



Homegoing Service

FOR

Bishop

Tommy

L.

Hughes, Sr.



Sunrise: June 26, 1941 – Sunset: October 18, 2025

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

2125 KEITH STREET * TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32310

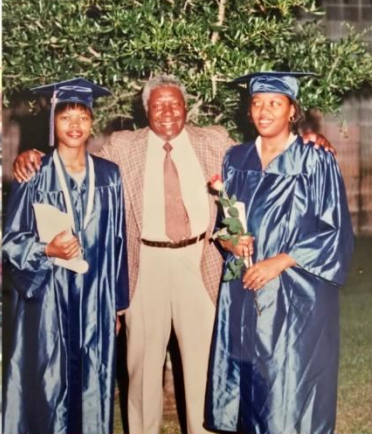
The Elder Ervin Montgomery, Senior Pastor

Bishop Byron Hughes, Officiant

Bishop Trevor Reid, Assistant Officiant

COGOP STATE BISHOP OF FLORIDA

TREASURED MEMORIES



A LEGACY OF FAITH AND LEADERSHIP

HONORING

BISHOP TOMMY L. HUGHES, SR.

JUNE 26, 1941 – OCTOBER 18, 2025

BISHOP TOMMY L. HUGHES, SR. was born in Perry, Florida on June 26, 1941 to Lawrence, Sr. and Edna Robinson Hughes. Both parents preceded him in death.

BISHOP HUGHES graduated from Jenkins High School and earned his Associate's degree from Suwannee River Jr. College. He also attended Florida A&M University (FAMU) and completed coursework in Industrial Arts and Engineering before being drafted into the U. S. Army. While in the military, **BISHOP HUGHES** spent eight months in Seoul, South Korea, where he served during the Korean Conflict. In civilian life, he worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad as a Train Conductor for 25 years before retiring in 1994.

On September 4, 1966, **TOMMY HUGHES** and the former Minister Emma Danzy were joined in Holy Matrimony. Their blessed union produced twelve children: Tommy Jr. (Sandra), Malcolm (Lienita), Malthus, Sebastian (Leslie), Aquilina (Michael), Byron (Tiffany), Edneatra, Everett, Valerie (DeMario), Emily (*deceased*), Michael and Ranata. He was also extremely proud of his twelve grandchildren. He loved his siblings: Norma Scott, Wilhelmenia, Lawrence (Betty Jean), James (Lorene), John (Joan) and Henry (*deceased*).

BISHOP HUGHES served in pastoral ministry for 60 years. During that time, he served with distinction as shepherd of Glorious Rain COGOP, Perry, Florida; Greenville COGOP, Greenville, Florida; and two tenures at the Hampton Springs COGOP, Perry, Florida.

BISHOP HUGHES' hobbies included: photography, deep sea fishing, hunting, collecting guns, traveling, frequenting thrift shops, spreading God's Word, and spending quality time with family. **BISHOP HUGHES'** compassion and care for others were the hallmark of his life and vital to his ministry as a Bishop. He was committed to the work of the Church of God of Prophecy and to its role in the life of the household of faith. He had great love and respect for leaders, and the laity alike.

BISHOP HUGHES led with grace, humility and strength. He didn't just preach sermons – he built a community. He baptized new believers, guided families through grief and celebration, and raised up generations of leaders.

To his family, he was a steady presence. To his church, he was a spiritual father. To his community, he was a voice of hope. And to everyone who knew him, he was a man who truly lived what he preached. His legacy of faith will continue through the lives he touched. His story doesn't end here – it lives on in every sermon remembered, every prayer answered, and every person inspired by his example.

ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Bishop Byron Hughes, Officiant
Bishop Trevor Reid, Assisting

PRELUDE *“It Will Be Alright”* Brother Anthony Williams & Choir

PROCESSIONAL Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

THE PARTING GLANCE & SEATING OF FAMILY The *Tillman* Staff

THE SEALING OF THE BIER

THE DRAPING OF THE ALL NATIONS FLAG

MINISTERIAL PROTOCOL Bishop Byron Hughes

INVOCATION Pastor T. Wayne Hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: *Isaiah 40:28-31* Elder Kenardo Curry

New Testament: *1 Corinthians 15:51-58* Pastor Joneate Gailey

SELECTION *“My Soul is Anchored in the Lord”* Brother Alex Williams

THE LORD’S PRAYER Minister Ranata Hughes

THE REFLECTIONS:

Our Brother Norma Scott, Lawrence Hughes II, James Hughes
Dr. John I. Hughes M.D. & Wilhelmina Hughes

Our Father Tommy II, Malcolm, Malthus, Sebastian, Aquilina,
Byron, Edneatra, Everett, Valerie, Michael & Ranata

Our Grandfather *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* Imani George

ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION (CONT'D)

Bishop Byron Hughes, Officiant
Bishop Trevor Reid, Assisting

THE TRIBUTES: Bishop Lawrence Singleton
Bishop William Nester
Bishop Arthur Wilson, Jr.
Reverend Dr. Eduardo K. Curry I, Esq.

THE EULOGISTIC REMARKS Bishop Trevor Reid

THE RESOLUTIONS Sister Patrice Mozell

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS The *Tilman* Staff

PRAISE & WORSHIP Hughes Family & Friends Chorale

THE EULOGY Bishop Byron Hughes

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION Bishop Trevor Reid, State Bishop of Florida

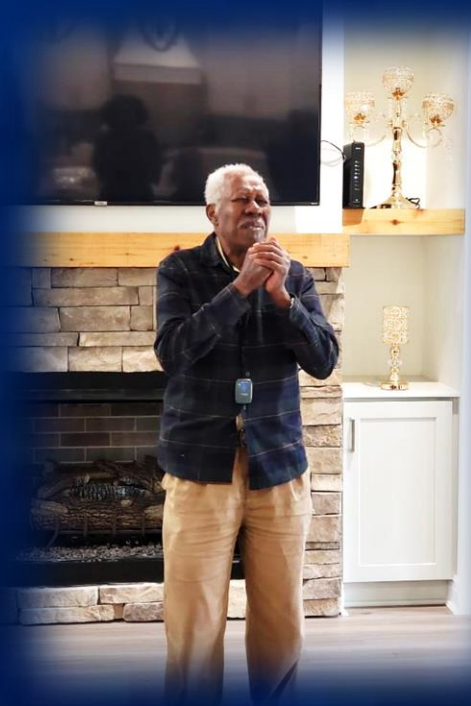
THE RECESSIONAL Brother Anthony Williams & Choir



TREASURED MEMORIES



A TOWERING TREE HAS FALLEN



A towering tree from the Hughes family forest is no longer with us. His presence in the canopy of protection – the windshield during life’s storms and the source of nourishment and guidance – will surely be missed, though not fatally so, for Bishop Tommy L. Hughes, Sr. was always a forward-thinking man in both word and action.

During our preadolescence, when we were known as Tad (my nickname) and Pee Wee (his nickname), he was never one to hesitate or wonder about the outcome of a situation. He spoke his mind freely and acted on his convictions.

I remember one day when we had pork and beans for lunch. It was his turn to bless the food, and he prayed, “The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not eat these beans.” By the time he got up from the floor, I had already finished my plate!

Then there was the time he saw a light flickering in an outhouse (our outdoor toilet).

Without hesitation, he picked up a brick, hurled it, and proudly shouted, “T. L. Brick Thrower!” as he ran back inside. I asked, “Why did you announce us? Now they’ll know who did it!” He calmly replied, “They’ll also know not to come back.”

He was never afraid to face the future –and he did so with courage, wit, and a heart full of faith.

~ Lawrence Hughes, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Pastors of Florida District 12, Church of God of Prophecy

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

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FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

THE SERVICE OF COMMITMENT & INTERMENT

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway * Tallahassee, Florida 32311

REPAST

St. John Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We, the family of Bishop Tommy L. Hughes, acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and expressions of kindness evidenced in thought and deeds. Your love and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will always be cherished. It is our prayer, that God will continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving care.



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