



### *Pallbearers*

Lorenzo Council ~ Bobby Baggett ~ Micah Robertson  
Larry "Boo" Marshall ~ Marvin Robertson ~ Thomas Ray Lane II  
Michael Moore ~ Wade Sparks ~ Dennis Holley

### *Acknowledgement*

We would like to give a special thank you to everyone for all the outpouring love and support. We truly appreciate the calls, texts, visits and overwhelming amount of donations. To Karmeil Stepter, thank you for being so instrumental in our parents' life and ensuring that our dad was well taken care of in his last days. You are in our hearts and we will forever love you.



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**HOMEGOING  
CELEBRATION FOR**



*Carl Gene*  
**HICKS JR.**

DECEMBER 15, 1952 — DECEMBER 15, 2025



# Obituary

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 11:00 AM  
New Birth Christian Ministries  
3475 Refugee Rd, Columbus, OH 43232

**Carl G. Hicks Jr., age 73 was born on December 15, 1952 and as only he could, transitioned on December 15, 2025.**

Carl was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, mentor, and friend. Carl was born in Columbus, Ohio where he attended Marion Franklin High School and later enlisted in the US Coast Guard to serve for almost 3 years. He then became a dedicated employee of the Columbus Dispatch for 20+ years. During this time Carl loved to coach his sons baseball team, compete on his very own softball team, bowl competitively, travel and grace the world with humor. After retirement, Carl and his wife became real estate investors, flipping multiple properties to later fund their other business ventures. Entrepreneurship led them to later open multiple beauty salons managing and mentoring a large part of the beauty industry in Columbus, Ohio.

As a staple in the black beauty community Carl was a known as a father figure who would help anyone as long as he could add some sarcasm. Carl was a ball of love, especially to his grandchildren, who knew that anything was possible with “pawpaw”.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of over 45 years, Donna Hicks, Sons Carl (Adrienne) Hicks, Wesley Hicks(significant other Nicole Thomas); Daughter, Donna Kyles; Uncle, Conner Lewis; Grandchildren, Kylan, Karter, Kaiah, Christopher, Kylee, Carl IV, Lyden, Karver, Khristian and Great-Grandchildren, Nylan and Boston; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded by his parents Carl Sr. and Joyce Melba Hicks and Sister, Robin Hicks.

# REMEMBER ME

To the living, I am gone,

To the sorrowful, I will never return,

To the angry, I was cheated,

But to the happy, I am at peace,

And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.

I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,

As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,

Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:

Your thoughts, and your memories,

Of the times we loved,

The times we cried,

The times we fought,

The times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

# FOR THE PATRIARCH

He was the quiet strength in every room,  
The steady hand that never sought applause.  
His love was shown in actions, not in words—  
In early mornings, long days, and open doors.

He built a life from sacrifice and care,  
A legacy of values passed by example.  
Through storms, he stood; through joy, he guided—  
A pillar when the world felt unsteady.

His voice still echoes in our choices,  
His lessons written into who we are.  
Though time has claimed his earthly presence,  
His wisdom walks with us, near and far.

We grieve the man we can no longer hold,  
Yet honor all he gave and all he stood for.  
A patriarch does not truly depart—  
He lives in the lives he shaped forevermore

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE**  
Slide Show/ Soft Music

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CONDOLENCES**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Old Test (Isaiah 25:8)-Lesley Council  
New Test (Revelations 21:4)- Tracey Penn

**SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY**

**POEM**  
Tracey Penn

**SAXOPHONE SOLO**  
Chris Hoyte

**REMARKS (2min)**  
Robert McClendon ~ Larry Marshall ~ Kimberly Smith  
Donna Kyles ~ Kylan Hicks & Grandkids

**EULOGY**  
Minister Marvin Robertson 10min  
Pastor Donald Fitzgerald 10min  
Bishop Kenneth Moore (closing)

**RECESSIONAL**

