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SPECIAL THANKS - For Being There...
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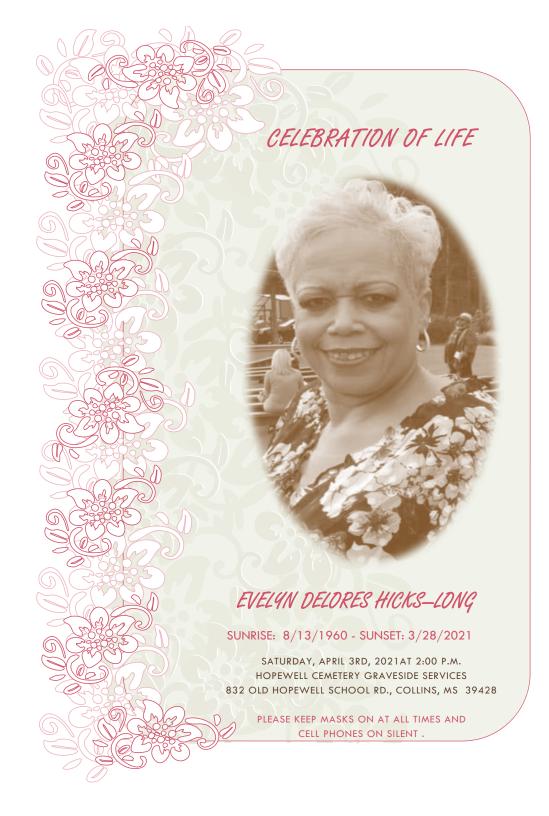
FROM THE HICKS FAMILY

A huge thanks to everyone that has been there for the Hicks Family whether you sent flowers, food, a gift of love, gave us a hug, paid us a visit, sat with our beloved or simply if we were just in your thoughts and prayers during our season of loss. We will be forever grateful for friends and family such as you... Thanks to All!

OFFICIATING

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OBITUARY

Evelyn Delores Hicks-Long was born on August, 13, 1960 to George Hicks and Emma Lee Hicks at the State Charity Hospital in Laurel, Mississippi. Evelyn loved and raised over 60 babies across her entire life and each of them have called her "Ebby". She was such a fun and energetic person with an absolutely beautiful smile and spirit. She loved cooking, traveling and above everything, she adored her Caribbean Queen (Courtney).

Evelyn was preceded in death by both parents (George & Emma Hicks) and one sister (Linda Joyce Hicks).

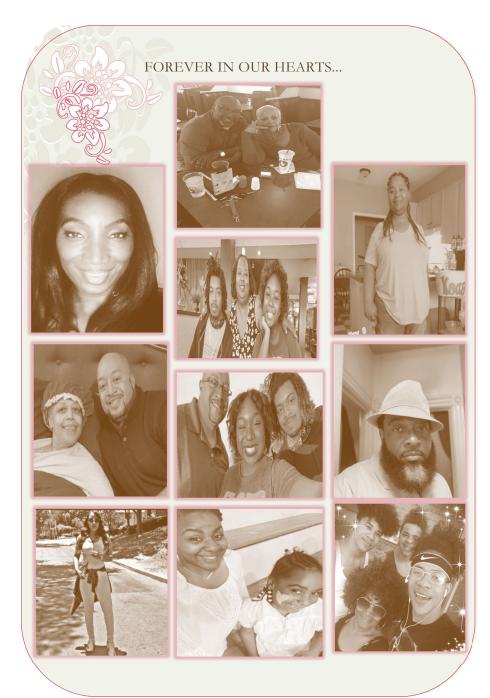
She left to cherish her loving memories, one daughter, Courtney Hicks-Ladner (Pastor Arvin Ladner) of Laurel, MS, one unborn grandchild, one brother, Ralph Hicks, Jackson, MS, three sisters, Patricia Hicks, Laurel, MS, Gloria Brown-Bennett (Dr. Tyrone Bennett) of Deer Park, Long Island, NY and Audrey Russaw of Reno, NV.

Six beautiful nieces, Bridgette Arrington, Miracle Arrington, Shannon Brown, Ebony Dixon, Cheyann Hicks and Kailee Robinson.

Seven handsome nephews, Derric Hicks (Shannon), Darius Hicks, Marcus Hicks, Rinaldo Brown, Jayden Bennett, Tyler Bennett, Tristen Bennett and a host of many cousins and friends.



I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith... Amen!
II Timothy 4:7



AS A MOTHER-IN-LAW...

I can't even begin to
try to explain the
kind of "Mother-In-Law",
or should I say 'Best
Friend" you were to me. We
had many days of laughter that I will forever
hold in my heart. Thank you for "Courtney"...
I will continue to be by my beautiful wife's side
just as I know you would want me to be. Fly
High Beautiful Angel!



A. C.







AS A SISTER...

Our hearts will forever hold a special place for you. The many fun times that we shared together will never be forgotten... it will be those memories that will keep your beautiful spirit as one with us all. Give Mama, Daddy and Linda a great big hug... Until we meet again...

Gloria, Patricia and Ralph



ORDER OF SERVICE

Mistress of Ceremony

Krista Overby

Song

Latoya Ducksworth

Old Testament Scripture

Pastor Vernon Graves

New Testament Scripture

Pastor Christopher McSwain

Prayer

Pastor Sidney Tucker

Song

Kyra Lampley

Poem

Ranjeeta Renae

Words of Encouragement

Pastor Larry K. Breland

Expressions (2 minute limit)

Open

Eulogy

Rev. Monroe Butler Birmingham, Alabama

Recessional



To my Mother, my Love, my Heart, my Best Friend... Girl... You got me with this one!

My hearts desire was for you to get back on your feet completely. I watched as you grew so tired but you always managed to smile and praise the Lord in the midst of it all. That's why I can find comfort in knowing that as much as I needed you here with me, God needed you more.

I so wanted you to be able to raise your "first" grandchild.

You were already trying to decide and was still unsure if you wanted the baby to call you "Mimi" or "Ebby". I'll never forget how excited you were to hear the baby's heartbeat for the first time! You were just so happy to be able to share our "bundle of joy" news with everyone from Texas to Paris!

Girl, we were like two peas in a pod and I'll never forget how people started calling us "syrup and butter"... *smiles*

Mama, I will never forget you and you will forever hold a special place in my heart... until we meet again...



Your Caribbean Queen...

"Courtney"



Evelyn Delores Hicks-Long a.k.a. "Ebby"

That I've only gone for just a little while...