



Reverend Michael Jay Holmes

August 19, 2006

Reverend Michael Jay HOLMES, Age 52, of Hamilton, died Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at his residence. He was born in Portland, Indiana on August 8, 1954, the son of Robert and Lillian (Prescott) Holmes. He graduated from Ball State in 1976 with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Education and received a Master of Divinity in December of 1980 from Southern Seminary. He married Donna Katherine Waters on August 7, 1976 in Muncie, Indiana. He just celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife in Kona, Hawaii. He was the Pastor of West Side Baptist Church from November of 1981 until his death. He was active in Ministerial Alliance, Southwest Baptist Association, New Life Mission and with the state convention of Baptist. He loved spending time with his family and church members. He was an Eagle Scout and he liked to bicycle and Kayak. He is survived by his wife, two daughters; Amber Katherine Holmes of Cleveland, Ohio and Nicole Marie Clarkson and husband Eric of Carlisle, Ohio; his father, Robert Jay Holmes of Portland, Indiana and his cat, Corbin. He also leaves behind his mother-in-law, Evelyn Waters; three sister-in-laws, Sandra Waters, Andrea Waters, Marsha Virgin and her husband Michael; two nieces, Kadance Virgin of Dayton, Ohio, Erin Sanders and her husband Brian of Chicago, Illinois and a nephew Ari White of Georgia. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Marie Holmes and his father-in-law, Roy Edward Waters. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, August 19, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at West Side Baptist Church, 154 Gordon Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio with Dr. Chuck Summers officiating.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. Entombment will be in Greenwood Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to New Life Mission Building Fund, c/o West Side Baptist Church, 154 Gordon Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.