



Mr. Joshua Hicks

July 26, 1935 - August 30, 2022

HICKS, Mr. Joshua - Age 87, passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Samuel Berry III Host Pastor, Pastor Alfred Harris Jr, officiating. Interment, Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. 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 Friday with family present 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to receive friends. The seventh of ten children, Joshua Hicks was born July 26, 1935, in Maplesville, AL to the late Rev. Joseph and Mary Hicks. He was educated in the Chilton County schools and accepted Christ at an early age. His love for singing was developed early as a child. By the age of ten, he was singing in the Holly Grove Baptist church choir and a local quartet group. After several of his siblings migrated north to Michigan, he soon followed suit and moved to Detroit in 1953. He worked miscellaneous jobs in the Detroit area until being hired into General Motors in 1954 at the Fisher Body plant in Flint. Throughout his tenure there, he worked in the Paint Department, Body Shop and General Assembly as a truck driver. He continued his employment there until in retired in 1985. Once he settled in Flint, he joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1954 under the leadership of the late Rev. Ira Watkins and remained a faithful member there until his passing. He started singing in the Macedonia Young

Adult Choir. Shortly after, he joined the Highlight Community Gospel Chorus, which was organized by the late Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Smith and was made up of members from various churches throughout the city. As many of the members belonged to Macedonia, the group was allowed to sing on 1st Sundays as a non-auxiliary. Joshua served as the Business Manager for the choir for several years and was instrumental in the Highlights attending their first Gospel Music Workshop of America in Los Angeles, CA in 1967 and then again in 1982. Down through the years he went on to sing with the Community Travelers and Male Chorus.

Joshua became well known in the Flint and the surrounding area for his powerful singing voice. In 1957, fellow singers that he had become acquainted with invited him to join a local quartet group known as the Southern Trumpets. Once they disbanded, he joined with the Gospel Southernaires where he served as their Business Manager as well. He was able to record several CDs while participating in both quartets. In 2013, he recorded the hit song, "Heaven" with Bishop Neal Roberson and the Macedonia Mass Choir where he was featured on lead vocals. The song made the Billboard Gospel charts and can currently be found on iTunes. Everyone who knew him, knew his love for quartet singing. Some of his favorite tunes from groups like the Canton Spirituals and Lee Williams were always heard booming from his radio. When iPods came out, he asked his son to load up one with nothing but gospel and quartet music so he could play on demand.

In 1958, Joshua married the love of his life, Annie Frances DeShong. The two were inseparable. To this union were born four children, Joshua, Jr., Barrion, ReLesia, and Monica. Joshua loved family, cars (both new and classic), dressing from head to toe and eating good food. He was a phenomenal spades player and the giver of solicited and unsolicited advice. He was known for his zingy one liners and sense of humor. Some of our favorites and most often quoted are, "You ready even if you don't get a chance to go", "It's only a poor rat that has one hole", "You look like a Cadillac with no hub caps", "A horse that runs fast, can't run long", "Any man that won't work, will steal" and

“You need that like Kojak needs afro sheen” (usually said when we were eating something we shouldn’t be. LOL.). He had a generous spirit and over the years he mentored up and coming vocalists, musicians, and preachers. He will most certainly be missed by all whose lives he touched.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted and loving wife of 64 years, Annie Frances Hicks; one son, Barrion Andree (Gwen) Hicks, three daughters, ReLesia (Darryl) Gray, Monica (Clayton) Jackson, and Lois (Freddie) Chapman; six grandchildren Dr. Eboni Gray, Devin Gray, Cameron Gray, Shawntae Chapman, Shevontae (Johnisha) Chapman and Aleah Hicks; four great-grandchildren, Shawna Cannon, Savanna, Mia and Pete Chapman; two sisters, Odessa Martin and Ruth Malone; a host of nieces and nephews including special niece Claudia Milton and nephew Henry Hicks.

Joshua was preceded in death by his son, Joshua Jr., parents Rev. Joseph and Mary Hicks, brothers, Joe Curtis, Samuel, Ollis, and Harold Hicks; sisters, Lillie Mae White, Zenobia Sanders, and Savannah Harper.

