



Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks

November 10, 1928 - July 1, 2020

HICKS, Mrs. Barbara M. - Age 91, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, July 17, 2020 at Southeast Christian Church, 4171 Lapeer Rd., Burton with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mrs. Hicks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday. Herein begins the recorded legacy of Mrs. Barbara Mae Hicks

Barbara made her debut into life Saturday afternoon around 3:00 P.M. November 10th 1928 in Union, Mississippi. She was the youngest and only girl born to the marriage of Bertha (Baker) and Alexander Bolden. She enjoyed many happy days in her young childhood growing up amongst her grandparents, Madison and Emma and her Aunt Susie and Uncle Lenzy. However, the family opted to move north to Flint, Michigan in aspiration of greater opportunity. As a girl growing up in Flint, Barbara attended Parkland Elementary School, Emerson Junior High and graduated early from Flint Northern High School.

Hard-working, Loving, Sacrificing...

After graduation, young Barbara entered Hurley Hospital Training School for Nurses what is now known as the Hurley School of Nursing. Upon completion, she began her career at St. Joseph Hospital (in the late 1940's) making her among Flint's first African-American nurses. In totality, Barbara completed

almost 50 years as a nursing care professional having worked as a Pediatric nurse and finally a Cardiac Care nurse before retiring from the 5 south medical unit of McLaren Regional Medical Center, where she completed 41+ years of service in 1989. Though her employment history was expansive, Barbara's life was not all filled with work. In 1957 she married Walter Hicks and to their union were born four children: Ingrid Diann, Kimberly Dawn, Walter Lyle and Jill Deneen. With the onset of motherhood and growing responsibilities, Barbara switched from working "days" to third shift, so that she could be home and care for her family.

Unique, Celebratory, Creative...

Barbara greatly enjoyed family life and was called and endeared as "Mother" by many, she would often "lend an ear," give an encouraging word or provide instruction to those around her. Mrs. Hicks loved gardening and flowers and even last summer could be found working in her yard. She had a knack for entertaining and enjoyed hosting guests for any occasion she could find to celebrate. An exceptional cook and an even better baker, she took great care and joy in making; rolls, cobblers, cakes, pies, cookies, candy, eggnog and ice cream to share with family and friends. She was often tuned into the Food Network to see what she could come up with next!

Her creativity and style were equally reflected in her love of millinery and it was a rare event to see her outside of her home without wearing one of her many hats. A lover of history, she often engaged in studying and learning about historical events and took pleasure in recanting oral history to her family of the many things she had witnessed throughout her lifetime; events such as: The Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights era and the very first time she voted.

Organized, Diligent, Leader...

It was on March 8, 1946 that the young Barbara was stopped on her way home from school by the late Mother Eliza Day. There in the living room Barbara completed her spiritual birth being filled with the Holy Ghost and devoted the next 74 years committed to her faith and growing in her

knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ. Sis. Hicks lived out her convictions of holiness, godliness and sanctified living. Within her church community, she was a member of the Southeast Christian Church Choir, served as Chairlady of the Baptismal Committee and was an active member of the Missionary Department through which she delighted in sponsoring dinners for bereaved families, assisted with and sponsored special projects and served in the church kitchen when called upon.

Unassuming, Encouraging, Prepared...

Mother Hicks remained active and astute until her very last days; still pleasantly chatting with friends on the phone, sowing an encouraging word where she could, sending gifts & remembrances, making lists of things to do and graciously instructing her children for the days ahead. On Wednesday, July 1st at approximately 1:00 pm she slept peacefully away into the presence of the Lord. During her last hours and final days, she testified of God's goodness and His faithfulness toward her.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

