



*Celebrating The Life Of*

**Scripture: Psalms 121:1-2**  
[1] *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hill, from whence cometh my help.*  
[2] *My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

*Acknowledgments*

The family of Samuel L. Hooker wishes to express our sincere appreciation for your love and support during such a difficult time. We appreciate all the texts, cards, calls, visits, food, prayers, and words of encouragement. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God bless and keep you.

**The Hooker family**

*Active Pallbearers*

Ryan Hooker | Mischa Warren | Kendall Martin  
Justin Robinson | Austin Blackwell | Zavior Moore

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church Deacons | Melvin Carson  
Marcell Carson | Myron Carson | Tyrone Hooker | Leon West III

*Interment | Air Force Military Honors*

Forest Hill Cemetery  
6901 Troost Ave. | Kansas City, Missouri 64131

*Services Entrusted To*

 Serenity Funeral Home  
1101 E. Bannister Rd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64131  
816-599-2939 | www.sfhkc.com



*October 21, 1933 | August 15, 2025*

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

**Visitation: 10:00am - 11:00am | Service: 11:00am**

**Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church  
2853 Cleveland Avenue | Kansas City, Missouri 64128**

*Officiant - Pastor Harrison Jackson*

# *Celebrating The Life of Samuel Lee Hooker*

*Samuel Lee Hooker, 91, passed peacefully on August 15, 2025, surrounded by his family at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. He was born October 21, 1933, in Jefferson City, Missouri, to the union of Reverend Isaac and Gladys (Berryhill) Hooker.*

*Samuel was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Isaac Hooker Jr. and Charley Lee; and six sisters: Temphy Wright, Tressie Moore, Rosie Mae Murray, Kathrine Mayberry, Lillie Lawson, and Mary Jefferson.*

*He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in his father's church. In his adulthood he joined the United Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Jonnie L. Guyton. Samuel was ordained in this church as a deacon. After the church dissolved, he joined Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Price Ellis in 1979. He was an active member of the church. He served as a deacon and sang and played lead guitar for the male chorus. He remained faithful in the church until he passed away.*

*When he was a young boy, he and his family moved to Kansas City, Missouri. He was educated in the Kansas City Public School District. He also took college classes at Penn Valley Community College.*

*He joined the Air Force from 1954 through 1958 during the Korean War; where he was assigned as air police at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. When he was released with an honorable discharge, he served in the Air Force Reserves for 14 years.*

*He met his wife, Ernestine D. Ryan, while he was stationed in Wichita Falls, Texas. They married in 1955, and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Five children were born to this union. Not only was he a great provider, but he also deeply loved his family.*

*Samuel worked many jobs but successfully landed a permanent position at the United States Postal Service in 1962. He worked as a mail handler before being promoted to supervisor of operations until he retired in 1988, after 30 years of service. After retiring, he couldn't sit still, so he worked for Sears for 10 years. Once he retired from there, he still was not ready to be still. He worked for the city for a couple of years checking streetlights at night. After that, he worked for US Bank as a courier for 14 years until he finally officially stopped working.*

*Some activities he liked were playing music on keyboards and guitar. He loved working on cars, playing cards, bowling, and watching the KC Chiefs win Super Bowls. He was a member of the 299 Club in his bowling league, just one pin shy of a perfect game. He read all the time; he said it kept his mind going. He especially loved studying the Bible.*

*He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of 70 years, Ernestine Hooker; one son, Dwayne E. Hooker; four daughters: Naurita L. West, Jacquelyn E. Hooker, Anitra D. Warren, and Kimberly L. Hooker; one bonus daughter, Brenda F. Robinson; two sisters: Wilma Jean Carson and Burtha Scott; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter, Essence Imani Brown; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.*



## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Deacon Charles Pearson  
New Testament - Deacon Howard Wyatt

**Prayer** | Minister Rodney Williams

### **Musical Selection**

Tyrone Hooker | Four and Twenty Elders

**Acknowledgments & Condolences** | Dayle Green

**Life Reflections (To Be Read in Silence)**

### **Video Tribute**

### **Special Remarks**

Deacon Thomas Bugg  
Deacon Otis Stevenson  
Arieal Warren - (Family)  
Ida Hughes - (Friend)  
Card & basket statement

**All other remarks, please share them on the cards provided and place them in the basket.**

### **Musical Selection**

Hooker Singers

**Words of Comfort** | Pastor Harrison Jackson

### **Benediction**

### **Recessional**

**Following interment, the Repast will be held in the Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for family and close friends.**