Special thanks to Dr. Sattar Syed, Dr. Majed Nounou, Dr. Joseph Varghese, McLaren Hospice, Drs. Sayed Osama and Senthil Ramaiyah of the Kidney and Hypertension Consultants Group; Montoya Smith of Advisacare and aide Kyia Wakes.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **9**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
G-5443 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joshua Hicks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - September 30, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ *Sonia D Breed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Sonia D Breed - September 14, 2022 at 04:54 AM



“ *Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



frances palmer - September 12, 2022 at 08:17 PM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Kim E. Carpenter - September 11, 2022 at 11:52 PM

CM

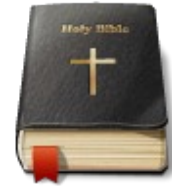
“ *Carolyn McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Carolyn McClendon - September 10, 2022 at 05:04 PM

KS

“ *KayDot Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



KayDot Stewart - September 10, 2022 at 11:48 AM

KS

“ *KayDot Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



KayDot Stewart - September 10, 2022 at 11:47 AM

TT

“ Rest In Peace Hicks! You will be missed 🙏
💙🙏



Tiffany Taylor-Jones - September 10, 2022 at 09:19 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joshua Hicks



Jean Durrett - September 10, 2022 at 03:11 AM

MS

“ Our sincere condolences to Francis, Monica,
Clayton, the Hicks family and
friends. Keeping you in our prayers. God
Bless.

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence
April Harris
Katina Woods &Monty Jr.*

Marietta GA.



Mae Vern Spence - September 09, 2022 at 11:51 PM

RW

“ *RWest lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



RWest - September 09, 2022 at 06:18 PM

MH

“ *I'm going to dearly miss, hearing Mr. Hicks, sing. Rest well, Uncle Josh* ❤️

Mary Herring - September 09, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.*



September 09, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie Mayberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Jeannie Mayberry - September 09, 2022 at 02:49 PM

SD

“ *Stanley Dulaney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Stanley Dulaney - September 09, 2022 at 02:12 PM

RD

“ *Ramark Darden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Ramark Darden - September 08, 2022 at 07:10 PM

SJ

“ *Our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Hicks, Monica, Clayton and the entire Hicks family. From: Mr. & Mrs. Rogers Norton Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Roger Norton Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde & Sheila Jenkins.*



Sheila Jenkins - September 08, 2022 at 04:18 PM

EM

“ *To all the family you are in thoughts and prayers. Love 💕 you all. Liz in Brunswick Ga*

Elizabeth Martin - September 08, 2022 at 02:03 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Elizabeth Martin - September 08, 2022 at 01:55 PM

LA

“ Lynn Anderson and family



Lynn Anderson - September 08, 2022 at 12:12 PM

RB

“ Praying for peace and comfort for the family of Josh Hicks.



Rosezina Bard - September 08, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.



September 08, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.*



September 07, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *We The Harmonic Ambassadors will miss you Mr. Hicks.
Mrs. Francis and to the family, we love you all and we're praying that Holy Spirit will comfort your hearts as only he can 🙏❤️*



Renee Jones - September 07, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *To Mrs. Francis and the Hicks and Malone Families. Mr. Hicks was like a Uncle to most of us. Always there to lend a listening ear. He and Mrs. Hicks were great role models to me. He was very close to my husband Bob Jones and he sang with my Father Hank Thompson for many years. My prayers to the family. One thing I do know is Mr. Hicks is not lost. For we know exactly where to find him. The song he sang, I'll be coming Soon....his soon finally came.
Rest in love Mr. Hicks. Tell my honey I'll see him when I get there💔
😔🙏*



Renee Jones - September 07, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to the family Mr Hicks.. Prayer that his memories will sustain your healing heart..



Joyce bah - September 07, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Jacqueline Scott - September 07, 2022 at 12:10 PM

HG

“ Josh always pushed me to be a better singer. He would say, "Stop skating on those notes. Just hit it!" It was always about the song for Josh. Never about him. Hank and I are so grateful for him and Frances. God has welcomed Josh home. May Frances be comforted knowing she took good care of her husband.

