

Farewell



I wish I could be with you longer to spend more time with you. But my journey here is ended, and my work down here is through.

We did so many great things together and those memories remain with me still. The battles we've fought and the victories we've won, as we labored to do God's will.

Some of my experiences were painful and unpleasant, not everything turned out as I hoped it would. But thank God today, I'm still able to say, it has all worked together for the good.

I am moving to a new location, where peace and joy will have no end. So, keep the faith and stay in the race. Farewell, until we meet again.

– Kitty

ACTIVE PALL BEARERS

Lesley Baker • Ron Coleman • Corey Evans • Larry Johnson • Greg Richardson • William Riley • Jeff Robinson

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Deaconesses of Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando
Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Phi Chapter

INTERMENT

Washington Park Cemetery
2700 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32811

In Appreciation

The family of the late Catherine J. Thompson would like to express our sincere thanks for every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during this difficult season.

We truly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement.

We pray that God will bless and keep you in His loving care. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you is our prayer. We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9....

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

– The Thompson Family



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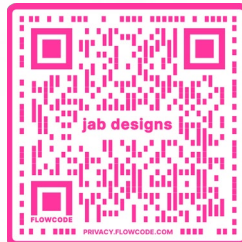
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Celebrating the Life of Catherine J. Thompson

"Kitty"

SUNRISE – November 13, 1939

SUNSET – June 23, 2024



Saturday, July 6, 2024 • 11:00 am

Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando

604 West Jackson Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Officiating – Derrick A. Williams, Pastor

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A Legacy™

A Heritage: Character Qualities, Memoirs...

Catherine J. Thompson

A MEMOIR OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

Catherine Joann Thompson, affectionately known as “Kitty,” was born in Tallahassee, Florida on November 13, 1939, to proud parents Reverend Willie and Henrietta Jones. As one of seven children in a busy household, Kitty quickly developed the nurturing spirit and helping hands that she was often acknowledged for later in life. Her parents’ unwavering commitment to their faith ignited Kitty’s own love for The Lord and inspired her to accept Christ at an early age. Moved by the numerous sacrifices of her father and the tireless efforts of her mother, she was determined to excel in the Leon County School System and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957. A lover of learning, Kitty decided to take her tenacity and talents to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a repository of Black excellence and agency.

It was during her two years on the highest of seven hills that Kitty was found by the love of her life, Charles Thompson, Sr. Charles’ quick wit and Kitty’s sweet nature proved to be a perfect match, and the young couple were married at her mother’s home on April 2, 1966. Though the sun’s rays brightly beamed through the parlor windows during the ceremony, it was no match for the light that shined in the bride and groom’s eyes. Shortly afterward, the two packed up their things and with God’s grace leading the way and His mercy trailing closely behind, moved to Orlando to begin their new life together.

After moving to “The City Beautiful,” Kitty joined the Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando under the leadership of the late Reverend J. W. Toomer in 1966. A dedicated servant, she prepared meals seasoned with love as a culinary team member, made a joyful noise as an alto with the gospel choir, and humbly attended to the needs of the congregation as a Deaconess. Whenever called upon to serve, Kitty answered with a willing heart. Her smiling face was often seen volunteering at church events, supporting ministerial initiatives, and participating in acts of community service.

In continuation of service, Kitty was initiated into the Alpha Phi Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated on December 3, 2011. During this time, she participated in various outreach activities that served the community at large. She developed a special bond of sisterhood with her sorors and counted them amongst her closest friends.

Kitty began her professional career with Orange County Public Schools. Her desire to help others led her to assist teachers and students at Carver Middle School. She later went on to work as an administrative secretary, faithfully supporting the mission and vision of the district until retiring after 30 years.

While Kitty’s commitment to her church and community was clear for all to see, her dedication to her family was truly a beautiful sight. Whether it was sharing a laugh with Charles; surprising Carla, her first born, with a new outfit; making Chuck, her “little” boy, his favorite dinner of fried chicken; showering her grandchildren with hugs and kisses; or just checking in on her brothers and sisters, Kitty was always there.

She is preceded in death by: **parents** – Reverend Willie and Henrietta Jones; **brothers** – Lee Henry Jones and Robert Jones; and **sister** – Velesia Jones.

She leaves behind to cherish memories of a life well-lived: her **husband** of 58 years – Charles E. Thompson, Sr.; **daughter** – Carla (Alex) Thompson; **son** – Charles E. (Pamela) Thompson II; **grandchildren** – Donovan, Kristyn, Justin, Jordan, Jady, Jalon, and Jaren; **brother** – Alonza Jones; **sisters** – Vera Mae Jones and Shirley DuPugh; **sisters-in-law** – Ann Jones and Gloria Jones; a host of other loving relatives and many life-long friends.



Order of Service

Officiating – Pastor Derrick A. Williams, Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando

Processional – “When the Gates Swing Open”Officers & The Family

Prayer of ComfortRev. Richard Pollard

Scriptures of ComfortMin. Marquise McMiller, I
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection – “God Is”Bro. Lynwood Carter, SBCO Music Ministry

Reflections (please limit your remarks to no more than 2 minutes)

As a Friend / Co-Worker – Shirley Richardson

As a Soror – Gloria Sapp-Watson

As a Deaconess – Sis. Tonya Askew

Acknowledgments and Resolutions Sis. Tonya Askew

Slide Presentation by the Family / Reading of the Obituary

Selection – “Goodness of God”Sis. Jessie Love-Belle

Words of ComfortPastor Derrick A. Williams

Recessional – “Let the Church Say Amen”Officers & The Family

“Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God
WILL live; their bodies will rise again! Those who
sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!”

– Isaiah 26:19^{NLT}



A Repast

Immediately following the interment, please join the family for a repast at The Youth Life Worship and Praise Center.

