

## *Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning  
that God was going  
to call our name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone;  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories  
Your love is still our guide;  
and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

Honorary Pall Bearers  
Grandsons & Close Friends

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of the late Annie Will Jones wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended during the transition of our loved one! We are grateful to all of you who gave of your time during our loved one's illness. Our prayers are that God will continue to richly bless you.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Breast Cancer Association or Dementia Organization.

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## *Celebration of Life*

*For*

*Annie Will Jones*  
October 15, 1928 – October 1, 2021



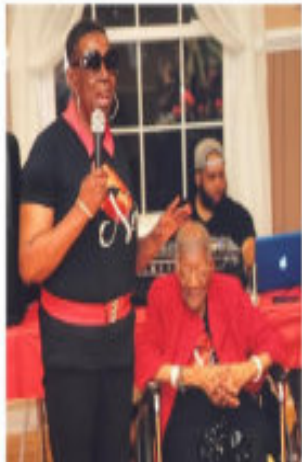
Service:  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 11:00 A.M.  
Philemon Missionary Baptist Church  
246 Shepard Avenue • Newark, New Jersey  
*Rev. Edward A. Allen, Officiating*





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Processional

Invocation  
Rev. Edward A. Allen, Sr.

Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection  
Rev. Anita Bethea

Acknowledgements/Obituary  
Hazel Alston

Resolution

Solo  
Tabitha Goodwin

Reflections (2 Mins.)  
Family & Friends

Solo  
Jerry Kinchen

Eulogy  
Rev. Edward A. Allen, Sr.

Recessional

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

*Repast will be at the Kenilworth Inn Hotel in Kenilworth, NJ*

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Annie Will Jones was born on October 15, 1928 to Cecil Griffin and Lola Mae Griffin in Brundidge, AL.

She attended the Pike County School System. She met and married Lorenzo Jones at an early age. To this union they were blessed with 18 children. Annetter, Macon, Marion, David, George, Roxie, Minnie, Bobby, Betty, Lorenzo Jr., Cheryl, Patricia, Gregory, Bernice, Keith, Ronnie, Ronda and Erika (which included two sets of twins, Macon & Marion & Ronnie & Ronda). They later relocated from Brundidge, AL to Newark, NJ.

To her children and grandchildren she was known as “Muh” and/or “Grampsie.” In the neighborhood she was known as Ms. Jones “the lady on the porch” who looked out for all the neighborhood children. She was very strict and impressed upon her children you are either going to college or into the military. She had 5 sons (Macon, David, George, Lorenzo Jr. & Ronnie) and 1 daughter (Cheryl) who served in the military. Three of those sons (Macon, David & George) served in Viet Nam at the same time. She also has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are currently serving in the military. She has 21 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She loved her children deeply and

was a “no nonsense mother.” She would let your “transgressions “build up” until she had had enough of our shenanigans. She had a “mean left hook” followed by “the look” which meant that was the “final” straw. Above all else we never wanted to make her cry. We would rather be hit than to make our mother cry. She had numerous sayings too many to mention that we still live by. These “sayings” were her life lesson in raising us. Above all else she would tell us “I’m never coming to school behind your nonsense or visiting you in jail because I didn’t put you there.” We were raised with morals and manners whereby these are the same lessons we use to raise our children. Another of her quotes was “if you don’t work you’ll steal.” You were either going to college or into the military.

Annie Will was predeceased by her father Cecil Griffin, mother Lola Mae Griffin, brother Melvin Griffin, sister Evelyn Frazier, sister Larcille Thornton, and brother Willie A. Griffin, 3 children Gregory, David and Annetter.

She leaves to cherish her memory Macon, Marion, George, Roxie, Minnie, Bobby, Betty, Lorenzo, Cheryl, Patricia, Bernice, Keith, Ronnie, Ronda and Erika as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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