

THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.
So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.
So, when your eulogy is being read,
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent YOUR dash?

Pallbearers

Marcus Brown, Sr.
Vernon Forrest, Jr.
Napoleon Johnson
Rakim Smothers
Aaron Smothers
Anthony Mitchell
Jerome Baker
Kevin Baker

Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

Interment

St. Nicholas Cemetery
3811 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Acknowledgements

We sincerely thank each of you for your acts of kindness shown during our time of sorrow. We are deeply grateful for your heartfelt expressions of sympathy, your love, prayers, calls, and every gesture of support.

With a heartfelt thanks,
THE FAMILY

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CELEBRATION
OF LIFE
FOR

Louise
HOLMES
FORREST
Robinson

ALPHA | JULY 3, 1932 OMEGA | FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026 | 11:00AM
Royal Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
1320 W. 21st Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209

THE
LIFE
OF

Louise

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."-Timothy 4:7-8

Our mother, Louise Holmes Forrest Robinson, was born on July 3, 1932, to the late John Henry Holmes (Americus, GA) and Susie Wicker (Montezuma, GA) in Macon County Georgia. She received her early education at Ballard Hudson School (Macon, GA). She accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was a devoted member of Royal Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for over seventy-six years.

Louise had a BIG personality in a small package. She had positive impact on everyone she interacted with. She was strong-minded and very persistent, full of joy, knowledgeable about life and its challenges and always fun to be around. Louise loved to cook for everyone and on any occasion including church functions, reunions, family gatherings and always cooked from scratch. We will miss her holiday favorites like the dressing and mac & cheese.

Louise departed this life on February 19, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husbands: Howard Forrest, Sr. (1980) and Horace Robinson, Sr. (2014); children: Auburn and Howard Forrest, Jr.; grandchildren: Robert Brown, Audrey Smothers, Lamont Cheeseborough and Antoinette Brown; siblings and a host of relatives and loved friends.

Louise leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: daughters: Betty Forrest Bryant, Wanda Forrest Smothers (Fred), Voncille Forrest Johnson and Francine Forrest; sons: Varion Forrest and Vernon Forrest (Betty); 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She leaves behind many cherished friends who were like family to her and special friends, Dan Brown, Randy Richet and Ann Chance.



LOVELY
MEMOIRS
OF

Louise

ORDER OF Service

Bishop Joel Robinson, Presiding

Processional

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament
New Testament

Pulpit
Pulpit

Selection

Pastor Dwight Follins

Resolutions

Pastoral Appointed

Reflections - (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

As a Neighbor
As a Grandson
As a Friend

Mr. Dan Brown
Napoleon Johnson
Ann Chance

Selection

Pastor Dwight Follins

Words of Comfort

Pastor Jerome Robinson

Recessional

