



FLOWER GIRLS/PALLBEARERS/USHERS
Family & Friends

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Falls River Village/Court, Raleigh, NC*

*All friends and family who provided support to her
and the caregivers during the last 4 years and
especially during the last 6 months.*

INTERMENT

*Davis Family Cemetery
Address??, Pleasant Hill, NC*

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:
Haywood Funeral Home, Inc.
2415 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
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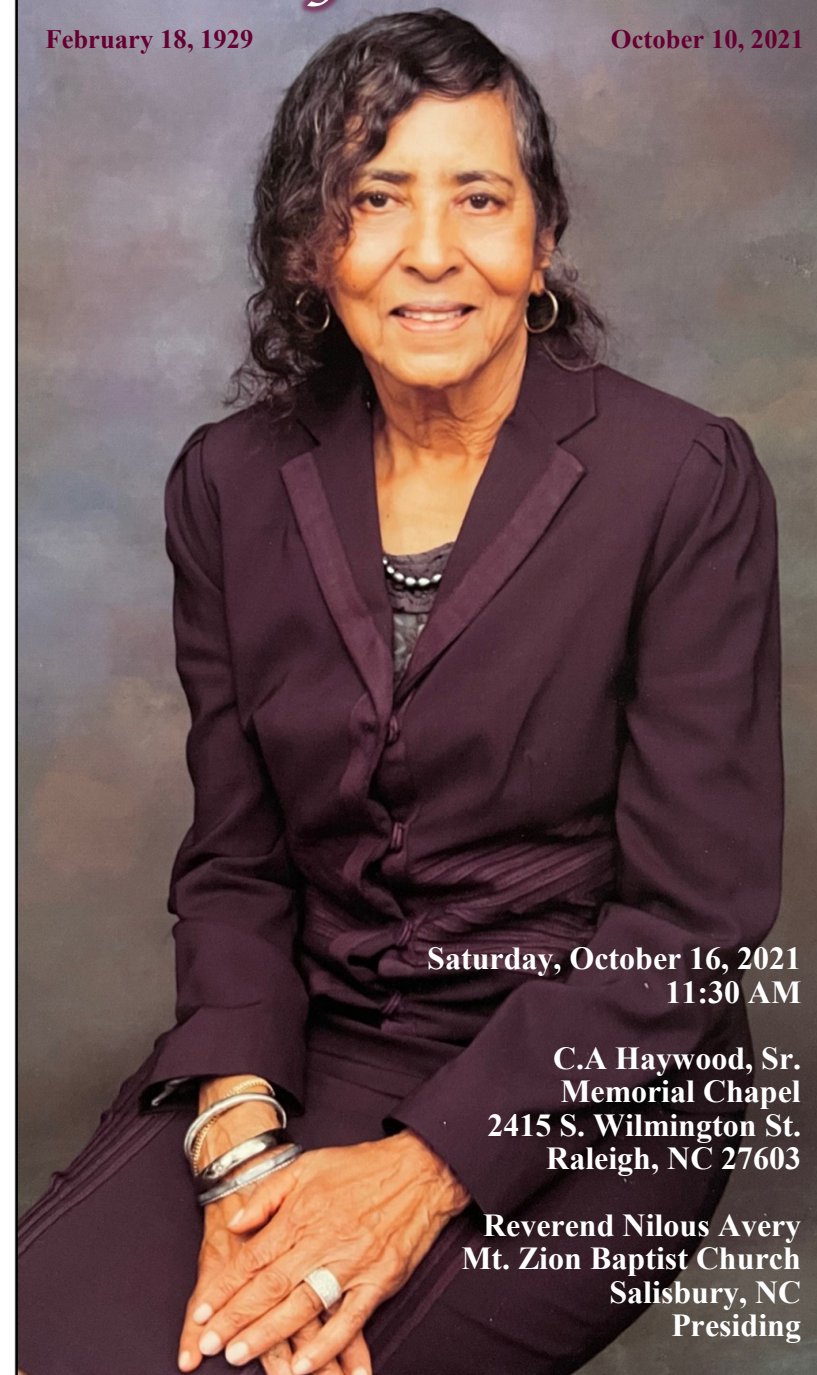


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IN LOVING MEMORY
Dorothy Hicks Davis

February 18, 1929

October 10, 2021



Saturday, October 16, 2021
11:30 AM

C.A Haywood, Sr.
Memorial Chapel
2415 S. Wilmington St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Reverend Nilous Avery
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC
Presiding

Dorothy Hicks Davis

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hicks Davis, the daughter of the late Lee Herbert Hicks, Sr. and Carrie Lee Crews was born February 18, 1929. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, the Reverend Dr. Grady D. Davis, her sister Mary Hicks Geiger and brothers Willie Hicks and James Hicks.



