

Casket Bearers

David Hicks
Steven Massey
Clinton McCray
David Perkins
Micah Ross
James Weaver Jr.
Harold Wilkerson
Danny Woods

Flower Bearers

Wenona Guesby
Sharon Wright
Topeka Community Gospel Choir
Combined Funeral Choir

Honorary Casket Bearers

Terrance Carter
Woody Carter Jr.
Zachariaus Everett
James Gurden
Edward Hicks
Keith Howard
McKinley Howard
Ernest Howard II
Thomas Officer
Isaiah Ross

*Please turn on your
headlights and flashers.*

As his family, we thank you for the encouragement you've offered us during this time. Please know your love and concern was made known to him before he left. In the days ahead, we may not be certain exactly how to heal from this separation. Therefore, we leave you with the words he often shared with us whenever we were coping with failure, fear, or pain.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." -Proverbs 3:6

The Family of Jonathan E. Hicks

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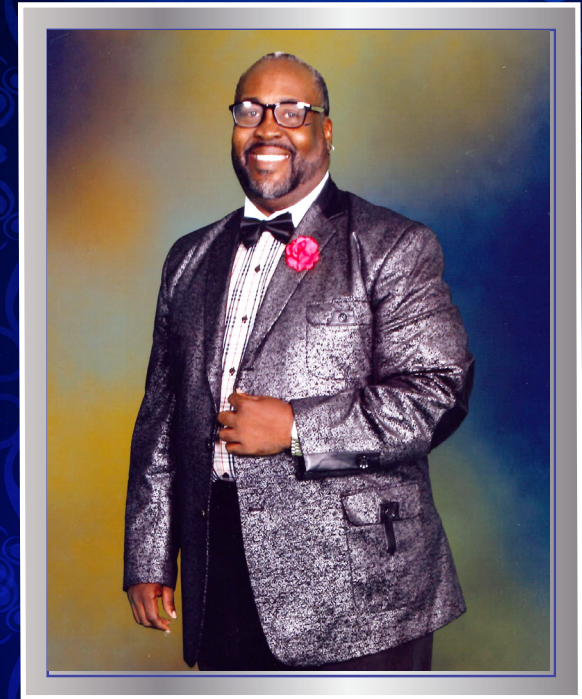
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Celebration of Life Service September 14, 1963 - July 30, 2017



Jonathan Edward Hicks

Service: Saturday, August 12, 2017
9:00 am

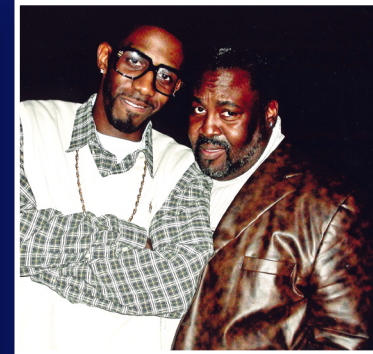
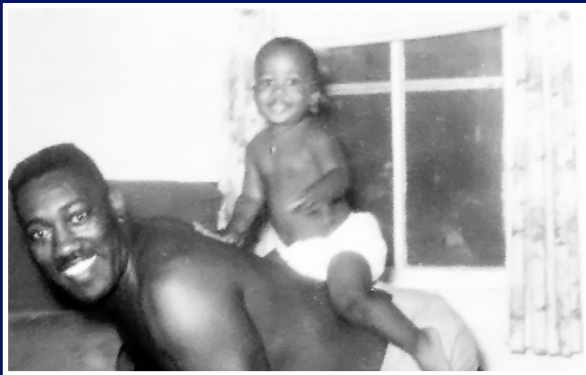
Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
610 SE Lime St. Topeka, KS 66607

Visitation: Friday August, 11 2017
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Pastor Delmar White - Eulogist
New Mount Zion Baptist Church
Topeka, KS

Bishop Keith Tribitt - Officiant
Victory Temple Christian Life Center
Kansas City, MO

*A Life of Love, Laughter,
Family, Friends, and Music*



Soving Memories

Jonathan Edward Hicks

Sunrise: Saturday, September 14, 1963

Sunset: Sunday, July 30, 2017

Jonathan Edward Hicks was born September 14, 1963. He was the last child and only son born to Edward J. Hicks and Dorothy Lee (Johnson) Hicks. His fond memories of childhood were embodied by his love of family. He shared a close relationship with his sister Deborah, who prayed for a sibling because she was lonely as an only child. He was very close to his mother's closest friend, Sadie Heflin, also known to him as "Aunt Sadie". Dorothy and Edward did not have additional children. However, Sadie's son Micah Ross grew up with Deborah and Jonathan as their "Beloved" brother.