Henry C. and Gwendolyn Gaines - September 07, 2022 at 10:36 AM

TB

“ Tracie Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Tracie Brady - September 07, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.*



September 07, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *Edna Elam A Highlight Member lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Edna Elam a highlight member - September 06, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences in the passing of Brother Hicks. Pastor Lewis Randolph*

Randolph - September 06, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Dixie Smith - September 06, 2022 at 09:17 PM

VE

“ *Veronica.Nickens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Veronica.Nickens - September 06, 2022 at 05:28 PM

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Hicks Family. May God give you strength during this trying time. Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning. Many prayers.*

Nenja and Teresa Frelix

Teresa Frelix - September 06, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *I was Monica's roommate all through college and I know she loved her daddy. We used to use his phrases all the time when people really needed to understand. My love to the family.*

Erica Thompson - September 06, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DQ

“ *Deacon Bill R. Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Deacon Bill R. Quarles - September 06, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Wanda Baker - September 05, 2022 at 11:10 PM

KF

“ *Keith Taylor & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Keith Taylor & Family - September 05, 2022 at 06:45 PM

FM

“ *Fred Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Fred Marshall - September 05, 2022 at 04:31 PM

RW

“ *Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Rudy and Geneva Ward - September 05, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Mychelle BlackDiamond - September 05, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beatrice Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Beatrice Taylor - September 05, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *Meriann Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Meriann Taylor - September 05, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Iris Hare - September 04, 2022 at 06:26 PM

LM

“ Praying for the family and friend of Mr. Josh Hicks. I remember him i was a little girl when i met him. Him and my dad was friends. Whenever I would run into him i would always ask him to sing for me. Rest in Heaven Josh 🙏🙏🙏

lynette Mitchell (Becky McGee) - September 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM

MA

“ My condolences to the families of mr Joshua hicks.may the lord bless & keep you all.

Mary - September 04, 2022 at 09:32 AM

FP

“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



frances palmer - September 03, 2022 at 10:57 AM

FP

“ Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



frances palmer - September 03, 2022 at 10:57 AM

MP

“ *I let a candle in memory of Mr. Hicks*



Min Alan Patten - September 03, 2022 at 10:27 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Wanda Harrison - September 03, 2022 at 09:56 AM

EC

“ *Edythe A Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Edythe A Copeland - September 03, 2022 at 02:55 AM

DA

“ *Deia Aubrey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Deia Aubrey - September 03, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.*



September 03, 2022 at 12:12 AM



“ *James, Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



James, Ondria Gillespie - September 02, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *Phyllis Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Phyllis Harvey - September 02, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks.*



September 02, 2022 at 05:12 PM

DC

“ Dwight And Yvette Tucker Collins lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Dwight and Yvette Tucker Collins - September 02, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joshua Hicks



Cherry L. Brown - September 02, 2022 at 01:01 PM

TS

“ Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Joshua Hicks



Trina Renee Stewart - September 02, 2022 at 12:59 PM

RA

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Earth
has no sorrows that heaven can not heal.



Lelia & ReGina Adams



ReGina Adams - September 02, 2022 at 10:33 AM

AC

“ *Antionette Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Antionette Cook - September 02, 2022 at 09:46 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Eddie and Linda Booth - September 02, 2022 at 08:27 AM

DB

“ *David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



David & Dana Bush - September 02, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Marjorie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Marjorie Chapman - September 01, 2022 at 11:21 PM

EE

“ *Edna Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Edna Elam - September 01, 2022 at 11:18 PM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Yvonne Tucker - September 01, 2022 at 10:32 PM

AH

“ *Praying for the family! Mr. Hicks will truly be missed!*

Anthony and Carol Hill - September 01, 2022 at 10:27 PM

J(

“ *James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - September 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DC

“ *Dayna Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Dayna Clemons - September 01, 2022 at 07:22 PM

AL

“ *One of the greatest singers to ever approach a microphone. My condolences and prayers to the family.*



AJeffrey LaValley - September 01, 2022 at 06:20 PM

PP

“ *Preston Perry & Josie Perry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Preston Perry & Josie Perry - September 01, 2022 at 05:02 PM

PP

“ I can remember singing alone side Josh in the Highlights Gospel Chorus such fond memories of some of the songs he would sing - Heaven, I'm one of them today, Prayer is the key to the kingdom, Hold to his hand, Rise up and walk, Oh Sinner Man, I'm Glad, I Can do all Things thru Christ Who Strengthen me just to name a few. Praying that God will comfort the family during this time of loss. Rest well my friend.

