



Otis C. Hicks

December 6, 1949 - January 6, 2024

Sgt. Otis Calvin Hicks was born December 6, 1949 to the late Otis Lee Hicks and Margaret Wilson. He attended Union Academy in 1969. He was awarded a football scholarship from St. Paul College in Lawrenceville, VA. After attending for a short period, he decided to join The United States Army. During his time in the military, he received the following: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Bars, Professional Development Ribbon and a Purple Heart. After 21 years of serving our country, Sgt. Otis decided it was time to retire.

Sgt. Otis dedicated his life to Christ while in the military. After moving to Georgia, he became a faithful member of The Zion Baptist Church, Hampton, Georgia. He served as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher, taught noonday Bible Study, a member of the Trustee board and the Men and Worship choir. He worked as a TSA Agent for several years. He started his dream job volunteering at the Heritage Park Veterans Museum. While there, he touched so many lives and met some amazing people.

Sgt. Otis was joined in Holy Matrimony to the Love of his life, Gwynita McDaniel Hicks on March 16, 2002. Sgt. Otis has two children, Michael Hicks (Monique) and Clarita Cook. One stepson, Joshua Sloan, two stepsons preceded him in death (Kendrick McDaniel and Randrick Sloan).

Sgt. Otis loved working in his yard keeping the lawn cut and manicured. Fishing was his hobby and he went every chance he could. His favorite food was eating crab legs. His conversations every Sunday during football season was about how awful the Atlanta Falcons are. He called them the dirty Buzzards. He believed the best teams are in Florida. He loved his grandchildren unconditionally. All of them were his favorite and could do no wrong. He gave from his heart and expected nothing in return.

He was known by his favorite sayings. Do you want some of these across your lips. I hit a man so hard one time, I had to sit down and cry. Is worrying about it going to do any good? Don't sweat the small stuff. You don't know and you don't want to know.

Sgt. Otis leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife, Gwynita McDaniel Hicks, sons, Michael Hicks (Monique) and Joshua Sloan; daughter, Clarita Cook; daughter-in-law, Chandrent McDaniel; grandchildren, Christiana, Antonio, Bryson, Kayden, Kenya, Camry, Kendrick II, Kentavious, Shallyah, Landrick, Ray'Marie, Londyn, Ta'Layia, Quiymani, Deisha, Tiara; Great grandchildren, Melody, Kenlee, Aubrey, Autumn, Kahlani, Kimora and Shiah.

Siblings, Bobby Thomas (Carolyn), Arthur V. Thomas (Arleatha), James Thomas (Hattie Roberta), Elisha Thomas (Linda), Jimmy Lee Thomas (Anne), Earleen Scott, Elvenia Daniels (Danny), James Grant (Nita), John Grant (Sonya), Mary Felton (Lugene), Trudie Harris (Bernard); Brother-in-law, Rev. Clifford Sutton; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Wyatt, Jacqueline McDaniel-Rainey (Peter); A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded Sgt. Otis in death

Margaret Wilson (mother) Otis Lee Hicks (father) Trudie Hicks (stepmother); sisters, Thelma Goodman, Ruby Hardeman, Sylvia Mullins, Kathleen McCloud, Rosa Bradd; brother, Lee Otis; mother-in-law, Mary McDaniel;

sister-in-law, Brenda Sutton; stepsons, Kendrick McDaniel and Randrick Sloan.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 15. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
17 W. King Road
Hampton, GA 30228
zionbc@bellsouth.net
<http://www.zionbaptistofhampton.org/>

Service

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
17 W. King Road
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<http://www.zionbaptistofhampton.org/>

Interment

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr.
Canton, GA 30114
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/georgia.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ 8 files added to the album Program



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - January 19, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - January 19, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ My sincere condolences to my beautiful cousin during your difficult journey my prayer is that God will give you strength to endure the the hurt the pain and the grief just to hold on until your change come



Geraldine Sloan - January 16, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Otis C. Hicks.*



January 14, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Praying for the Hicks Families during the passing of Beloved Otis. May the Lord who is the Prince of Peace provide each of you with Peace during your hour of sorrow. For Blessed are they that mourn for they should be comforted.*



From: The Vinson Families

L. Vinson - January 10, 2024 at 03:16 PM



Such a beautiful life and spirit Deacon Hicks shared with us. Love and prayers for peace and comfort to wife and family as we journey through this difficult time and thereafter. So glad that he came to Zion Baptist Church and gave us love, great Sunday School lessons, and a smile to last a lifetime!!! We love you family and be assured that Otis is with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. Carolyn W. Marshall, Zion B.C. - January 11, 2024 at 05:37 AM