



*Home Going  
Service  
for*

*William Cornell Hicks, Jr.*

Sunrise  
April 23, 1982

Sunset  
March 21, 2014

*Service*

*Friday, March, 28, 2014 - 12:00 Noon*

**The New Life Church**

*622 Thomas Blvd.*

*East Orange, New Jersey*

***Bishop David E. Barnes, Officiating***

## Obituary

**William Cornell “Pookie” Hicks, Jr.** made his entrance into this world on April 23, 1982 to William C. and Deborah Hicks, Sr. He was the joy and essence of their life, as well as being a bundle of Love to not just his Grandmother Rita Hicks who just could not get enough of him.

Growing up in Newark, NJ. He first attended the House of Prayer Pre-Scholl where everyone got the first glimpse of his intellect and talent. Pookie went on to attend and graduate from St. Michael’s Elementary School, continuing his thirst for education and making his parents proud of him. Pookie attended and graduated from Seton Hall Prep where his skills and talent continued to flourish. Pookie also completed three years of study at New Jersey City University. Pookie was always involved in special activities in school plays, different group involvement at the Prep, anything worthwhile that contributed to the betterment of others. He was a selfless spirit.

Pookie met the love of his life Takeemah, while they were teenagers. Over the years they just blossomed into the couple that they were meant to be. Takeemah was always very supportive of Pookie, and he of her.

Pookie enjoyed helping people and making a difference. When you met him, you realized that he changed something about you. His smile was always the same warm and all-encompassing and you knew immediately it was sincere and real. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his Mom and Dad, who he would visit often. He loved attending The New Life Church where he was a member, and he loved his Bishop and Pastor.

The Joshua Brothers were his circle and although all were his brothers, he enjoyed Deacon James, Associate Pastor Brian and Coach James. He also enjoyed hanging out with Youth Pastor Anise Robinson, and getting those crazy handshakes from Sister Diane that would have him laughing in church. For his Birthday, he would tell his Mom and Dad to give him the same gift he asked for every year-Fry me some chicken, cook some peas, “you know what I like Dad.” That was Pookie, always consistent.

Friday morning, March 21, 2014, Pookie made his transition with his Mom and Dad at his side. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Harry and Rita Hicks, Cooper P. Pitts, Sr., Robena Pitts Uncle’s, Charles E. Hicks, Robert Williams and Henry Pitts.

Pookie leaves behind to cherish his memory his Mom and Dad William C. and Deborah Hicks, Sr.; brother, James Lyons; Love of his life, Takeemah Hollenback; his uncle’s Harold R. Hicks; (favorite) Cooper P. Pitts, Jr. and Victor Moore; his aunts, Diane Landau, Maxine and Karen Pitts, Carol Hicks and Deloris Pitts. He also leaves behind a host of family members and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Prayer ..... Kasey Miles

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Deacon Harold R. Hicks

New Testament - John 14:1-4 ..... Deacon James Charles

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Sandra Barnes

Selection ..... Yvonne Williamson

Obituary ..... Michelle Stevens

Tribute ..... Friends

Family Tribute ..... Taziyah Whitehead/Deacon Harold Hicks

Acknowledgments/Resolution ..... Deaconess Karen Charles

Selection ..... Glenda Malone

Eulogy.....Bishop David E. Barnes

Final Viewing ..... Tamela MAnn “I Can Only Imagine”

Recessional ..... Andre Crouch “Let The Church Say Amen”

## **Interment**

Heaven Rest Memorial Park

268 Ridgedale Ave.

East Hanover, New Jersey

## ***Repast***

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## Pallbearers

Oraton Street Family

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

*We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our many friends for the expression of love shown during this time. Your prayers, telephone calls, cards, visits and other expressions of love, kindness, and thoughtfulness meant so much to us.*

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