



Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday

November 7, 1963 - November 8, 2025

Gregory Dexter Holliday, the son of Armeater Geneva Patterson and the late Marion Holliday, was born on November 7, 1963, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was raised by his aunt Ruth Patterson, whom he lovingly called “Ma,” in Prairie, Alabama, as the oldest of seven siblings.

Gregory accepted Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of Prairie Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Wilcox County High School in Camden, Alabama, in May 1981.

After high school, Gregory attended Stillman College, where he joined the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in the Fall of 1982. He remained a proud member of the fraternity for 43 years. Gregory graduated from Stillman in May 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Following college, Gregory moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he began his federal career with the Department of Defense (DOD) in October 1985. While living in St. Louis, he met his beloved wife, Patricia. The two were married in October 1994, and their union was blessed with three children.

In 1991, Gregory relocated to Maryland to work for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Division of Procurement, Office of the Director, as a Contract Specialist. During his distinguished federal career, he played a key role in establishing the NIH Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC). He later served in senior leadership roles within NITAAC before becoming the Director of the Office of Acquisition

(OLAO COAC) from August 2007 to January 2017. In the later years of his career, Gregory served as a Special Assistant to the Associate Director for OLAO, a position he held until his passing.

Outside of work, Gregory enjoyed watching sports, traveling, and spending time with his family. He was also deeply committed to his faith. In 2012, he became a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Lanham, where he participated in the Men's Ministry and occasionally sang with the Calvary Crusaders. In 2013, he was honored with the "You Make a Difference" award for his contributions to the church community.

Gregory was known for his outgoing and friendly personality. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and was known for his kindness, positivity, and dependability. With his easygoing nature and great sense of humor, Gregory brought joy and laughter to all who knew him.

Gregory received his wings on November 8, 2025, at the age of 62. He was preceded in death by his father, Marion Holliday; his beloved "Ma" Ruth Patterson; and his brothers, Darnell Patterson and Roderick Patterson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Patricia Holliday of Glenn Dale, MD; six children: Yvonne (Bryan) Duke of Pelham, AL; Keyonta (India) Gamble of DeSoto, TX; Gregory Russell of Upper Marlboro, MD; Adrienne Holliday of Louisville, KY; Alexis Holliday of Sicklerville, NJ; and Tristan Holliday of Glenn Dale, MD; his mother, Geneva Patterson of Mattapan, MA; four siblings: Ralph (Keisha) Patterson of Brandon, MS; Twanda Patterson of Cleveland Heights, OH; Derrick (Cherrain) Patterson of Knoxville, TN; and Monique Patterson of Atlanta, GA; five grandchildren: Brooke, Kimaya, Bryan Jr., Keyonta Jr., and Ian; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gregory will be remembered for his faith, dedication, kindness, and the love he shared with everyone whose lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

United Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Prairie, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
5120 Whitefield Chapel Road
Lanham, MD 20706

Funeral service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
5120 Whitefield Chapel Road
Lanham, MD 20706

Tribute Wall



“ Mehul S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.

Mehul S. - November 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

DG

“ I do not know you or Greg's family personally, but I felt compelled to reach out and write something. I only interacted with Greg maybe a dozen or so times, but I have worked with Contracting Officers for the last decade or so. I can say, without hesitation, that Greg was a gentleman and a professional every step of the way. Like so many jobs - especially in the federal government space - the service and extra oomph to make something happen can often and quickly be forgotten. It can be a thankless job where, when things go right, nobody remembers or says "thank you." It's not my place to say, but Greg was given a pretty difficult task of starting a new contract where there were multiple stakeholders: (1) Congressional funding, (2) NIH leadership decision-makers, (3) NIH customers (the end users), (4) American manufacturers, and (5) Contractors (the little guy). We were *that* proverbial "little guy" on the receiving end of Greg's leadership, professionalism, and hard work. Again, I did not know Greg personally, but I can speak for me and my team when I say that he was an absolute pleasure to work with and we genuinely did notice the difference and the polish that he brought to the table. He took time to make himself available, nights and weekends. He responded to emails even if the news was that there was "no news." He exercised diligence and care in every aspect of our project. He seemed to take pleasure in delivering good news, which can be so hard to find in the federal government space. I really can't say enough good things Greg and his work ethic. In a time and space where federal service is having a rough time, Greg really "made it count" and was a standard setter in so many ways. We were lucky and blessed to have him. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. If there is a way to contribute or help with his burial, we would be honored to help support, sir/ma'am.

