A Final Charge to My Family

To My Beloved Family,



If I could leave you with just a few words, I would tell you: **love one another, stay together, and keep God at the center of your lives**. Life will bring days of sunshine and seasons when the road is difficult, but never allow the troubles of this world to make you forget who holds your hand.

I have walked this journey for eighty-eight years. I have known hard work and accomplishment, laughter and tears, beginnings and goodbyes. Through every chapter, the Lord has been my Shepherd. He provided when I needed Him, restored me when I grew weary, and led me when I could not see the way ahead.

So when you think of me, don't let your hearts remain heavy. Remember the cards I sent, the conversations we shared, the lessons learned, the laughter, and all the little ways we showed our love. Then take that love and **give it to somebody else**. Help someone who needs a hand. Encourage someone who feels forgotten. Make room in your heart for others. That is how you keep my legacy alive.

And please, **don't give up on yourselves**. Keep learning. Keep growing. Work hard and make something meaningful of the life God has given you. I learned that where you begin does not determine where God can take you. Walk through every door He opens with faith, humility, and courage.

Most of all, **keep your faith**. When the waters of life become deep, remember that you do not have to cross them alone.

One of the songs I loved said, **"He'll Welcome Me."** That is the hope I carried in my heart. And when you hear **"Jordan River,"** don't only think about my leaving—think about my crossing. I have simply gone ahead to the place I spent my life preparing to see.

I have finished my work. I have crossed my Jordan. And I trust that the same Shepherd who walked with me has welcomed me home.

Until we meet again, **love each other deeply, forgive quickly, serve willingly, pray faithfully, and keep walking with God**.

Do not worry about me.

The Shepherd has led me safely home.

With all my love,
Judy
Deaconess Jurine Brown Thomas

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Tyshun Jackson
Deacon Marvin Harvey
Deacon Jeffery King
Deacon Wilmont Farmer
Brother Albert Wiggins

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Family & Friends

Earthly Bed of Slumber

Southside Cemetery
3484 Capital Circle Southwest | Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Repast

Immediately following the Earthly Bed of Slumber, the Family invites you to join them for a Repast at Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The Family's Message of Gratitude

The family of ***Deaconess Jurine Brown Thomas*** extends our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for every prayer, comforting word, visit, call, expression of love, and act of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement.

Your presence and support have strengthened our hearts and reminded us of the many lives **"Judy"** touched throughout her journey of **faith, family, friendship, and service**.

As we honor her life and cherish her memory, we pray that God richly bless each of you for standing with our family and helping us salute a life well lived and a legacy that will forever remain in our hearts.

With Sincere Gratitude & Love,
The Family

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Service of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."
— Psalm 23:1

August 21, 1938 - September 20, 2026

Celebrating Her Life

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 11:00 Ante Meridiem

Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Elder Willie L. Manning
Gracious Host & Eulogist

J.P. Moore Mortuary, Directing

The Life and Legacy of *Deaconess Jurine "Judy" Brown Thomas*

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DEACONESS JURINE BROWN THOMAS, affectionately known as **"Judy,"** lived a beautiful life defined by faith, perseverance, service, and love. Born on **August 21, 1938, in Quincy, Florida**, to the late **Capus Brown** and **Emma Bradwell Brown**, she was raised with values that would guide her throughout her eighty-eight years: faith in God, devotion to family, hard work, and compassion for others.

As a young woman, **Judy** worked as a domestic worker. In **January 1963**, she relocated with her husband and children to **Newark, New Jersey**, determined to create greater opportunities for herself and her family.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul."

While balancing family responsibilities, **Judy** courageously pursued higher education. She earned a **Medical Secretary Diploma** and an **Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts** before continuing her studies at **Seton Hall University**, where she graduated **magna cum laude** with a **Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work**.

Judy used her education not simply to advance herself, but to uplift others. Through her career in social services, she helped families and those less fortunate obtain resources and assistance needed to improve their lives. She believed that **an open heart is often a hand up to greater opportunities**, and she lived that belief through a lifetime of service.

After retiring in **2001**, **Judy** returned home to Florida to be closer to family. Retirement never ended her desire to serve, as she remained active in social and civic organizations and continued offering encouragement and assistance wherever needed.

At the center of **Judy's** life was her faith in God. She faithfully served as a **Deaconess at Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida**. Among the Scriptures closest to her heart was the **23rd Psalm**, whose words reflected her trust in God through every season of life.

Judy also treasured life's simple pleasures. She enjoyed **trivia and game shows, word searches, and sending cards** to family and friends. Whether celebrating a birthday, offering encouragement, or simply letting someone know they were remembered, her thoughtful gestures were expressions of the caring spirit she carried throughout her life.

On **Sunday, September 20, 2026**, **Deaconess Jurine "Judy" Brown Thomas** completed her earthly journey and entered eternal rest. Her life was a testimony of what can be accomplished through determination, education, faith, and a heart committed to serving others.

Judy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, **James Thomas**; daughters, **Carolyn Parkman Harris** and **Elizabeth Smith**; grandson, **Terrence Jackson**; parents, **Capus Brown** and **Emma Bradwell Brown**; brother, **Benjamin Lee Brown**; and sisters, **Catherine Wilson**, **Bessie Mae Jones**, and **Willie Mae Beck**.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her daughter, **Emma Smith of Tallahassee, Florida**; son, **Calvin (Charlotte) Stephens of Quincy, Florida**; sisters, **Sara Beard of Sarasota, Florida**, and **Lois Elder-Mathews of Chattanooga, Tennessee**; grandchildren, **Khadija Hill-Green**, **Tyre' Jackson**, **Iesha Jackson**, and **Tyshun Jackson**; along with a host of other relatives, church family, friends, and countless lives touched by her kindness and compassionate spirit.

For eighty-eight years, **Judy** walked faithfully along life's journey. **She worked. She learned. She achieved. She served. She gave. She loved. And through it all, she trusted the Shepherd.**

Now, the Shepherd who guided her through every season has led her safely home:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
— Psalm 23:6



The Divine *Order of Service*

Prelude ..... Spring Hill M.B. Church Music Ministry

Processional ..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance
& Seating of the Family ..... The *J. P. Moore* Staff

Devotional Service ..... Deacon Wilmont Farmer
Deacon Marvin Harvey

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... Pastor Michael Williams
New Testament ..... Pastor Ronnie Johnson

Musical Selection ..... Spring Hill M.B. Church Music Ministry

FAMILY REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES
Two Minutes Each, Please
Family & Friends (Limited to Three Tributes, Please)

Acknowledgements & Resolution ..... Deaconess Janice Cauley

Sermonic Selection ..... Spring Hill M.B. Church Music Ministry

Words of Comfort ..... Elder Willie L. Manning

Mortician's Brief ..... Mr. Jamarien "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

She lived by faith,
served with compassion,
and loved with a gracious heart.