



Cornell Hicks

July 8, 1948 - January 20, 2018

A Time To Be Born:

Cornell Hicks, commonly referred to as “Hicks”, was born on July 8, 1948 at Conway Hospital in Conway, So Carolina, to his proud parents, the late Joe and Grace Hicks. He was blessed to have four older siblings, Gilbert, Earleaner, Curtis, and Maxine.

A Time To Uproot:

After living with his sister, Earleaner, in Queens, New York during the summer months, he made a permanent move to her house at the age of 16 in 1964.

A Time To Learn:

Hicks began his education in the Conway school system and is still remembered for his outstanding performance as a drum major and for his outstanding basketball skills at Conway High School in So. Carolina. However, after relocating to New York, he graduated from Springfield Gardens High School in Queens, New York in 1966. While working for his brother-in-law at Groves Auto Electric, Hicks learned and absorbed all the information he could about cars, their upkeep, and their parts. Throughout his years working for the Richmond City Public Schools, he took several technological courses at the Technical Training Center and was very proud of his accomplishments.

A Time To Marry:

Hicks met Marcelle Armstrong at the Black Social Workers Day Care Center in New York, where they both worked. Marcelle was very impressed by the fact that he was so respectful to women, considerate, kind, and caring, and always had a positive outlook on life, a wonderful sense of humor, and above all, she loved his smile. The two of them were married in 1975 and then relocated to Richmond, VA. In 1979.

A Time To Work:

Hicks' experience at Groves Auto Electric helped him to simply walk into his job at the Richmond City Auto Parts Department when he and Marcelle moved to Richmond. He felt right at home. After several years he was transferred to the warehouse for the Richmond City Public Schools and then he went on to Fox Elementary School, where he was loved by every child. He later retired in 2011.

A Time To Play:

Throughout the course of his life, Hicks enjoyed skiing, playing basketball, and golfing, as well as being a caddy. He loved to attend the races, be it Nascar, Stock, Funny or Drag Races. He enjoyed watching a good game and knew all of the players as well as their stats. Hicks' love of sports showed with kids as he helped coach the little league football team. He was a member of the Richmond Jazz Society and enjoyed attending festivals and listening to good music.

A Time To Travel:

Something Hicks loved to do was travel, and it was always with his wife. They seemed to be on the go all of the time. Whether it was a cruise, ski trip, long distance road trip, flying 'cross country, wading in the waters in the Bahamas, camping in a log cabin, knocking on Ella Fitzgerald's door while on a conference trip, getting a flat tire on the way to the Playboy Club in New Jersey, riding a Tram in the mountains of Tennessee, it didn't matter. Hicks

and Marcelle loved to travel with one another.

A Time To Be Supported:

Throughout the last four years of struggling with his health, Hicks always kept his signature smile and bubbly personality. He was always given loving support from both families including Elaine Mills, and Miriam Armstrong, before their passing. He was also supported during this time by loyal friends and neighbors, Deborah Norris, Patricia Shaw-Brooks, Willie and Dianna Crudup, Sherrard Gardner, Ethel Dandridge, Jimmy and Ronnie Holloway, and Dave and Gina Knight. Simply put, like everyone else, they knew he was a beautiful person.

A Time To Say Goodbye:

Hicks often said, "I'm not going anywhere until God wants me" – this was his time. He was called to be with God on the evening of January 20, 2018. He had a fun filled life, socializing with his friends, enjoying sports, deep frying fish, and living life to its fullest. He refused to let Diabetes take the best of him for so many years. The word 'stranger' was not in his vocabulary because once he met you, he immediately began talking. His life was infectious, as was his love of life.

A Time To Mourn:

Left to cherish memories of Hicks are his loving wife of 42 years, Marcelle, 2 sisters, Earleaner Akins and Maxine Dukes; 2 brothers-in-law, Robert Armstrong (Joyce), and Brian Mills (Sherell); a Godson, Brent Halcomb; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and neighbors who loved Hicks and his passion for life.

Interment private. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made payable to the American Diabetes Association in the name of Cornell Hicks.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornell Hicks*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cornell Hicks.*



January 31, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Mr. Hicks WAS William Fox Elementary. He could make anyone smile and laugh, no matter what was going on. His presence at Fox touched many lives--from children to adults, and his memory will be cherished forever. Mr. Hicks always did the right thing, took pride in our school, and worked to make everyone around him happier.*

Marcel, keep his smile and laugh close to your heart and know that he is still with you.

Please accept our sincere condolences to you and the family. Mr. Hicks was a remarkable man and everyone in the William Fox community is better for having known him.

We are wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.

*Daniela S. Jacobs
Principal
William Fox Elementary*

Daniela Jacobs - January 31, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *He was the Big Guy to me. I loved every moment that I was graced to take care of him. It was a bad shock when I heard of his passing. He always had a smile for everyone. My prayers and love to his family.*

Rosa Mccowan - January 27, 2018 at 10:49 PM

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“ *I will miss watching sports, going to the drag strip, shooting pool, just sitting and talking to "my buddy" Mr. Hick's. We love you and are praying for you Mrs. Hicks. God puts certain people in your life for a reason and I'm thankful he put you in ours.*

David, Gina & Donna

David Knight - January 25, 2018 at 08:53 PM

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“ *May the God of all comfort continue to strengthen you as you cope with the loss of your loved one. Soon there will be a time when sickness and death will end forever mentioned at Isaiah 33:24 and Isaiah 25:8. Please accept my sincere condolences. May these verses bring you comfort*

C. Prince - January 25, 2018 at 09:21 AM

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“ I am sending my condolences for your great loss. I know your precious memories will continue to give you peace, to get through this difficult time. Our heavenly Father is thinking of you, and is ready and able to give you comfort that only he can give. I hope your heart continues to heal from the loss of your dear loved one.

Sincerely,
Kenyetta

Kenyetta - January 23, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 22, 2018 at 01:54 PM