Dorothy grew up in Wendell NC where she united with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church as a young child. The family moved to Raleigh and joined Martin Street Baptist Church. Dorothy graduated from Washington High School and attended Shaw University where she met Grady, and they were married in 1952.

Through this union, they raised five children. She was also the First Lady of three churches that Grady pastored (Zion Baptist Church, Everett, MA, Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC for 10 years and Union Baptist Church, Durham, NC for 27 years).

As the wife of a civil rights leader, she hosted at her home leaders like Dr. Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King and the Floyd McKissick family. She and Grady were the first blacks to eat in K&W Cafeteria.

Dorothy was a gifted financial and life skills mother and wife! She often found herself cooking meals for many Shaw students, religious leaders and sanitation workers who were in need of a meal! She was often referred to as a very “elegant lady” and had an unbelievable sense of humor.

Dorothy was an exceptional interior designer, tailor and furniture upholster. She learned these skills from her father at a very early age as she hung around him in his shop. She was a one-of-a-kind seamstress and was asked to teach a summer Homemaking class at Fayetteville Technical School.



Dorothy loved to travel and visited many destinations such as the Hawaiian Islands, the Caribbean, Europe, and Greece, to name a few. She also traveled alone for two weeks to assist her son, Mahatma, with business in South Korea and Singapore. She, along with Grady were invited to the White House and met several US Presidents.

From 2017 to 2021, she resided and received home care with her daughter Crystal and family along with Caregiver Ms. Tristian Crawford. She always thanked her grandson Christopher for all his sacrifices lifting her, helping her exercise, telling daily jokes and companionship.

In 2019, she and her friends celebrated their 90th birthdays together with families and friends.

On May 20, 2021, she was transferred to Fall River Court until her final day.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Deryl Davis (Jerry) Fulmer, PhD, Durham, NC; Psyche Davis, Smyrna, TN and Crystal Davis (Eric Sr.) Carroll, Raleigh, NC; Two Sons Grady (Velma) Davis Jr., Raleigh, NC and Mahatma Davis, Milwaukee , WI; Nine Grand Children, DeRonnie (Demitras) Harrison Terrell, Northeast, MD; Clifton Harrison, London, England; Emily Harrison, Roanoke Rapids, NC; Andrew (Tiffany) Davis, Charlotte , NC; Brittany (Marc) Wilson, New York, NY; Wesley, (Megan) Peace, M.D., Nashville, TN; Eric Carroll Jr., Charlotte, NC; Ellis (Shahrazad) Carroll, Fairfax, VA; Christopher Carroll, Raleigh, NC; one brother, Lee Herbert (Evelyn) Hicks Jr.; one nephew, Radjuel (Earline) Geiger, Raleigh, NC; four nieces, Jean Greene, Salisbury, MD; Maritza Hicks, Raleigh, NC; Lonette (Larry White) Hicks, Durham, NC and Martina Hicks, Durham, NC; Mae Hall Hicks, sister-in-law, Durham, NC; four great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren and four step great grandchildren and a host of relatives and her best friend, Doris Hayes, Columbus, SC.



Service

Assemblage and Greetings
“Dorothy” by Andre Ward

Musical Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. George Crews III
Lattisville Grove
Missionary Baptist Church
Hurdle Mills, NC

Musical Tribute
Mr. Clifton Harrison

Acknowledgements/Obituary
Ms. Maritza Hicks

Tribute
Pastor John P. Kee
Reflections from Crews Family
Reflections from Hicks Family
Reflections from Davis FamilyMrs. Deryl Davis Fulmer

Musical Selection Mrs. Megan Piphus Peace
“I Go to the Rock”

The MessageThe Reverend William Clayton
Saint James Baptist Church, Henderson, NC

Recessional “Stand” by John P Kee

*A life well lived is a legacy, of joy, pride and pleasure.
A loving, and lasting memory, our grateful hearts will treasure.*

*“I have fought a
good fight, I
have finished my
course, I have
kept the faith.”
II Timothy 4:7-8*