

A Celebration of Life

Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr.

(Buddin)



Sunrise

July 27, 1953

Sunset

August 29, 2019

September 7, 2019

11:00 A.M.

**Saint Luke Baptist Church
Reverend Aaron Cummings, Pastor
Reverend Alexis Aiken, Emeritus**

Life Reflections of a Lifted Anchor

Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. (Puddin) was born on July 27th, 1953 to the parents of Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Sr. and Mrs. OlaeMae Hicks Boatwright in Union Springs, Alabama.

As a life-long resident of Savannah, Georgia, he attended and was educated in the Chatham County Public Schools. He received Christ at an early age and was baptized and Saint Paul CME Methodist Church, under the late Reverend Henry Delaney. Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. Retired from the United States Army as a Private First Class (PFC/ E-3), receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1981. Mr. Hicks also had an extensive background in Aviation Training at the Aviation Flight Center, in Birmingham, Alabama. After Honorably Discharging from the United States Armed Forces, Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. decided to embark his career field on the Savannah waterfront as a Longshoreman, PROUDLY working at the International Longshoreman's Association, Local 1414, for over 50 years. Anyone that knew Mr. Hicks, Puddin as they called him, knew he loved operating the jockey trucks on the Ports from sun up to sun down, and every morning GOD Blessed him to see another day, he would always call his mother.

On February 14th, 2016, Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. married Dione Danette Washington-Hicks, his devoted and loving wife. Puddin, known to many residents in the Savannah community, was a very helpful and caring person to all those whom ever came in contact with him.

He truly loved people and loved showing happiness to everyone he encountered, that's just who he was. Moreover, as Mr. Hicks drew closer to GOD, he had a favorite BIBLE verse he would always say every morning:

**"I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS,
MY GOD IN HIM WILL I TRUST"**

Psalms (chapter 91, verse 2;

Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. (Puddin) was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Sr., one son, Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, III (Sugarman), and one brother, Jimmie Lee (Catherine) Clark.

Leaving To Cherish His Memories

Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. (Puddin) leaves to cherish his forever memories with his loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Dione Washington Hicks, all his loving children, Cedric Tyrone Hicks (Brucie), Shanara (Anthony) Hicks Brown (Missy), Desmond Akeem Washington, Diondria (Justin) Lewis, Mardina Fowles, and Alexis Fowles.

His one and only caring and devoted mother: Mrs. OlaMae Hicks Boatwright,
one sister: Juanita Hunt,

6 brothers: Tommy Edward Hicks, Alfred Lee Hicks, Richard (Joseline) Hicks, Patrick Lee (Kim) Hicks, Kenneth Bruce (Tikia) Hicks, and Eric Bernard (Nedra) Hicks;

two step-sisters: Kathy (Henry) Martin Andrews, and Stephanie (Brett) Martin;

three step-brothers: David (Marilyn) Martin, Kevin (India) Hicks, Ronald (Lisa) Martin;

mother-in law: Ms. Pearl W. Jackson;

sister-in-laws: Diane Denise Washington, Delores Ann Washington, Christina (Keith) Williams, and Karen (Marvin) Washington Daniels;

one brother-in-law: Jelani C. Jackson;

two aunts: AdaMae (Leon) Peak and Minney Hicks;

two aunt-in-laws: Prophetess Rosie Washington-Shellman, and Paula Brisbane;

18 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren,
a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Order Of Service

Presiding Prophetess
Rosie Washington-Shellman
Ebenezer Baptist Church, St. Helena Island, South Carolina, 29920

Processional and Viewing
Invocation

Pastor Morris Glover
Greater New Jerusalem
2599 West Bat Street,
Savannah, GA 31415

Old Testament

Reverend Barbara Simmons
Central Missionary Baptist Church
738 Hitch Drive (Old Fort/ Historic District)
Savannah, GA 31401

New Testament

Elder James Wilson
Greater Within Outreach Ministries
220 Wade Center Road, Ellabell, Georgia

Solo

Ms. Jaimie Wilson

Reflections (3 Minutes)

President I.L.A. Local 1414
As A CO-Worker
As A Family Member
As A Friend

Mr. Timothy Mackey
Mr. Larry Coleman
Mr. Eddie Hicks
(open to audience, family, friends)

Solo

Mr. Phillip Bell

Obituary Read & Acknowledgments

Ms. Germany Frazier

Solo

Ms. Jaimie Wilson

Eulogy

Minister Donald Lowe; God's Temple of Praise,
1907 Burroughs Street,
Savannah, Georgia 31415