Preston Perry - September 01, 2022 at 05:01 PM

RW

Si,g on bro give God the glory 🙏

R Watts - September 02, 2022 at 10:49 PM

PL

Condolences and prayers for the family of Mr. Joshua Hicks Mr. Hicks wearing that long white robe, don't have to straighten that TIE no more wiping that face 🎵 any more.....But just sing 🎵 in heaven.....,SING MR. JOSH HICKS

Patricia Luckett - September 05, 2022 at 01:51 AM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Rodney Richardson - September 01, 2022 at 04:57 PM

DW

“ Debra Woodson-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Debra Woodson-Williams - September 01, 2022 at 03:40 PM

FT

“ Fra Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Fra Thomas - September 01, 2022 at 02:57 PM

FM

“ Farrow Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Farrow Malone - September 01, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ Jerdine And William Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Jerdine and William Malone - September 01, 2022 at 10:26 AM

DO

“ *Donyale And Omar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Donyale and Omar - September 01, 2022 at 08:51 AM

JK

“ *Condolences to the Hicks and Macedonia families.*



Julie Koger - September 01, 2022 at 07:26 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Yolonda Cross - September 01, 2022 at 02:18 AM

MT

“ *Meriann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks*



Meriann Taylor - September 01, 2022 at 01:41 AM

KM

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Mr Josh may you know that our prayers of strength and comfort and peace will be with you doing this time gone never forgotten a life of memories of him and my father(A.C.Maynor) sing and traveling and let me not forget the other Pack Rat Mr. Willie Jackson all together at last WELL DONE your race is finish !!!!!



kathy Maynor-Moore - August 31, 2022 at 11:32 PM

PL

Mr. Joshua Hicks, a man that touch your soul, while adjusting his tie you can just feel the spirit of the Lord

thank you God for allowing me to know this man as CHILD of GOD BROTHER and FRIEND

Patricia Luckett - September 02, 2022 at 01:01 AM



Kathy Maynor-Moore. I talk about your father all the time with his neatly trimmed and tapered fro. He always showed up in dress slacks and a shirt for a "nip". Daddy gave he an your mom the little poodle. Thanks for sharing your memory. (His daughter Monica). Would love to connect with you. You can message me on FB at Monica Hicks Jackson.

Monica Jackson - September 06, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BD

“ Condolences to the family
A great vocalist will be missed.



Bobie Holmes Douglas - August 31, 2022 at 09:00 PM

RT

“ Ronald Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Ronald Turner - August 31, 2022 at 07:03 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Sheryl Payton - August 31, 2022 at 04:12 PM

CS

“ Clifton Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Clifton sykes - August 31, 2022 at 03:50 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Rahsheem J Covington - August 31, 2022 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



James and Lisa Blakley - August 31, 2022 at 03:14 PM

VJ

“ Valarie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Valarie Jackson - August 31, 2022 at 02:03 PM

LP

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the family



Louis & Dee Perry - August 31, 2022 at 01:43 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Sandra Payne - August 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM

KB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers from
Keith Banks and family



keith banks - August 31, 2022 at 12:41 PM

TT

“ Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Joshua Hicks



Tonedia Threlkeld - August 31, 2022 at 11:22 AM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joshua Hicks



Barbara Lakes - August 31, 2022 at 10:43 AM

BS

“ To the Hicks family and all that knew and Loved Josh Hicks, I send
my sympathy and offer up my condolences. My prayer is that God
provides his comfort and strength during this time. What an impact
he leaves on this earth. A Soul that will never be forgotten.

Benita Smith - August 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM

GD

“ Rest well our friend. You will **SURELY** be missed. What a legacy you've left at Macedonia! Praying for the family during this time of bereavement. "Heaven Must Be A Mighty Beautiful Place!" We Love you!!!



Greg and Cynthia Davis - August 31, 2022 at 09:07 AM

MW

“ Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joshua Hicks



Mary & Diane Williams - August 31, 2022 at 08:39 AM