

Brother Sid Oliver, Organist

# <u>Obituary</u>

**Lena Hicks** was born on May 5, 1938 in Erwin, North Carolina to the late Leslie McLean and Mrs. Corenna Covington McLean. She was one of thirteen children.

Lena graduated from Harnett High School in 1956 and thereafter worked driving the school bus in North Carolina.

She later married Miron Hicks (deceased) where three children were born to this union, Jacqueline Hicks-Williams, Debbie Lynn Hicks and Tonya (Money) Hicks (deceased).

Lena worked over thirty years and retired from the Newark Board of Education (public schools) as a Security Guard.

She was a member of New Vision FGBC, where she served on the Food and Usher Ministry. Despite her illness she remained strong, independent, encouraging, and unwavering in her faith in GOD.

Lena always loved to cook and entertain, everyone adopted her as Momma, Grandma or Sis. She made sure everyone felt good and full every time she cooked always with love and her good ole potato salad always made you come back for seconds in which she enjoyed feeding everyone which also made her happy.

Lena leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Jackie and Debbie Hicks of New Jersey; four grandchildren, Carl Williams, Jr., Ebonie Williams, Zanobia Ellington and Jasmine Ellington; six great grandchildren, Naeem Williams, Kodi Williams, Zajee Austin, Maziyah Frances, Jazmir Mack and Lavaia Williams; two sisters, Evangelist Linelle McKoy and Bishop Brenda Johnson of Erwin, North Carolina; and a host of other relatives and friends.



## Service of Celebration

Organ PreludeBro. Sid Oliver
Final Viewing
Hymn of Celebration"Blessed Assurance"Sis. Gail Smith
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Proverbs 3:5-6 New Testament - II Thessalonians 3:16
Prayer of Comfort
Solo
Acknowledgements and Resolution
Reading of the Obituary
SoloTyrone Dunlap
Message of ComfortBishop Andre' L. Jackson, Pastor & Founder New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church
Mortician In Charge ~ RecessionalClergy and Family "Take Me To The King"

#### **Cremation**

Rosedale Crematory Orange, New Jersey

#### Repast

Immediately following the cremation service family and friends are invited for a repast at Prince Hall Masonic Lodge 188 Irving Turner Blvd. Newark, New Jersey 07108

# 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

### <u> Acknowledgements</u>

The family of **Lena Allene Hicks** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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