

## *The Day God Took You Home*

*A million times*

*I've needed you*

*A million times I've cried,*

*If love alone*

*Could have saved you*

*you never would have died.*

*In life I loved you dearly,*

*In death I love you still,*

*In my heart you hold a place,*

*No one else can ever fill.*

*It broke my heart to lose you,*

*But you didn't go alone*

*Part of me went with you,*

*The day God took you home.*

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

A friendly smile, a casual touch,  
these are things that mean so much.

To know you are with us in our time of sorrow,  
sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow.  
God gives us the comfort in the form of good friends,  
may His peace be with you, His love never ends.

The family of Ernestine Thomas Holmes wants you to  
know we are grateful for your prayers, visits,  
telephone calls, floral arrangements, food and other  
sympathetic gestures of love during this time. Your  
acts of kindness have been extremely comforting.

We pray God's blessings upon each of you.



“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my  
word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath  
everlasting life, and shall not come into  
condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

**John 5:24**

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# *In Loving Memory*



*Sunrise*  
August 20, 1942

*Sunset*  
August 2, 2015

## *Ernestine Thomas Holmes*

*Service*

11:00 AM, Saturday, August 8, 2015

*Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel*

4315 N. Main Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

## Obituary

Ernestine Cornelius Thomas Holmes was born on August 20, 1942 in Jacksonville, FL. She was predeceased by her father, Ernest C. Thomas, longtime friend William McShay, and daughter Harriett Holmes.

Ernestine later met and married L. C. Holmes and from this union they had six children,

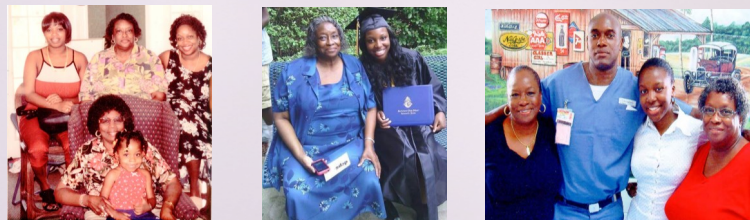
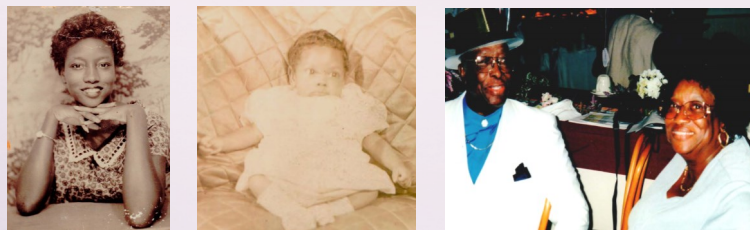
She attended the local schools and graduated from Florida Community College at Jacksonville with a degree in Nursing. Ernestine LOVED nursing. She retired from Shands Hospital as a Registered Nurse after 42 years of service, where she was also the President of the Union. Ernestine grew up in Mt. Ararat Baptist Church and accepted Jesus at a young age.

Ernestine leaves to cherish her loving memories, daughter: Veronica Skrine (Delray); 5 sons: L.C. Holmes, Jr. (Stephanie), Harold Holmes, Michael Holmes (Andrea), Darryl Maurice Holmes (Sarah), and Edward Lamont Thomas (Aja); 10 granddaughters: Qiana Holmes, Zemeicia Telfair (Harold), Lonisha Holmes, Nala Holmes, Alleayh Holmes, Jocovia Holmes (Cedrick), Karese Holmes, Kita Youngblood (Russell), Nevah Holmes, and Kimani Bennett; 6 grandsons: Troy Watson, Lonnie Holmes, Amari Holmes (Cynthia), Anthony Thomas (Neeqa), Darryl Holmes, Jr., and Tony Skrine (Shatraya); 22 great grandchildren; her mother, Bessie Mae Tutson Thomas; 5 sisters: Richardine Thomas Maffett (John), Elizabeth Manning, Olester Pat Williams, Shirley Thomas Cowan, and Darlene Rivers; sister-in-law Emma Lou Hall; Brothers-in-law Ulyses Holmes (Dot) and Costell Holmes (Lucille); 10 Nieces: Valerie Dantzler, Angela Scott (Gabriel), Terri Manning, Keisha Manning, Dyshawn Vickers, Katrina Denson (Derrick), Cachet Rivers, Kimberly Rivers, Barbara Dyer, and Patricia Hall; 5 nephews: Ernest Williams, Charlie Hall (Sandra), Bernard Hall (Rita), Gregory Hall (Sherrona), and Tony Hall; uncle John Thomas (Rudine); God Daughter Brenda Simon and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Ernestine loved playing Phase 10 and eating fish with her mother and sisters every Friday night. But most of all, Ernestine loved Jesus. Ernestine was a daughter, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a sister, a cousin, an aunt, a niece and a friend.

She will be missed by many



## Memories



## Order of Service

<b>Officiating</b>	<b>Elder Otis Williams Jr.</b>
<b>Processional</b>	<b>I'm Free</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	
<b>Scriptures</b>	
<b>Old</b>	<b>Carrie Thomas Gray</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>Brenda Simon</b>
<b>Selection</b>	<b>Betty Burney (It Is Well)</b>
<b>Reflections:</b>	
	<b>Family Class of 1960 Shands Hospital</b>
<b>SlideShow Presentation</b>	
<b>A Letter From Stine</b>	<b>Shirley Cowan</b>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	<b>Lenita Sumter</b>
<b>Selection</b>	<b>Roosevelt Drayton (I Won't Complain)</b>
<b>Words of Comfort</b>	<b>Pastor Thomas Boone Redeeming Faith Missionary Baptist Church</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>Going Up Yonder</b>

*Repat Immediately Following Service*