

## A MESSAGE TO MY FATHER

*I thank God for the Man he was. The husband, father and friend.*

*In Loving Memory*

*I wish he had more time, but we know he's in a better place.*

*I loved him and there was no one I respected more.*

*Your loving sons,*

*Darring & Mario*

## THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We sincerely thank you and pray God's manifold blessing upon You for the countless expressions of love, kindness and sympathy you have shown through prayers, cards, calls, visits and words of encouragement. Your diverse and loving expressions have blessed and comforted us. We are so grateful for such an assemblage of loving family and friends. As we face the days that lie ahead, please remember to keep us in your prayers so that our faith will be made even stronger by Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God bless you for the love you have shared with us.

The Hicks Family  
Services Entrusted to:

BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME

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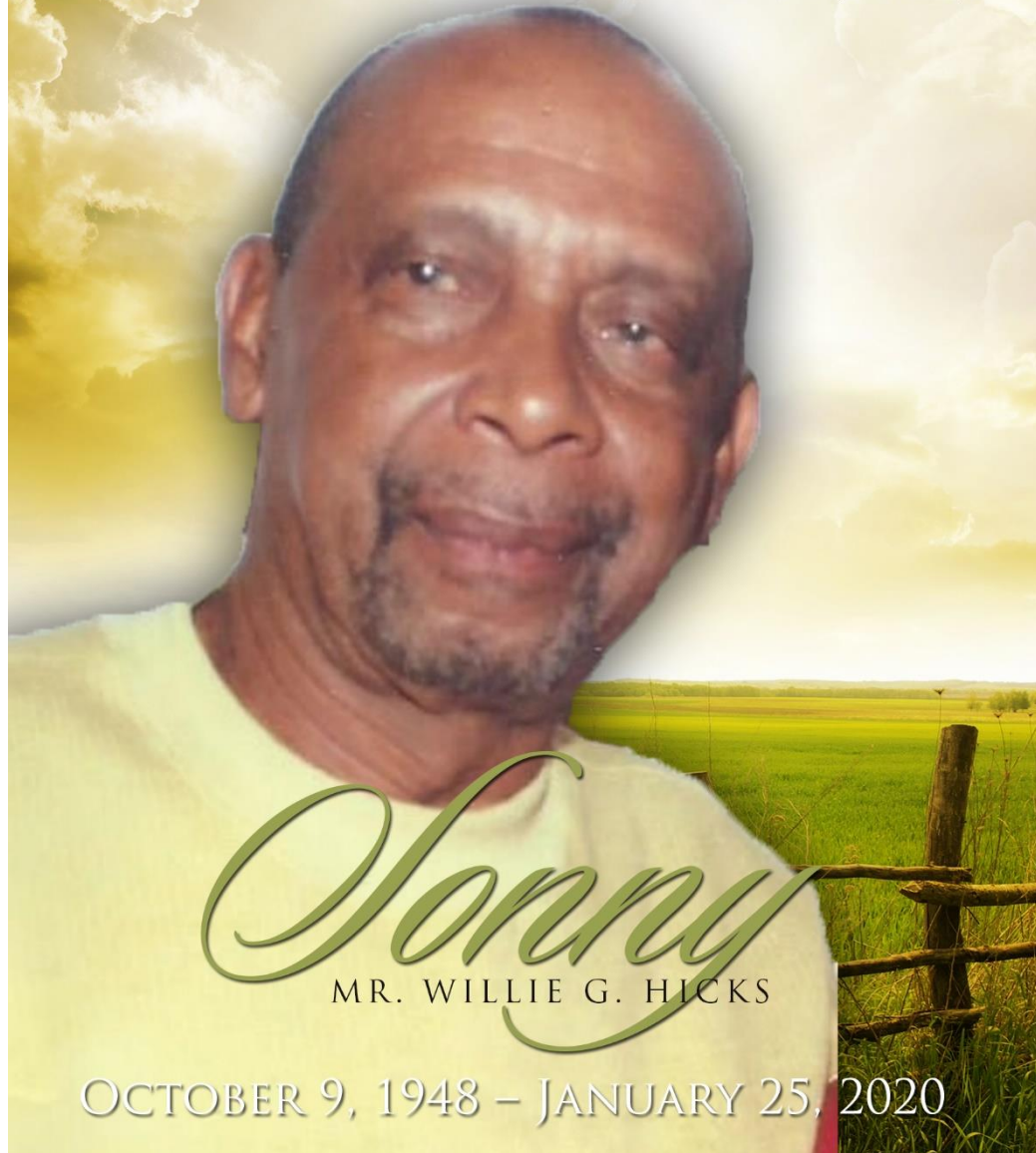


