

ROBERT CARROLL HOLIFIELD
April 28, 1941 – April 12, 2015



Robert Carroll Holifield, 73, of Alabaster, Ala., formerly of Pensacola, died Sunday, April 12, 2015. Services: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bayview Memorial Park. Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Parents Arthur C. and Leila Mae Holifield. The family moved to Pensacola from Mississippi in 1953. His dad was a printer for the Pensacola News Journal. On February 8, 1961, Robert completed basic training at Lackland AFB. In August 1962, Airman 2.C. returned to Pensacola to visit his family after which he would return to France to complete his tour of duty. His mother died on December 23, 1963. and Robert attended her funeral. In 1964, age 22, Robert was involved in a “Wild Auto” accident, in which he was charged with failure to have his vehicle under control. After that the trail ended until we were recently notified of his passing. Below are some newspaper clippings that were discovered during our search to verify his death.

Bayou Boat Accident Injures Youth Here

A motorboat accident on Bayou Texar Thursday painfully injured Robert Holifield, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holifield, 518 Seventh St., East Pensacola Heights.

A report from the boy's mother stated that Holifield was badly bruised and swollen, but that x-rays did not indicate any broken bones. It was not known whether internal injuries were suffered.

The accident occurred as a boat driven by Richard Wessel, 14, swerved sharply and threw him and Holifield into the water. The boat circled several times, according to reports and hit the injured boy a glancing blow and then ran over him.

After hitting Holifield the boat

threw its propeller and stopped. Wessel pulled the injured boy into the boat and other motorboaters pulled the craft to shore. Holifield was then taken to the Sacred Heart hospital where he will remain until the full extent of his injuries are known.

Skiing behind the boat was Billy Fowler, 14, who had furnished the boat in which the other two boys were riding. Fowler is the son of Mrs. W. C. Fowler, Town Point. Gulf Breeze and Wessel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Wessel, 131 Fourth St., EPH.

The domesticated cat was an object of veneration among the early Egyptians.

'Wild Auto' Hits 3 Cars And A House

An automobile careened out of control for an entire city block early this morning, wrecking three other automobiles and finally smashing into a house.

Patrolman John L. Mandel said Robert Holifield, 22, of 3206 E. Gonzalez St., lost control of his car as he was driving north on Alcaniz Street near the Wright Street intersection.

Mandel said Holifield's car struck a car parked on the right hand side of the road, knocking it 18 feet. Holifield's car then veered to the left hand side of the road, striking another car and turning it over on the sidewalk.

Mandel said Holifield's vehicle skidded 42 feet further to hit a third parked car and then skidded 107 feet more into a house.

Mandel identified the owners of the parked cars as Glorinda McGuire, 1120 Lakewood Rd.; R. P. Palmer and Thomas Crawford, both of 313 N. Alcaniz St.

Owner of the home was identified as Laverne Walker, of 317 N. Alcaniz St.

Mandel estimated total damage in excess of \$3,200. Holifield was charged with failure to have his vehicle under control, careless and reckless and driving and causing a collision.



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PEACOCK

Arriving August 3 from Loan Air Force Base, Paris, France, for a 30-day leave will be Airman 2.C. Robert C. Holifield.

He will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holifield, and his family at 518 7th St., E.P.H., before returning to France to complete his tour of duty.



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Completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. are Robert C. Holifield, son of Mrs. Lelia Holifield, 518 7th St., Pensacola, and Louis J. Codemo, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Codemo, 400 Forrest Park Rd., Pensacola.

Holifield is attending the training technical course for Administrative Clerk at Amarillo AFB, Tex. Codemo will take the Medical Technical course at Lackland.