



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**SENATOR BEN ALBRITTON**  
*President*

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Ben Albritton  
**SUBJECT:** Senator Geraldine F. "Geri" Thompson  
**DATE:** February 13, 2025

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Tonight we learned that the Lord has called home our dear colleague Senator Thompson, following complications from a recent surgery. We all know Senator Thompson was a force to be reckoned with and that she was fighting so hard to recuperate and join us in Tallahassee.

Senator Thompson's passing is a profound loss for the Senate. Her watchful eye, cheerful smile, and thoughtful, well-researched, and spirited debate will be greatly missed. Senator Thompson was a wealth of knowledge on many subjects, but I truly appreciated her passion for education. In addition to the remarkable legacy she leaves behind through her family, Senator Thompson also leaves behind her passion project, the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture, which continues to serve as a wonderful tribute to the contributions of African Americans to the Orlando-area, our state, and our nation.

Senator Thompson had a long history of legislative service. She served with many of us in the Florida House from 2006-2012 and from 2018-2022. She served in the Senate from 2012-2016, before returning to in 2022. It's truly hard to believe she won't be with us when we gavel in for the Regular Session in two weeks.

I know the prayers of the entire Senate family are with Judge Thompson as well as their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as they mourn this tragic and unexpected loss. Senator Thompson was a woman of great faith. While we mourn the loss of our colleague Senator Thompson, I am also rejoicing for my friend, Geri, who I know this very night is resting at peace in the loving arms of her Savior.

We will certainly share details when funeral arrangements are made. Additionally, the Senate will hold a memorial service for Senator Thompson during Session. I think it's important that we have the opportunity to celebrate her life and service and grieve this loss together as a Senate family.