David Henderson (Stronghold Group) - November 20, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JH

“ Greg was such a joy to work with at NIH. He was so kind and gentle and knew his stuff! I am so sorry to hear of his passing. We just recently got to work closely together. To his family and friends, I am truly sorry for your loss. Greg was a wonderful human being.

Jessica Hammond - November 17, 2025 at 02:28 PM

WH

“ I heard the good name Greg Holliday circulated in the procurement community long before I ever met him. Then in 2023 I had the distinguished privilege and opportunity to work with him. Everyone would ask if we were related. We always had a chuckle about that. I found in him not just a colleague—but a mentor and a sounding board—always willing to help in any way he could. He was truly a blessing in my life. What an amazing human who will be greatly missed. Sending heartfelt prayers to his family.

Wanda Holliday - November 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



November 17, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DF

“ Diane F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.

Diane F. - November 16, 2025 at 11:40 PM

SB

“ Stillman College Homecoming February 2025

#SCFam💙💛🐕

#CrimsonAndCreamFamily💠▲

#WilcoxCountyHigh🐕💙🐕

#Wilcox66



S. Blackmon - November 16, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BC

“ Barbara Manzie Colvin lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday



Barbara Manzie Colvin - November 16, 2025 at 06:28 PM

BC

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again. Author unknown*

Barbara Manzie Colvin - November 16, 2025 at 06:31 PM

VP

I extend my sincere condolences to Greg Holliday's family. I had the immense opportunity to work with Greg at NIH's NITAAC for many years. Greg was admired for his extraordinary kindness and keen acquisition acumen. He will be missed.

Victor Powers

Victor Powers - November 17, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.*



November 15, 2025 at 03:24 PM

TK

“ *Tom and Janet Keith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.*

Tom and Janet Keith - November 15, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.*



November 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

KK

“ Karen D. Khan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.

Karen D. Khan - November 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

DF

“ Danielle Sweeney and Family purchased the For ever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Danielle Sweeney and Family - November 15, 2025 at 12:20 AM

DF

“ Danielle Sweeney and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.

Danielle Sweeney and Family - November 15, 2025 at 12:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



November 14, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LG

“ Greg will be remembered for his kindness and generosity. He brought a positive energy to the NITAAC team. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him. He will greatly be missed.

Wishing his family comfort and peace during this difficult time.

~Luis Garriga

Luis Garriga - November 14, 2025 at 05:38 PM

LG

“ Luis Garriga purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Luis Garriga - November 14, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



November 14, 2025 at 05:15 PM

JB

“ Joyce Boler, Brenda, Bernie and Brielle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.

Joyce Boler, Brenda, Bernie and Brielle - November 14, 2025 at 05:15 PM

FF

“ From Bettye & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



From Bettye & Family - November 14, 2025 at 04:45 PM

GE

“ Gwen, Tednette, and Dr. Etti purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Gwen, Tednette, and Dr. Etti - November 14, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



November 14, 2025 at 12:30 PM

TE

“ I meet Greg in 2020 and worked longside him daily. He was my mentor, he gave me so much guidance in life. He was like my older brother, giving me guidance with my relationship and my breakup. He cared and I will truly miss him. Everyone in my family knew how important of an impact that Greg was in my life. This is not a small loss to me, he was family in my eyes and heart. I truly truly miss him, and I have another angel in heaven along side my sister. He was such a good positive person, even when he didn't feel good. He would say did you eat today Tednette, and get onto me if I hadn't, he would say take care of yourself. I use to tell him the samething, Gwen and I would check on him, calling when his wife was on her assignments or traveling. Greg did you eat, don't eat that bad stuff, eat more healthy. He was genuine, he cared about people. He was truly the example of "slow to speak" he did not waste his words. He would say Tednette let it go, do not take this job home with you. Oh my I could go on and on, I will truly miss my friend, my older brother from another mother, my mentor. My heart morns for you, but I will be here for your wife and children for life. We are family. Love you Greg, my angel in heaven. I only seen him one time in person, but I truly knew Greg, and love him, can't wait to get to know the family and be there for them.

Tednette - November 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ I woke up this morning with you on mind.

