

# *Order of Service*

## **Processional**

Clergy and Family

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Corey Hicks

New Testament - Charles Hicks

## **Prayer**

## **Selection**

## **Expressions**

3 Minutes Please

## **Resolutions and Acknowledgements**

Sister Pat Lee

## **Selection**

## **THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Bishop Morris O. Jenkins, Jr.

## **Invitation to Discipleship**

Recessional

## *Active Pallbearers*

Charles Hicks  
Corey Hicks  
Verdall Yeldell

Corie Reed  
Jay Lynch  
Charles Harrison

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Donald Cunningham  
Isaac Freeman

Michael Reed  
Derrick Hicks

## *Acknowledgements*

We are sincerely appreciative for the many acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we go through this difficult time. Thank you all.

*~The Family~*

## *Internment*

Private

## *Repast*

To minimize the spread of Covid the family is having a small gathering by invitation only.

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to*



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## *In Loving Memory of*



*Sis. Ernest V.  
Cunningham-Hicks*

**Sunrise**

**December 15, 1954**

**Sunset**

**January 31, 2022**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Though anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## *Service*

**Saturday, February 19, 2022  
11:00 a.m.**

**Ellis Memorial Church of God in Christ  
412 Massachusetts Street  
Houston, TX 77029**

*Bishop Morris O. Jenkins, Jr.  
Pastor*

# *Obituary*

Earnest Vinita Hicks, age 67, passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022, at Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX after a month-long battle with Covid-19.

She was born December 15, 1954, to Earnest "Coots" and Beatrice Cunningham in Navasota, TX (Grimes County Hospital).

Earnest accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age while attending Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (probably every Sunday) until she was a young adult. She was raised in the historic Trinity Gardens neighborhood, where she attended Rosa Lee Easter Elementary, Terrell Middle School - where she was a cheerleader. She graduated from Kashmere High School in 1972, where she was on the step team and met her high school sweetheart and future husband Mr. Charles Wayne Hicks. Earnest attended Texas Southern University and was the Queen of The Lanier Hall for Women.

Earnest united with Charles W. Hicks on January 12, 1974, and they had four children, Titanya Nicole Hicks, Derrick Dewayne Hicks "Casper", Charles Jarmaine Hicks, and Corey Dylane Hicks.

In the early 90's Earnest became a member of Ellis Memorial Church of God In Christ and was a member until her passing.

Her hobbies included sewing, building, painting, and other arts and crafts. She was a very simple person and would rather stay at home, watch movies, play Uno, and enjoy a home cooked meal with her family versus receiving expensive gifts, eating at fancy restaurants, or going on trips. It was the "presence" of her children that she enjoyed the most not the "presents". She was a woman of conviction and was not shy about sharing her thoughts and beliefs with anyone she conversed with. Her faith and belief in God was without a doubt unwavering and she prayed about any and everything. Whether it was financial troubles, sickness, a misbehaving child, car trouble, you name it...prayer was the answer. She was always rebuking someone or something in the name of Jesus no matter how minor or major the infraction and if you were in a discussion with her, she always found a way to bring God's word into the conversation. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her, but we know she's at home with the lord now. Her spirit will continue to live on through her children and grand children and her memory will be forever lasting in our hearts.

Earnest Vinita Hicks was preceded in death by her father, Earnest Cunningham; mother, Beatrice Cunningham; and (2) brothers, Gary and Stratty Cunningham.

She leaves to cherish her memories her brother, Rochelle Cunningham; daughter, Titanya Nicole Hicks; (3) sons Derrick, Charles, and Corey Hicks; (11) grandchildren, Reginald Phillip McMillon III, Xavier DeShaun McMillon, Derrick Javon Hicks, Dametrius Lashaun Alexander Hicks, Derrick Michael Earnest Hicks, DeKari Dewayne Hicks, Ahleigh Muhummid Noble Hicks, Trinity Alexandra Hicks, Heiress Micaiah Hicks, Amora Layla Hicks, and Charles Jarmaine Hicks II; (2) great grandchildren Saniyah Mone' Mcmillon, and Lillian Alexandria Mcmillon; (1) niece, Clarisa Cunningham; and (5) nephews, Gary Cunningham Jr., Danny Cunningham, Stratty Cunningham Jr., Rochelle Cunningham Jr., Marcus Cunningham; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Precious*



# *Memories*