~Psalms 23:6

Mother Hicks leaves to cherish her memory; 4 children; Dr. Ingrid D. Hicks (Mr. Thomas E. Brooks) of Milwaukee, WI, Evangelist Kimberly Dawn Hicks, Bro. Walter Lyle (Retinea) Hicks, all of Flint and Jill D. (Elder Roderick) Wynn of Pontiac, MI; 4 grandchildren, Jala Juan Clemons, Joshua Jalen Hicks, both of Flint, Ryan Taylor and Sydney Alexandria Wynn both of Pontiac, MI; 3 nieces; Muriel (LaMount) Muhammad of Chester, PA, Barbara Roland of Stone Mountain, GA, Karen Purches of Flint, 2 nephews; Huston Bolden Jr. of Flint and Dennis (Joyce) Bolden of Atlanta, GA. A host of great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews, cousin Ava Jo Morrow, special friends; Sis. Doris James, Sis. Rheba Bowers, a friend of 81 years and life-long friend of more than 85 years, Sis. Deloris White. A host of other relatives and friends including the Southeast Christian, Bethlehem Temple and

Pentecostal Temple Church Families.

Mother Hicks was preceded in death by her parents; Alex Bolden, Bertha (Willie) Billingsley and two brothers; Dennis and Huston Bolden Sr., nephew, Mr. Johnny Wright, father of her children; Deacon Walter Hicks Sr. and life-long friend Missionary Florence Moore.

The family would also like to express special thanks to: Pastor Kenneth Sr. (Juliet) Brown, Pastor Will (Debra) Morgan, great-niece Kim Carpenter and the Bel-Air Woods community, where she was a resident for 51 years.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **16**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Southeast Christian Church
4171 Lapeer Rd.
Burton, MI 48509

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *"A rose for Mom and one for me! On the porch, where we used to be!"* 🌹💕💕💕

*Your Loving Daughter,
Kimberly Dawn*



Kimberly Dawn Hicks - July 22, 2020 at 04:10 AM



“ *Mother Hicks will be sorely missed! She was a Godly, sincere and loving Woman. I thank God for putting her in my life. I am praying for the family, especially my dear friend Evangelistic Kimberly Hicks. Kimberly you have been a blessing to me and all those that know you, Mother Hicks was extremely proud of you and will continue to be with you in spirit. Much love to you my Sister call me if you need me.*



Debra Jennings - July 16, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 16, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks.



July 15, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *To my dear friends, may the Lord comfort and keep you during this time that we all must face. He will take away the sting that you feel at this time and replace it with the love and memories you have garnered over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Sis Darlina M. Windom

Darlina Mae Windom - July 15, 2020 at 12:55 AM

EH

“ *My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Hicks' loving daughters Kimberly and Ingrid. I know you both loved her and are missing her. Just be assured you both are in my prayers.*

*Respectfully,
Edward Hannum
Troy, MI*

Edward J Hannum - July 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ *Kasarus And Anitra Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



Kasarus and Anitra Brown - July 13, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks.*



July 13, 2020 at 05:10 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



Barbara Morris Wright - July 13, 2020 at 11:37 AM

TO

“ *ToniGrady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



ToniGrady - July 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

SW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Hicks family. Rest in heavenly love, Mrs Hicks.*



Stephanie White - July 13, 2020 at 05:21 AM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



Betty Tipper - July 11, 2020 at 06:28 AM

SS

“ *Sending my Condolences to the Hicks family. From Micheal & Stella Brown.*

Stella Stephen - July 07, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ Zackery White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks



Zackery White - July 07, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ My Aunt Barbara I will always love and miss her and I'm so glad that she came into my life and the wonderful memories so RIH Aunt Barbara. Zack white



Zackery White - July 07, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ We shared a virtual lunch mothers day week and it's a memory I will always treasure



Linda Lewis - July 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Cleo White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks



Cleo White - July 06, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Vivian Green-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



Vivian Green-Moore - July 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Mother . . .*

Debra Morgan - July 05, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ *Vivian Green-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara M. Hicks*



Vivian Green-Moore - July 04, 2020 at 07:55 PM