

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.



I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call, then turned,
and bid farewell to all
I could not stay another day to laugh,
to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay
that way I found my peace... at the close of the day
And if my parting left a void
then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savored
much good friends, good times
A loved one's touch perhaps
my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
lift your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony "Man" Jones
Calvin Holmes
Alvin Cleare, Jr.
Eugene Holmes, Sr.
Michael Perrier

Active Pallbearers

Jerry Jones
Anthony Jones
Danny Jones
Erol Rochester
Wayne Battle
Fletcher Battle
Elijah Battle
Dwayne Battle

Active Floral Bearers

Family & Friends

The Service of Committal & Internment

Centenary AME Church Cemetery
10540 Old Centerville Road * Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Repast

Shady Grove P. B. Church #2 Dining Hall

The Family's Message of Appreciation

We are indeed grateful to each of you, our many friends, for your countless acts of compassion, which you have shared with us during the passing of our beloved, *Annie Ruth "Cookie" Jones Holmes*. We express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, condolences and every act of kindness shown to us during our time of loss. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep each of you in His care.

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Celebration of Life

FOR

Annie Ruth Holmes



Grace: July 26, 1947 - Glory: April 29, 2022

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church #2
10497 CENTERVILLE ROAD
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32309

The Elder Joe W. Malone, Pastor
The Reverend Jimmie Dickey, Eulogist
PASTOR, NEW BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ASHVILLE HIGHWAY * MONTICELLO, FLORIDA 32344
Evangelist Ella Jones Knight, Presiding

Obituary

On July 26, 1947, **Annie Ruth Jones Holmes** was born to Fletcher Jones, Sr. and Mary Lizz Williams Jones in Leon County, Florida. "**Cookie**", as she was lovingly called, was the sixth child of nine children. In 1950, her parents moved the family to Miami, Florida. She received her education in the Miami-Dade County Schools. She married the love of her life, Eull Holmes, and raised eight children.

Cookie was the matriarch of our family, holding various jobs throughout her life to provide for her family. She assisted special needs children at Monterey Clinical School, which was her final place of work. The one and most important job that she held until the day she was granted her wings was that of being an unforgettable pillar of the family. She was one who was equipped with: many jokes that left you crying in laughter, useful resources to solve your most pressing problems, and scriptures to get you through the toughest times.

Cookie confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior during her early childhood years. Her divine love, faith, and hope in Christ was the foundation of her existence and the shield of protection she leaned on nearly her entire life. She loved singing gospel songs as they provided her with peace, conviction, and gratefulness. **Cookie's** first teaching of the Bible to her children was to memorize the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. "**Your Love**" by William Murphy was one of her favorite songs to sing. **Cookie** was a "tough cookie". She fought a good fight against the challenging illnesses within her body.

On April 29, 2022, **Cookie** asked Jesus to hold her hand and she transitioned to Glory receiving her wings. **Cookie's** memory will forever live on in the lives of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss her "checking on you" calls that were filled with jokes and laughter. If she was your backseat driver, she will startle you by screaming, "JESUS!"

Cookie leaves **seven children** with heavy hearts and joyful memories: Angela (Frank) Kemp, Anthony (Stacia) Jones, Eugene Holmes, Eulla Holmes, Eulene (Alvin) Cleare, Elijah Holmes, and Calvin Holmes; **two brothers**: Albert (Betty) Jones and James Jones; **three honorary daughters**: La'Keyta O'Hara, Tessa Bernier, and Canica Holmes. **twelve grandchildren**: Michael (Shemika) Perrier, Tyesha (Aaron) Shotwell, Clarissa Holmes, Latrice (Christopher) Williams, D'Andre Holmes, Jasmine Holmes, Daisha Holmes, D'nyjah Brown, Eugene Holmes Jr. "EJ", Alrissa Cleare, Persia Holmes and Samson Holmes. **six great-grandchildren**: Michael Perrier Jr., Mikel Perrier, Shemiya Perrier, Kortni William, Kristina Holmes and Aubree Shotwell; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will forever love and miss her dearly. Her survivors shall find comfort in knowing that she is certainly in a better home with her Lord and Savior who loves her most. Therefore, **Cookie** we will say "LATER" until we meet again, "LOVE YOU".

Cookie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eull Holmes Sr. and her third child, Eull Holmes Jr.; parents, Fletcher, Sr. and Mary Lizz Williams Jones; and six siblings, Fletcher Jones Jr., Rueben Jones, David (Sherryl-surviving) Jones, Matalean (Elijah-deceased) Battle, Barbara Jean Jones, and Jerry (Jolyon-surviving) Jones Sr.



The Order of Service

Evangelist Ella Knight, Presiding

- Prelude "**Your Grace & Mercy**"The *Tillman* Chorale
- Processional.....Eulogist, Clergy & Family
- Seating of The Family.....The *Tillman* Staff
- Devotional Service..... Deacon Wendell Bivens
Deacon George Jones
- Selection..... "**God Did It**"Chorale

Scripture Readings:

- Old TestamentReverend John Peck
- New Testament.....Reverend Dana Peck

Words of Expression:

- Family & Friends (3)..... Two Minutes Each, *Please*
- Special ExpressionSister Angela Kemp (DAUGHTER)
"I'll Say Yes"

- Resolutions & Acknowledgements.....The *Tillman* Staff
- Family Prayer Elder Joe Malone
- Song..... "**All That's Left Is Time To Live For Jesus**"
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Words of Life.....Reverend Jimmie Dickey

- Final GlanceThe *Tillman* Staff
- Recessional..... "**Your Love**" William Murphy
GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST