

Poem

*Don't think of him as gone away,
His journey's just begun.
Life holds so many faces,
This earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting,
From the sorrows and the tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing,
That we could know today.
How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away.
And this of him as living,
In the hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he was loved so much.*



Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens
Prayer, Committal & Benediction



Pall Bearers

Nephews

Flower Bearers

Ushers

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mr. Willie S. Hicks wishes to express their sincere thanks to each of you for your sympathy and all acts of kindness that you shared with us during our hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

-The Hicks Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg
Simmons Funeral Home of Santee
Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President
2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118
803-534-2646



8824 Old #6 Highway, Santee, SC 29142
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Home Going Celebration for

MR. WILLIE S. HICKS

ALPHA: JANUARY 9, 1944 OMEGA: AUGUST 26, 2019



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019 AT 11:00AM

Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church
305 Old Ellore Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

REVEREND JAMES CROMARTIE, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

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Prelude

Processional/Final Viewing Clergy & Family

Prayer..... Reverend Leroy Fyall

*Scripture Old Testament
New Testament*

Solo Gwendolyn Smith

*Reflections Deacon Kirkland
Deacon Samuel Greggs
Wilson Steward
Deacon Reed*

Selection..... Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort..... Reverend James Cromartie

Recessional



Reflection of Life

Willie Samuel Hicks, the eighth child of Lovant and

Jaime Odom Hicks, was born January 9, 1944 in Blackville, South Carolina. He was called home to his Lord and Savior on August 26, 2019.

Sam grew up in the Blackville area and was a 1962 graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School. He accepted Christ at a young age, becoming a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Over the course of the next few years, he met and married Lala Bee Wright. After marrying Lala in 1966, the Army sent him to Vietnam, where he was involved in active combat. Upon leaving the Army in 1969, they moved back to South Carolina and settled in the Orangeburg area, where he attended Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. In 1970, they welcomed their son, Brian Keith. In 1974, Sam moved his family to the Atlanta area, where he remained until returning to Orangeburg in 2002.

Sam and Lala were long-time members of Warren Chapel Baptist Church, but most recently became members at Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Sam never forgot where he came from. He was generous and giving of himself. He possessed an incredible ability to just sit and listen. He loved a good joke or anecdote. Many of you have shared that his laughter is one of your fondest memories.

Sam was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Lovant Jr., Nathaniel, and Josephus; and his sisters: Clara Greggs and Zelma Ephriam.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Lala; his son, Brian (Mary) Hicks; three grandchildren: Jordan, Elaine and Danielle; two great-grandchildren Avaya and Anthony; one sister, Mary (George) Perry; three sisters-In-Law: Gloria Hicks, Laura Hicks and Dorothy Black; one brother-In-law, Charles Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, cousins, church family and friends.