

# I'm *Still* HERE

*Family, please don't mourn for me  
I'm still here, though you don't see.  
I'm right by your side each night and day  
and within your heart I long to stay.*

*My body is gone but I'm always near.  
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.  
My spirit is free, but I'll never depart  
as long as you keep me alive in your heart.*

*I'll never wander out of your sight-  
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.  
I'll never be beyond your reach-  
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.*

*I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around  
and the pure white snow that blankets the ground.  
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,  
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.*

*I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,  
The first warm raindrop that April will bring.  
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,  
and you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.  
When you start thinking there's no one to love you,  
you can talk to me through the Lord above you.  
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees,  
and you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.*

*I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep  
and the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.*

*I'm the smile you see on a baby's face.  
Just look for me, family, I'm everywhere!  
I'm Still Here*

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Kovacherich Arnold  
Frederick Hatchett  
Ulysses Bruton

Jovan Thompson  
Willis A. Bruton  
Willie J. Arnold

Morshee Jones

## ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

## THE EARTHLY BED OF SLUMBER

Hymn | Committal | Mortician's Brief | Final Presentations  
New Zion Church Cemetery \* Greenville, Florida

## REPAST

Sanctuary of Praise  
13918 West US 90 \* Greenville, FL 32331

## THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

*Friends are those who never seem too busy to lend an ear, do a thoughtful deed or speak the words of caring that you need. In time of need, special friends are always there in mind, spirit, and most of all, close in heart. We, the family of*

*Sister Susie Mae Bruton Blackshear*  
*thank God for family and friends like you. Your prayers, memorial gifts, flowers, telephone calls, services rendered, and words of comfort will be cherished by us always. May God bless you and yours abundantly.*  
*The Bruton-Blackshear Family*

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



The  
CELEBRATION  
of HOMECOMING  
for

SISTER  
*Susie Mae*  
BRUTON BLACKSHEAR

EARTHLY ENTRANCE  
January 26, 1950

HEAVENLY DEPARTURE  
December 7, 2023

## THE CELEBRATORY HOUR OF HOMAGE

Saturday, the Sixteenth Day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Three  
The Eleventh Hour of the Morning

NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1943 SW Grand Street | Greenville, Florida 32331

Reverend Keith R. Cloud, Officiant  
Reverend Ernest J. Bruton, Eulogist  
Pastor, New Canaan M.B. Church \* Greenville, FL  
J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing



MRS. SUSIE MAE BRUTON BLACKSHEAR  
“PAT” | “SUSIE Q”  
January 26, 1950 – December 7, 2023

“I fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith.”  
~ 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

**MRS.** *Susie Mae Bruton Blackshear* was born to loving parents, Willis Bruton and Hattie Mae Mills Bruton, on January 26, 1950, in Madison County, Florida. She was affectionately known as “Pat” and “Susie Q” by family and friends. She was a lifelong resident of the Greenville, Florida community.

Preceding *Susie* in death were both parents; husband: Tommy Lee Blackshear; and sisters: Dorothy James, Constance Thompson, and Geneitha Bruton.

As an older sibling who grew up with her five sisters and five brothers, *Susie* learned to be responsible. However, it was also a tradition during her early years, that parents (hers were no exception) relied on their village of strong supporters – extended family members, neighbors, teachers, and church members - who were united in helping them to shape their children’s lives in a more excellent way. These adults all instilled within the children the importance of having Christ at the center of their lives. Therefore, it was *Susie’s* desire to be obedient; she accepted Christ as her Redeemer and Resurrected Savior and was baptized by faith. She became a member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville and remained a faithful member there until health challenges prevented her from physically being able to attend.

The village also supported *Susie’s* parents by conveying the importance of having an education. *Susie*, a student in the Madison County Public School System, was a 1968 graduate of Greenville Training School. When she became a parent, she shared the same expectations with her children as well as with others.

*Pat* was a dedicated worker and a good provider for her family. She was employed for many years at Pine Lake (currently Cross Winds) Nursing Home. She had a loving heart and treated people with Christlike compassion. She always welcomed others into her home. Throughout the years, hers was the “go to” house for her children’s friends and others in the neighborhood.

*Susie* was family oriented; she loved their spending quality time together but had a grandmother’s special love for her grandchildren. She was fun loving and the life of the party – their own *Susie Q* who was known to lovingly “call it as it was”. On the other hand, she also enjoyed spending her leisure watching television and interacting with game shows, especially Family Feud.

On Thursday, December 7, 2023, the Lord concluded her life journey and called *Susie Mae Bruton Blackshear* from labor to reward. She was then ushered into the presence of the Almighty to begin her eternal celebration with Him.

*Susie Mae Bruton Blackshear* left a rich legacy of her blessed life and love in her footprints of time. Loved ones who will forever hold these everlasting memories close to their hearts are her daughter: Raquel Blackshear of Ruskin, FL; son: Tommy Lee (Teresa) Blackshear, Jr. of Madison, FL; nephews, raised as sons: Dedrick Burton of Atlanta, GA and Jaquese Demps of Monticello, FL; brothers: Willis Bruton, Jr., Rev. Ernest (Barbara) Bruton, Alvin (Exzandra) Bruton, all of Greenville, FL, Calvin (Lashonda) Bruton of Perry, FL; and Gregory (Rasheda) Bruton of Lake Park, GA; sisters: Verna Jones of Greenville, FL and Wanda Craddock of Tampa, FL; grandchildren: Tyler Williams-Ruskin, Jarkievous (Telvasha) Blackshear, and Kiearia Livingston; great-grandchildren: Ariyah Fray-Ruskin, Carmeon Fray-Ruskin, Kyson Blackshear, and Teyah Morris; uncle: William D. Mills; and sisters-in-law: Shirley Mobley, Carolyn (Henry) Livingston, Carrie (Onazina) Washington, and Frednell Blackshear, along with countless other sorrowing relatives, and loving friends.



THE DIVINE  
ORDER of SERVICE

- Prelude.....The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale & Band
- Processional..... Pastor, Clergy, Officers, Mortician & Family
- The Parting Glance  
& Seating of the Family ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff
- Sealing of the Bier  
“Let the Church Say Amen”
- The Prayer of Consolation..... Reverend Keith R. Cloud
- Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament.....Minister Catherine Thomas  
New Testament..... Evangelist Inez Williams
- Selection .....*J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale
- Reflections & Tributes:  
Family & Friends (3) ..... Two Minutes Each, Please
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff
- Selection ..... *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale
- Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Ernest J. Bruton
- Mortician’s Brief.....Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD
- Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

