

*Celebrating the life of*

**THOMAS  
CLIFTON  
HICKS**



**December 3, 1950 - September 25, 2022**

*Service to be held*

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**FAMILY HOUR: 10:30AM**

**FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00AM**



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# THOMAS'S JOURNEY

*Thomas Clifton Hicks*, aka Heighty, was the fifth born to Charlie and Frances Hicks on December 3, 1950, at Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Both of his parents preceded him in death.

Thomas accepted Christ in his youthful days. He was an Alter Boy and sang in the Choir at Universal Liberty and Christ Kingdom. He later attended Corinthian Baptist Church. He was grounded in his faith and took great joy in regularly reading his bible and sharing bible-based words of encouragement.

Thomas was a proud Mckenzie High School "Stagg" where he excelled on the Varsity Basketball and Football teams. He later attended Wayne Community College. Thomas was employed by the State of Michigan as a Corrections Officer for 22 years, retiring in 2007. He continued his professional journey by providing security services at various establishments across Detroit. He was also a stellar artist, regularly painting and sketching in his spare time.

Thomas Hicks lived a life filled with giving, service to others, his family, friends and various people with whom he crossed paths. He was big on forgiveness, taking care of others and committed to his family. His heart was genuine, just full of love.

Thomas loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He also loved attending concerts, vacationing, and spoiling his nephews, nieces and grandchildren. He was especially close with his grandson, Gabriel, and deeply proud of his son, Kason.

Thomas departed this life Sunday, September 25, 2022. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife Tamara Hicks; sons Kason Dickerson and Artis Griffin; daughter Whitney Griffin (Charles Gibson); six siblings: Mary Ann Hicks (Lindsey, deceased), Charles Hicks (Sharon), Frank, Hicks (Gaynell and Evyonne), Gina Hicks (Keith, deceased), Mike Hicks (Angie), and Janeen Hicks. His grandchildren, Kassidy Dickerson, Gabriel Griffin and Khloe Griffin. His beloved Aunt Laura and a host of nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great nieces, cousins, and many friends, including longtime colleagues turned friends, Darnell Campbell and Taylor.



**Dear Family:**

*I love you all so much and thank you for my time with you. My journey is done on this earth. The Lord called and I had to answer. So forgive me if I did not say goodbye, why? Because it's*

***"TALLY-HO, GOT TO GO!"***

***~Thomas "Heifty" Hicks***

**Poem - Don't Cry for Me**

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.*

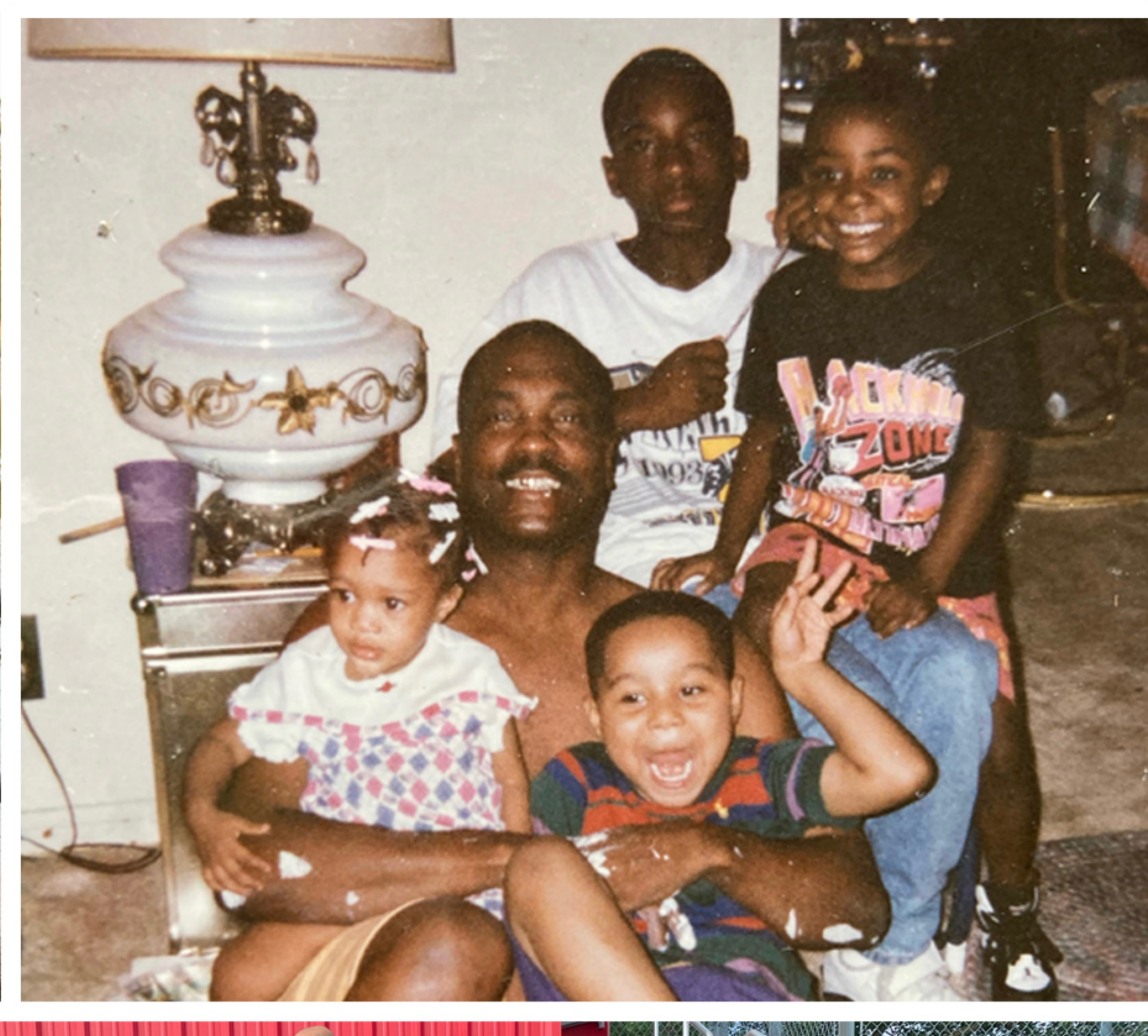
*For I am resting now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong. I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time, but I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone. The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear. All my pain is gone, and Jehovah took my tears. Don't cry for me. This is not the end. I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*



