

Celebrating the Life of



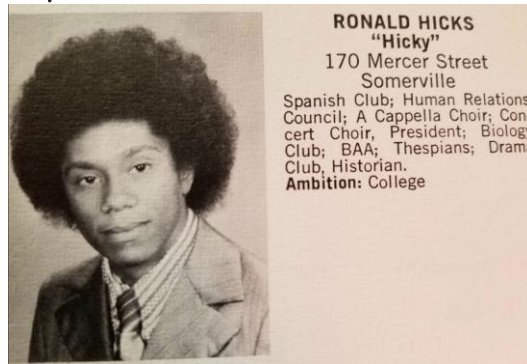
Ronald Hicks

September 15, 1954 - June 24, 2023

Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 4 p.m

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Obituary

Our glorious child of God, Ronald Herbert Hicks of Manchester NJ, passed into eternal peace free from pain on Saturday June 24, 2023. Ronald was born in Somerville NJ, on September 15, 1954, to his parents Carlton Francis and Willa Mae (Sermons) Hicks, who predeceased him along with his loving sister Frances "Sue" Hicks. He grew up a member of Saint Paul Baptist Church in Somerville New Jersey.

He was born into two large families. On the Hicks side his Grandparents were Earnest, Sr. "Big Papa" and Lillie Mae (Hubbard) "Big Mama". They had eight children including his father Carlton: Fletcher of Lubbock, Texas, the only surviving sibling; Earnest Jr., Essie Mae (Johnson), Dovie (Ward), Onetta (Wright), Mary (Lester) and Willie Jean who welcomed him to his heavenly home. His Sermons lineage began with his Grandparents William "Poppy" and Mattie (Thomas) "Mom". They had six children who have transitioned to glory including his mother Willa Mae: Evelyn (Field), Margie (Winkey), Delores (Nehemiah), James Charles (Barbara Haynes who resides in Capitol Heights, MD) and Clara Belle who died at birth.

Ron graduated from Somerville High School and received his Bachelors degree in Accounting Management from Pepperdine University in Malibu California. He worked at Bank Of America in Beverly Hills, L'Oreal USA in Clark, NJ, and most recently Supermarkets General in Woodbridge, NJ.

Ron loved to travel and was blessed to travel to Spain in 1970 with his beloved Somerville High School Guidance Counselor Dr. Bernice Proctor Venable who was also his childhood babysitter and classmates. Music was Ron's passion and he shared that love with all whom he came in contact with. He was a gym enthusiast spending countless hours keeping physically fit. He also enjoyed seeking out fine restaurants to dine with family and friends.

Surviving are his loving and devoted, caring sister Caryl Hicks James and brother in-law, Allen James, Jr., of Snellville, GA, brother, Carlton Hicks and sister in-law Dian of Lubbock, Texas.

Ron is lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, especially his childhood friend Hector Gonzalez of Somerville, who he was very close to, who shares fond and endless memories of times spent with Ron.

Ron was eternally grateful to everyone at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills NJ, and Compassus Hospice and Palliative Care, Toms River NJ, for their excellent and loving care during his final days with us.



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Order of Service

Reverend Yvonne Wallace, Officiating
New Bethel AME Church

Prelude	“God Is”	Reverend James Cleveland
Opening Prayer		Reverend Yvonne Wallace New Bethel AME Church
Opening Libations	Adapted Traditional Ceremony	Bonnie Sermons
Video Remembrances	Heaven	Nathan Grisdale
Musical Selection	Amazing Grace	Jacklon Hicks
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 57:1-2	Allen James
New Testament Reading	Matthew 11:28-30	Monique Hicks
Scripture of the Gospel	John 11:25-26	Hector Gonzalez
Musical Selection	Going Up Yonder	Jacklon Hicks
Poem	Letter To My Uncle	Erica Bright
Obituary	Your Song	Elton John
Reflections	2 minutes each	Mrs. Barbara Sermons Dr. Bernice Proctor Venable Mr. Hector Gonzalez Mr. Allen James, Jr. Ms. Jacklon Hicks Mrs. Nancy Field-Penny Ms. Bonnie Sermons Ms. Paige L. Wiley Ms. Ayana Hicks Mrs. Caryl Hicks James
Closing Song	Stairway to Heaven	Led Zeppelin
Closing Libations	Adapted Traditional Ceremony	Bonnie Sermons
Closing Prayer		Reverend Yvonne Wallace New Bethel AME Church

Acknowledgements

The Hicks-Sermons family would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who sent a card, text, social media post, called with a kind word to comfort us, sent a monetary donation, said a prayer, or donated your time to help. We appreciate you all.

Your kindness, support, and concern for us during this time of bereavement means the world to us.

Please continue to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers!

Please join the family in Zoom once the program has ended.

An email or text with details will be sent by the person you received the streaming link from.

A Farewell Letter to My Uncle Ronald

Dear Uncle Ronald

You will surely be missed.

R-is for the REALLY great advice you always gave to me.

O-is for being my number ONE uncle.

N-is for all the nice things that you did for me.

A-is for ALWAYS being there for me.

L-is for the LOVE you so willingly gave to everyone.

D-is for your DIVINE wisdom you shared with me.

I will follow my dreams and make you proud of me because I know you will be looking in on me from above.

Love, Erica Bright