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# A CELEBRATION OF *Life*

THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2020  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME  
2930 COLONIAL DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC



*Sonny*  
MR. WILLIE G. HICKS

OCTOBER 9, 1948 – JANUARY 25, 2020

# MR. WILLIE G. HICKS

Willie G. Hicks was born on October 9, 1948, in Parish Alabama. “Sonny” as he was affectionally known, was the firstborn to the late Eugene Jackson and Mellonese Hicks Jackson. He departed this life on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the home surrounded by loves ones. Sonny was a graduate of C.A. Johnson High School class of 1967 and attended Spartanburg Methodist College on a baseball/basketball scholarship.

Sonny was a friendly, loving and caring individual to everyone he encountered and had the ability to reach and connect with people in a positive way. He always gave the best advice and could “talk” anyone off a ledge with his mature wisdom and stories of life experiences; from a “man’s” perspective.

Sonny began his work career at Colonial Life Insurance Co. (UNUM) where he spent 20+ years as an offset pressman, and eventually retired from Wentworth Printing Co. after 30 years.

Sonny had a plethora of hobbies and activities that he took pleasure in pursuing prior to his failing health. He was an avid “sports” fan. He loved to fish, play tennis, complete mathematical quizzes watch Western’s and any game on the television from sunup to sundown. However, his absolute favorite was a North Carolina Tar Heel basketball game or a NY Giants football game. During March Madness he would often “dress” from head to toe in his team colors (Carolina Blue) and assist Dean Smith or Roy Williams coach the games from his recliner in the living room.

Willie G. “Sonny” Hicks leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife of thirty years, Linda Hough-Hicks; two beloved sons, Darring (Rhonda) Hicks and Mario Hicks of Columbia, SC; one sister, Vanessa Jackson of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Kayla Hicks, Karrington Hicks, Darrington Hicks, Shaquilla Hicks, Taylor Hicks, Jade Mickle, Justin Mickle and the “Apple” of his eye; one great-grandson, Jamar Arren Easley; one aunt, Mary “Molly” Adams of Chicago, Illinois; eight sisters-in-law, Karen(Kelvin) Mikell, Mazie Jackson, Rosetta (Frank) Benjamin, Barbara (Oliver) Lee, Virginia Hall, Eliza Bacote, and Ruby (Joe) Debroux; one brother-in-law, James (Fran) Hough; Godchildren, Keisha and Karen Thomas and life-long friends, Shirley Thomas and Tim Rogers.

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional..... Soft Music

Selection .....Angela Etheredge

Prayer.....Reverend Kelvin Jones  
*Set Free Ministries*

Scripture Readings .....

Old Testament .....Psalm 23  
*Deacon James Hough*

New Testament.....John 14:1-6  
*Deacon Kelvin Mikell*

Selection ..... Musician

Reflections..... Deacon Baxter Seagars  
Shirley Thomas

Poem ..... “I Am Free”  
*Genice Hall Summers*

Reflections..... Tim Rogers  
Jeff Neece  
Gladys Coleman

Selection ..... Musician

Poem ..... “Dear Grand Daddy”  
*Shaquilla Hicks & Jade Mickle*

Remarks.....Reverend Kelvin Jones

Closing Prayer .....