Remembering Thomas





## **To My Darling Husband**

Thomas, when I met you, I thought what a gorgeous man and a nice person. Marriage wasn't on my mind, but, you told me, "I don't want to date you, Tammy, and live in sin, I want a wife!" God gave me ten action-packed years with you. I miss you so much, especially you telling me "Girl, I love you so much, you just don't know." I knew. I will miss how you stayed up all night and watched over me (the package), hugging me so tight, I could barely breathe.

The little things you did and the silliness about you. Thank you, I love you more than words can define and I will miss you so much, until we meet again. Tammy, beloved wife.

**To My Father:** Thank you for all the great memories. I will always appreciate the times you supported me and my purpose in life. Without you there would be no me. I'm grateful to have a father like you. The journey we embarked on was like no other. My most fondest memory we shared was at my senior night at Wayne State University. The strength you displayed while going through adversity taught me so much. I will take that strength and implement it in my life to be the best man, father, counselor, and coach I can be. Save me a spot with the Lord. Until we meet again, your son Kason.

**To Papa:** Everyone says I was the apple of your eye, but that's no match for how I saw you. I loved you so much – "to infinity and beyond." I will never forget how you made me feel safe and protected over me. Because of you, I feel like I can do anything I put my mind to. I won't let you down! I love you so much and will miss you always, Papa. – Gabe

**To Papa:** I dreaded my mom remarrying, but only YOU could change that. I will always cherish your giant heart, silliness, artistry, love for Jehovah, our shared love of sweets, and so much more. You were deeply proud of your kids and always made sure we knew. As I continued to grow in my faith, you encouraged me every step of the way. So, although my heart is broken into a thousand pieces, you know I will trust in Jehovah to keep me, Gabe, and the package safe until we meet again. – Whitney

**To Heifty:** You were a caring person with a big heart. As my big brother, you were the closest to me and my role model growing up. Not only were you my protector (we'll save the stories for another time), but an amazing athlete. I am going to miss you so much, even calling me and everyone else any time of the day and night, or just picking me up sometimes and riding out. My big brother, love you Man. "Hicks Nation" for life! – Mike

**Dearest Brother:** Heifty you were Mommy and Daddy's baby for seven years... until Mike and Janeen came along. You clamored for Mom's attention and she happily obliged. A true brother, you were the one we could call on when we needed someone to check on family, especially Aunt Laura. Heifty, you loved everyone unconditionally. You were a brilliant artist and one-of-a-kind; we will miss you so much. – Hicks Nation

**Thomas:** We connected as Corrections Officers, but I gained much more than a colleague – a brother and a great friend. I will always remember your iron-crisp uniforms, jokes, and hidden talent as an artist. I will miss our phone calls and annual birthday commitment that we've held over the years. I love you, Man. – Darnell Campbell.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Bryan Gary

**PROCESSIONAL**

**SCRIPTURE**

Rush Spaulding

**PRAYER**

Elder Tremaine Woods

**SONG**

Bryan Gary

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Family and Friends

**OBITUARY**

Charles Gibson

**REMARKS**

**SONG**

**EULOGY**

Elder Tremaine Woods

**RECESSIONAL**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Bryan Gary

## **PALLBEARERS**

Darnell Campbell  
Kason (Hicks) Dickerson  
Artis Griffin

Keon Hicks  
Mike Hicks  
Nicholas Hicks

## **HONORARY PALLEARERS**

Frank Hicks  
Victor Burns

Charles Hicks  
Gabriel Griffin

## **INTERMENT**

Private Ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery  
19975 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48203

## **REPAST**

UAW Local 7  
2600 Conner St, Detroit, MI 48215

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The family of Thomas Hicks wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family, and loved ones who shared words of comfort, expressions of love, floral tributes, prayers, quality time, and kindness during our time of bereavement.