- Run SLV Internal Men's, Women's and Mixed Ladder Leagues.
- Participate in Intra-Club events with other Pickleball Clubs.
- Host SLV Internal and Open Invitation Tournaments,
- Oversee Professionally run and internal Skills Clinics.
- Host rating events.
- Communicate where else to play in the region, both indoors and outdoors.
- Keep members informed of rule changes, external tournaments and topics of interest.
- Schedule and coordinate other Pickleball and non-Pickleball related events.

The Club recently hosted our first annual New Year's Day Pickle-a-Thon, complete with music, and we had over 50 participants! We plan to have many events this year, and we are very excited for 2022!

If you are a resident of SLV and are interested in joining the Pickleball Club, please reach out to Joe Locke at [JLocke313@gmail.com](mailto:JLocke313@gmail.com). I look forward to meeting you.

Be safe my friends, and have an awesome week.

## In Memory



In Memory of Tithone Blair, departed Jan. 16, 2016. Friend and fellow worker on Cedar Hill Farms for so many years. We were the perfect twosome whether working in the blistering heat or the freezing cold. He never complained and knew me so well that he could read my mind and be ready with whatever was needed. God bless you, "Tee" and thanks for the wonderful memories and for being my Gunga Din.

-Bob Edmonds

The finest man I knew  
Was our regimental bhisti, Gunga Din,  
He was 'Din! Din! Din!  
'You limpin' lump o' brick-dust, Gunga Din!  
By the livin' Gawd that made you,  
You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!

**The McCormick Weather Report**

By Bob Edmonds \*Measurements taken at Cedar Hill Rd.

	Lows	Highs	Rain/Etc.
Tuesday, January 4	30°	49°	
Wednesday, January 5	42°	56°	
Thursday, January 6	36°	60°	
Friday, January 7	33°	48°	0.07"
Saturday, January 8	30°	49°	
Sunday, January 9	42°	60°	0.32"
Monday, January 10	42°	55°	

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By the DAR Article Committee on Holidays

The third Monday in January is observed as a federal holiday marking the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He was a scholar, a Baptist minister and the chief spokesman for the use of nonviolent means to end racial segregation.



He became the most influential civil rights leader in the 1960s.

The idea of a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was first presented to Congress in 1979, but it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. The two main arguments against the holiday were that it was too expensive to add another paid holiday for federal employees and that a holiday to honor a private citizen was contrary to tradition.

King's wife, Coretta, was joined by Stevie Wonder in the second attempt to establish a federal holiday in her husband's honor. In July 1983, a petition with six million signatures was sent to Congress in support of it. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law on Nov. 2, and the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was first observed three years later in 1986.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta to educated parents Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams King. He entered Morehouse College at the age of 15, where he received a BA degree in sociology. He developed a deep urge to serve humanity and decided to go into the ministry as his father, grandfather and father-in-law had and received a Master of Divinity at Crozer Theological Seminary and a doctorate in systematic theology at Boston University's School of Theology.

Martin Luther King Jr. first came to national prominence during a bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. in 1955, which resulted in the 1956 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bus segregation was unconstitutional. He led unnumbered protests and sit-ins for equality and was consulted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on the 1957 Civil Rights Act, the first federal civil rights legislation since 1875.

King is best known for the 1963 March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs, where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in which he said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

King influenced the 1964 Civil Rights Act, a landmark civil rights and labor law in the United States that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. He received his Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10, 1964, the youngest person up to that time.

Martin Luther King Jr., the most prominent leader of the American civil rights movement, was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn., where he had gone to lead a march by striking sanitation workers.

The next MLK Jr. Day will be on Jan. 17, 2022.

## VA processing claims for six new presumptive conditions

Submitted by Donald D. Moss  
County Veterans Affairs Officer

Were you exposed to hazardous materials while serving in the military, such as from Agent Orange or burn pits? Did you serve in Vietnam, Thailand or Southwest Asia? If so, you may be eligible to file for service-connected benefits based on presumptive exposure.

Over the course of the last six months, VA has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to exposure to hazardous materials.

In May 2021, VA started implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA), adding bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. A few months later, VA added asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas.

Any Veteran who was previously denied service-connection for any of these six conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service would need to file another claim.

McCormick County Veterans Affairs Office is open for in-person interviews by appointment only Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. You may call to schedule an appointment by dialing 864-852-2212.

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