

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We, the family of Jacquelyn Edwina Bridges, would like to acknowledge how extremely grateful we are to everyone for all the love, support and kindness that you all have extended toward us during this time of loss.



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MY STORY

Each of us has a story to tell about our life's journey, the life of our past, present, and now new birth. Hi, I am Jacquelyn Edwina Bridges, a daughter, mother, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother brought into this world on February 16, 1946. I was one of ten children born to Helen Juanita Williams (mother). I was later adopted by Edward and Anna C. Knight, my grandparents.

I want to welcome and thank all of you for coming to be a part of this celebration of my completed earthy life, which was finished on May 10, 2025, but begins the journey of the life that was preordained by God. Remember "Don't weep for me" because "to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD."

A Life Lived:

I was educated in the public school system in Jacksonville, Florida consisting of John E. Ford (Elementary/Middle School), New Stanton High School (diploma 1962), and progressively moved forward in attending Jacksonville University to complete a degree in Accounting/Business Finance in 1966. After her completion of college, Jackie pursued a career with Barnett Bank (aka Bank America) in a management position of the finance department until her retirement.

Walk of Faith:

I was baptized at an early age. Have you ever had something resonating deep down on the inside of you? Well, I did. There was a passion of praise that rang out from my soul that guided me in my walk of faith. As I lifted my voice in songs of praise unto the Lord and touching people's soul with the resounding melodies of praise allowed me to spread joy, bring comfort of peace and change in the lives of individuals. This feeling lead me first to St. Paul AME Church where I participated in the choir. Moving forward in my drive to know the Lord more I joined Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church (Dec 28, 1980). During my tenure here, I served in various positions including Church Clerk, Member of Deaconess Board, Supervisor Young Adult Choir and serving on the Voices and the Mass Choir as a lead vocalist. Desiring God even more, I pressed forward in 2009 to New Beginning Apostolic Faith Church of God, Inc. whereas a Mother in Zion, I also served in a position as a financial trustee. Additionally, in 2009 I joined the Gospel Praise Choir which consisted of a unified anointed body of women singing to the Glory of God. The times we spent together warmed my heart. Oh, watch out there is a key missing. Here I come! I'm sliding into ring in the perfect harmony. I trust that you put smiles on your faces as the songs we have sung did for me. Our devotions together kept me pressing upward. Love you all!

Marriage:

My marriage to Perry Bridges, Jr. produced two sons, Perry and Christopher Bridges. Listen, sons, laugh out loud! Even though I was rough around the edges I strived to give you all I could. That's why I do want you to know how much I really loved you and am grateful to God for having the blessings of you two in my life.

To bring some closure to this journey of life, I invite you to reminisce on my most precious hobby that was enjoyed by many who came in the presence or even drove by the home to see or smell the beautiful garden aroma of flowers that would bring peace and comfort to the soul.

Now to put a bow on this here thing "Count it all Joy" (James 1:2-3).

No weeping for me. Again, I share "For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). Smile, I have my shoes off singing and dancing!

Jacquelyn was preceded in death by first spouse: Perry Bridges, Jr.; birth mother: Helen Juanita Watson; adoptive parents: Edward and Anna C. Knight; five brothers: Harold, Gerald, Von, Godfrey (Guy) and Amos (Teddy) Williams and granddaughter: Jasmine Bridges-Hubbard.

She is survived by two sons: Perry Bridges, III (Edith) and Christopher (Chris) V. Bridges, Sr. (Jacqueline, significant partner); three brothers: Terrance (TC) Williams (Gwen), Virgil (DaDa) Fleming and Anthony (Tony) Williams (Karen); one sister: Debra Cheesebourgh; three grandchildren: Christopher (CJ) V. Bridges, Jr., Eric and Alexander Bridges; seven great-grandchildren: Khaliah Bridges, Jamari Hubbard, Jayceon Hubbar, Jamal Hubbar, Sarah Hall, Jazanna Lewis and Jaylon M. C. Bridges; three special friends: Hattie Trust, Sandra Brown and Phyllis Shipley; goddaughter: Erica Sibley and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Ivan L Grant, Jr., Presiding

Processional/Viewing

Hymn Sharon McLendon

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer Pastor Ethel Overstreet

Deacon Thomas Davenport

Missionary Patria Byrd

Solo Patricia Speights

Acknowledgments and Resolutions Jacqueline Timmons

Selections Gospel Praise Choir

Selections For The Soul

Words of Comfort Apostle Ivan L Grant, Sr.

