



International Association

of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

IAMWMW Announces Celebration of Life Arrangements for Dr. Janie Charles Holmes, 7th International President

RICHMOND, VA | September 2026 — The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. (IAMWMW) announces the Celebration of Life arrangements for Dr. Janie Charles Holmes, the organization's 7th International President, who served from 2002 to 2010 and was affectionately known throughout the sisterhood as "MP7."

Dr. Holmes was deeply connected to the faith community and the IAMWMW sisterhood internationally. She served IAMWMW with grace, wisdom, strength, and a deep commitment to faith, service, and sisterhood. Her leadership helped strengthen the organization and encouraged generations of ministers' wives and ministers' widows to serve with excellence, purpose, and devotion.

Her tenure remains an important part of IAMWMW's history, and her contributions continue to be remembered with gratitude throughout the sisterhood.

IAMWMW extends heartfelt condolences to the Charles & Holmes Family and to all whose lives were touched by Dr. Holmes. May God grant them comfort, peace, and sustaining strength during this time of transition.

Celebration of Life Arrangements

Viewing

Thursday, September 17, 2026

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Community Baptist Church

143 Shelton Avenue

New Haven, CT 06511

Friday Services

Friday, September 18, 2026

Delta Sigma Theta Omega Service

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Celebration of Life Service

10:00 AM

Community Baptist Church

143 Shelton Avenue

New Haven, CT 06511

IAMWMW Attire

IAMWMW members attending are asked to wear:

White Attire with IAMWMW Kente' Cloth

Hotel Accommodations

Homewood Suites by Hilton Orange New Haven

99 Marsh Hill Road

New Haven, CT

Hotel Phone: 203-553-9148

Rate: Please contact the hotel directly for rates.

Group Code: IAMWMW

Booking Dates: September 17–19, 2026

Travel Information

For sisters and guests traveling to New Haven, the following transportation options are available:

Amtrak — New Haven Union Station (NHV)

50 Union Avenue

New Haven, CT

Approximately 12 minutes from Community Baptist Church

Tweed New Haven Airport (HVN)

New Haven, CT

Approximately 19 minutes from Community Baptist Church

Bradley International Airport (BDL)

Windsor Locks, CT

Approximately 58 minutes from Community Baptist Church

Sisterhood Travel Contact

IAMWMW sisters needing assistance or additional information regarding travel arrangements may contact:

Rev. Lisa Johnson

Connecticut State President

954-588-5204

Please continue to keep the Charles & Holmes Family lifted in prayer in the days ahead as we honor the life, leadership, and service of our beloved MP7.

***“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”
Matthew 25:21***

With sincere love and condolences,

Elder Dr. Vernita Josey

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About IAMWMW

The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. is a global Christian sisterhood dedicated to fellowship, spiritual growth, leadership development, service, and support for ministers' wives and ministers' widows.

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