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Minister Donald Lowe

Recessional

Prophetess Rosie Washington-Shellman

To My Loving Husband In Heaven

I thought of you with love today

But that is nothing new,

I thought about you yesterday

And days before that too,

I think of you in silence

I often speak your name (puddin),

All I have our memories

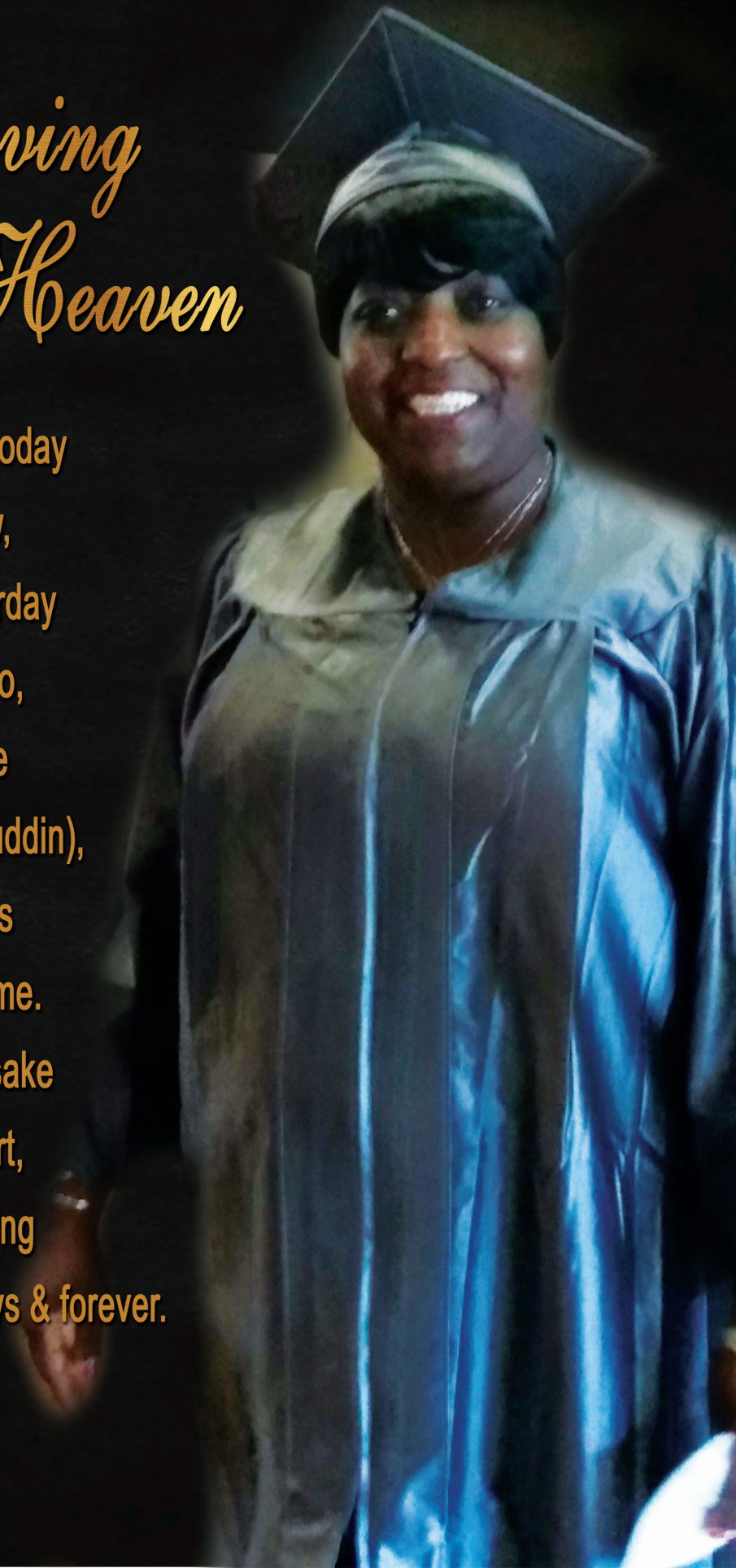
And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake

With which I'll never part,

god has you in his keeping

And I have you in my heart, always & forever.





Poem From Mama

In Loving Memory of my Son
Of all the special gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as my Son
Was the Greatest Gift of All!!

A Special time, a special face
A Special Son I can't Replace
With my aching heart, I whisper low
I miss you son, and will always Love You
So!!

Poem From All Your Siblings Step and In-laws

If roses grow in heaven lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our brother's arms
And tell him there from us.
Tell him that we love and miss him
And when he turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon his cheek
And hold him for a while.
Because remembering him is easy
we do it everyday
But there 's an ache within our hearts
That will never go away.



From Our Family To Yours, One Day At a Time

You can Trust JESUS today
For the Hope and Strength you need.
You don't have to worry about tomorrow,
Since fretting over tomorrow
Adds nothing to today
And The Lord already knows what you need. (Luke 12:38)

Then live one day at a Time
With your eyes on JESUS
With your FAITH in his PROMISES
and with your Heart determined to believe:
All things work together for the GOOD of his MERCY & GRACE
The LORD will FULFILL his PURPOSE for me. (Psalms 138:8)

You Can Do It, you can overcome the conditions that face you,
When you have JESUS in your HEART, and when you use
HIS STRENGTH NOT YOURS, to do your BEST TODAY!!!

Active Pall Bearers

I.L.A. LOCAL 1414 MEMBERS

The Honorary Pall Bearers

Alfred Lee Hicks, Richard Hicks, Patrick Lee Hicks, Kenneth Bruce Hicks,
Eric Bernard Hicks, David Martin, Kevin Hicks, and Ronald Martin

The Floral Attendants

I.L.A. LOCAL 1414, Family and Friends, Audience

Final Resting Place

Bonaventure Cemetery (Greenwich Cemetery),
330 Bonaventure Road,
Thunderbolt, Georgia 31404

Repast and Fellowship

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
418 W. Anderson Street,
Savannah, Georgia 31404

Acknowledgements

We the family of the late Mr. Willie Lee Hicks, Jr. (Puddin) would like to express our sincere thanks of gratitude, and we gratefully appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to each and every one of us during such a difficult time in our lives.

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The Family



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