

One of Bill's favorite poems

If

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, or being lied about, don't deal in lies.
Or being hated, don't give way to hating and yet don't look too good, nor talk to wise:

If you can dream-and not make dreams your master; if you can think and not make thoughts your aim;
if you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same ;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop and build' em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
and lose, and start again at your beginnings and never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew . To serve your turn long after they are gone,
and so hold on when there is nothing in you. Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings-nor lose the common touch,
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, if all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!

By: Rudyard Kipling

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgements:

The family of William Hicks Jr., would like to take this time out to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

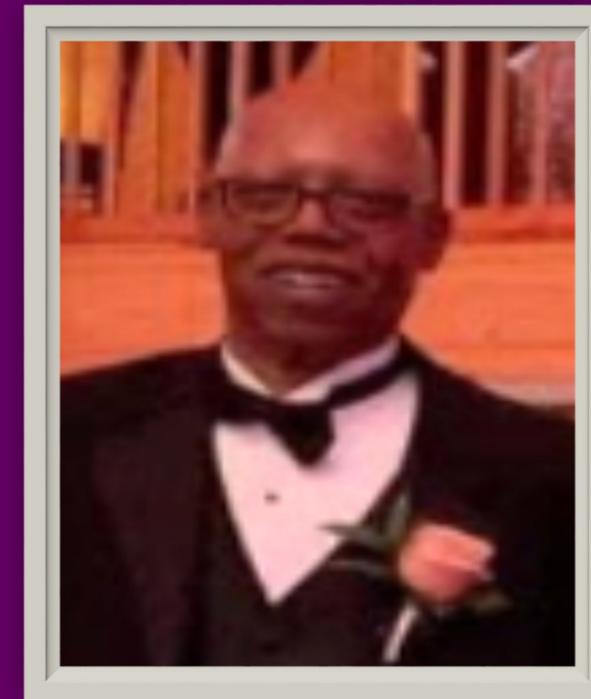
May God continue to bless you in His tender and Loving care.

Arrangements Entrusted to:
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
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Celebrating the Life

of

William E. Hicks Jr.



Sunrise:
March 16, 1945

Sunset:
October 29, 2020

Friday, November 13, 2020

Wake: 10:30 AM

Funeral: 11:00 AM

Lee Road Baptist Church
3970 Lee Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy, III
Officiating Minister

Order of Service

Prelude.....

Processional.....

Family Visitation.....

Introduction to Celebration.....

Selection....."God Has Smiled on Me.....Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy III

Scripture Reading.....Old Testament Psalm 121

Scripture Reading,,,,,.....New Testament 2 Timothy 4:6-8
Rosemary Allwood

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy III

Selection.....Richard Simpson

Family reflections.....Aaron & Kahari Hicks, Grandchildren Steven Bradley Jones,
Vernon Allwood, Sylvia Love, Toni Hicks,& Rosemary Allwood

Special Remarks.....Tiana, Rashaad, CSU Track Team

Acknowledgements & ResolutionsElizabeth Black, Church Secretary

Obituary.....(Read silently)

Selection.....Susanne Hicks

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy III

Recessional.....

Private Burial

Obituary

William E. Hicks, Jr. was born on March 16, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio to William and Brida Irene Bozeman Hicks. He was the first of two children. He passed away on Friday, October 29, 2020.

Bill, at an early age, had a love for sports, excelling at football at Columbus East High School. In 1963, he enrolled at Central State University on a track scholarship, majoring in education and becoming the first in his family to graduate college in 1967. He earned his Masters in Orientation and Mobility from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975. He used these skills to write the curriculum for Northeast Ohio's program for Orientation and Mobility.

1969, He met Karen Simpson and the two were wed in 1973. From that union, two children, Kahari and Aaron Hicks were born. Bill was family oriented, cherishing the moments he got to spend telling stories to his sons, nieces and nephews. He was a motivator for his sons as well as other family members to attend college, encouraging them every step of the way.

In 1967, he began a long and illustrious teaching and coaching career with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, serving first as a mobility instructor. He then went on to serve as the assistant athletic director for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District before retiring in June of 1999. After retirement, Bill was called to work with the Cleveland Alternative School as a coordinator to help expelled students re-enter the regular school setting. From there he went to Cuyahoga Community College with the High Tech program helping hundreds of high school students earn college scholarships.

Bill was also actively involved as a football and basketball coach, serving as head basketball Coach at West Tech and Lincoln West from 1984-1994. During his tenure, he was Senate Athletic League Coach of the year in 1987-88 leading West Tech to the 1988 City Champion and district runner up. Bill came out of retirement to begin coaching football from 2004-2006 and 2018-2020 at Cleveland Heights, where he was a part of two Lake Erie League Championships and two Ohio High School Athletic Associations state playoff appearances. Bill was inducted into the Central State University Athletic Hall of Fame and was honored as one of the top 50 coaches of all time in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District 2008. In 2016, he also received the Greater Cleveland Coaches Association's Golden Deeds award for his tireless work with the student-athletes.

Bill was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. where he worked tirelessly to uphold the values of Manhood, Perseverance, Scholarship and Uplift. He was a long time member of Lee Road Baptist Church, serving with the youth ministry and community outreach.

Bill (William) is survived by his wife Karen, his two sons: Kahari (Hana) and Aaron (Karen), sister Susan, brother Tony (Rebecca), four grand-children: Yasmeen, Adam, Sana & Leena, and a host of nieces and nephews.