Jonathan attended Lafayette Grade School, East Topeka Junior High, Topeka High, Kansas University, and Washburn University. He played the clarinet and enjoyed competing in football games and track events as a teen. He became known for participating in school talent shows. One year Jonathan dedicated the song "Sadie" to his Aunt Sadie. As a Topeka High student, he also participated in the marching band with his friend Danny Woods.

Jonathan was baptized at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church around 1973. His parents kept him active in the church's youth department. He participated in KVD and State conventions as a chorister. As teenagers, he, Steven Wakes, John Holloman, and Harold Wilkerson formed the group "God's Children", singing for church events in the community. While attending Kansas University, he joined the KU Gospel Choir and formed numerous friendships. As a student of Washburn University, he recorded the song "Everything Must Change" with the Washburn Jazz Choir. Throughout his life, he often sang for several engagements such as musicals, funerals, weddings, including church district and state events. He was accompanied by Minister Anthony Jones and Lamonte Lassiter, while singing in the group "Psalms" with Beryl New, Lynette "Nay" Everett, Angie Skull, Harold Wilkerson, and Marilyn Mitchell.

Psalms opened up for celebrity gospel artists such as, The Winans and Bobby Jones. Jonathan sang off and on with "Keith Tribitt and the Elements of Faith". He recorded lead vocals with the ensemble for the songs "I'm Not Tired Yet" and "Enter into His Presence".

Jonathan often shared how he practiced directing curtains at home before Deborah allowed him to direct the church choir. Jonathan directed the Antioch Mass Choir for over 15 years. He enhanced his craft by attending annual conferences like the Edwin Hawkins Music & Arts Seminar. He later began facilitating workshops and musicals around Kansas. In his last years he directed the Topeka Gospel Community Choir. Jonathan worked with Topeka Civic Theatre and Washburn University in the productions of "Smokey Joe's Café", "Ain't Misbehavin'", and "Once on This Island". He also had a role in the stage play "A Misfit's Revenge" by Tyson Williams. His other enjoyable hobbies were dancing and playing bid whiz.

Professionally, Jonathan was employed by the Shawnee County Dept. of Corrections, Capital City High School, Youth Center at Topeka, Valeo Behavioral Health Care, and Family Service & Guidance Center of Topeka. He had compassion for troubled youth and adults. He cultivated a skillset to offer them structured supports. His professional and personal relationships caused many to know and love him as "Mr. Hicks", "Uncle Jonathan", "Jay", and "Brother". He especially loved to celebrate achievements of the youth he worked with.

Jonathan departed this life on Sunday, July 30th, 2017 to enter into the eternal presence of The LORD JESUS CHRIST. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward J. Hicks, his mother, Dorothy L. Hicks, and his sister, Deborah L. Hicks. His memory and legacy will be cherished by his "Beloved" brother, Micah Ross (Allena); nephew, Edward Hicks; niece, Erin Hicks; niece, Jerlita Hicks-Howard (Keith), and a host of biological and Beloved brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Family Processional / Musical Selection:
Combined Choir

Opening Remarks: Bishop Keith Tribitt

Musical Selection: Sis. Darlene Reid, Aunt

Scripture:

Old Testament, Psalms 46
Pastor Stevie Wakes,
Olivet Institutional Baptist Church
Kansas City, KS

New Testament, Romans 8:35-39
Pastor Michael Coleman,
Restoration Christian Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Prayer:

Rev. Kenneth Anderson
Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
Topeka, KS

Musical Selection: Combined Choir

Family Reflections(two minutes):

Ms. Merlene Hicks, Aunt
Ms. Betty Lee, Aunt
Edward Hicks, nephew
Erin Hicks, niece

Words of Comfort:

Pastor Anthony Byrd Sr.
First Baptist Church of Elwood
Elwood, KS

Musical Selection: Mrs. Jerlita Howard, niece,
Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
Topeka, KS

Eulogy:

Pastor Delmar White

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Delmar White

A Special Tribute from Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel

Musical Selection: "Heaven Is Waiting"
Combined Choir featuring Mr. Odell Tally

Parting View: *(Please leave the sanctuary
after the parting view for the family's privacy)*

Recessional