Luke 1:79 KJV

*To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*To the family I send my sincere condolences. He will truly be
missed. RIH Greg until we meet again*

Karen Boler - November 14, 2025 at 11:54 AM

EJ

“ Evelyn Boykin Johnson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Evelyn Boykin Johnson - November 14, 2025 at 10:49 AM

SF

“ Shedric & Mashanta Patterson & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Shedric & Mashanta Patterson & Family - November 14, 2025 at 09:48 AM

FT

“ From Karen Thomas and the APRO Team. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



From Karen Thomas and the APRO Team. - November 13, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BW

“ I had the privilege of working alongside Greg for over 20 years, and in all that time, he was always there for us — ready to lend a hand, share his knowledge, and bring a smile to those around him. He truly loved helping people, and that kindness never went unnoticed.

I'm deeply grateful for the years we shared, the lessons he taught me, and the friendship that grew between us. Greg will always be remembered with warmth and respect.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Bettie Williams*

Bettie Williams - November 13, 2025 at 10:30 PM

WM

Our deepest condolences to the Holliday family on the passing of Greg Holliday.

Greg was a kind and remarkable man whose life blessed everyone around him. His warmth, generosity, and spirit will be remembered always.

Praying for comfort, strength, and peace for the family in this difficult time.

May his memory be a lasting light.

*—Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Mims
Epsilon Epsilon FA 85*

Wayne Mims - November 14, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BW

“ *Bettie Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.*



Bettie Williams - November 13, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ Great Man, Friend, Fraternity Brother. I love Greg! I was the man that signed his papers to be a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He will be missed. He crossed the Golden Shores and we will meet again.

Ken Madison
EESPR80
Stillman College

Ken "Maddog" Madison - November 13, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ John and Azin Chiu purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



John and Azin Chiu - November 13, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Timothy Mauldin purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



Timothy Mauldin - November 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Dexter Holliday.



November 13, 2025 at 06:37 PM

EW

“ I worked with Greg at NIH for many years. Greg was excellent at his job, but what made him so valued was his genuine friendliness. He was well liked by everyone. I always enjoyed our work conversations followed up by an NFL or NBA discussion. He was a good guy and will missed very much. My condolences to his entire family.

Ed Wilgus

Ed Wilgus - November 13, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CA

My condolences to the family and friends with comfort and peace. I will remember him for his supportive words and assistance in procurement (he was my go to). Greg was a good guy that gave of himself to those that needed him. He introduced me to Chicago's Garrett popcorn!

Carol Kittrell

Carol - November 13, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JJ

My first real supervisor in the Federal Government was Greg. I had a good time working at NITAAC and a lot of it was due to Greg. He always took the time to talk to me and he was a patient, caring boss.

In my entire work career I have had sixteen different supervisors, and I consider Greg to be one of the best.

Rest in peace, Greg.

John Chiu, Jr. - November 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM

CG

Pat, my beautiful Soror, you and I started our career with the Federal Government in St. Louis at the same time, where you met and married the love of your life, sweet Greg. My condolences and prayers go out to you and the family on his passing.

Carolyn Gates - November 13, 2025 at 07:39 PM

YM

Patricia, my condolences and prayers are with you and the entire Holliday Family during this time. May Greg rest in Heavenly Peace.

Yvette Matthews - November 13, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BG

I worked with Greg at NIH for many years. He was always positive, helpful and kind. My deepest sympathy to the entire family. Bridget Gauer

Bridget Gauer - November 13, 2025 at 07:51 PM

MB

My deepest condolences to the friends and family of Greg. I had the privilege of working with him at NIH, and I will always remember his friendly demeanor and constant kindness. He made a positive impact on everyone around him, and he will truly be missed. Keeping your family in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Maria Bigelow - November 13, 2025 at 08:02 PM

GR

Condolences to Patricia and Family. I remember Greg working with me in the Mount Calvary's Men's Ministry. Rest in Peace my Brother. Deacon Gerald and Shelia Rowland

Gerald Rowland - November 13, 2025 at 08:04 PM

AR

Greg was a great leader, a friend to many with a heart of gold. Supervisor's/leaders like him are often hard to find. He made my experience with Acquisitions a good one. My condolences to his wife Patricia, his children and extended family.

Aleise Roberts - November 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JO

Greg was a brother, friend and mentor with whom I worked with for over 24 years. He was a caring man who will go all the way to assist anyone that needs assistance even when his health was frail, he still find the time, strength to help; what a man. Greg was a true leader and will be surely missed. Greg rest in perfect peace.

John Otubu - November 14, 2025 at 03:38 PM