



## James E. Hickman Sr.

January 15, 1949 - September 3, 2017

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23.6

James Emanuel "Yobo" Hickman, Sr., left his family and friends on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Yolanda Bodrick Hickman; father, Washington Alexander Hickman, Sr.; sister, Virginia "Skeeter" Hickman; brothers, Washington "Butch", Jr. and Rudolph "Rudy" A. Hickman; maternal grandparents, Ralph H. and Queenie Esther Hall and paternal grandparents, Phillip S. and Lillian Hickman.

James was the third child and second son born to the late Washington Hickman and Deaconess Virginia Hall Hickman. He took his first breath of life on January 15, 1949 here in Richmond, Virginia.

James attended Richmond Public Schools and was a 1967 graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School. While at Walker he participated in many activities among them a member of the Cadet Corps and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Upon graduating he attended and completed Smithdale Massey Business School. James always had a "flair for dressing, so while still in high school he sought employment and worked in Standards

Drug Store at 1st and Marshall in the Shoe Repair Department so that he could "dress to impress".

Upon graduating he obtained employment with Consolidated Bank and Trust. Feeling a tugging on his heart for law enforcement he became a member of the City of Richmond's Police Department. He began as a foot-officer and excelled in every area of his police work, finally becoming a Homicide Detective. James retired from the Police Department after over 27 years of employment.

After retirement he did several jobs with security but found he really wanted to get back into the "real" world of policing and security and became employed with the Richmond Public Schools Department of Safety and Security where he reached the rank of Lieutenant prior to his retirement in July, 2016

He attended Moore Street Missionary Baptist Church with his father and brothers and other family members. He joined with the Fifth Street Baptist Church but was moved to be with his wife so that they might worship and work together for the Kingdom at Hood temple A.M.E. Zion Church. There he served as an usher, assisted Dr. McGill whenever and wherever needed, a steward and Chief of Security.

James married the late Yolanda "Dolly" Bodrick Hickman on July 23, 1988. He always referred to her as "My Pretty Lady." They enjoyed more than 35 years together as a couple until her homegoing in February, 2016. They truly loved each other deeply and had a special relationship. They enjoyed traveling, watching movies, going to church together and many other activities. Dolly was the true love of his life! Her departure to Heaven created a void that could not be filled!

James' smile could light up any room when he entered. He was "the life of the

party." He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, traveling and enjoying his favorite movie "Home Alone." If you ever had the opportunity to see his facebook page, you would also see that instead of being a Chef Garvin...or Madison Cowans, he was "Chef Jazzy J." He enjoyed having "cook-offs" with his baby sister Linda as they tried to see who could make the best beef stew, chicken and rice and stuffed cabbage. However, even she admits, his shrimp creole was unbeatable.

James received many accolades from the City of Richmond Police Department and the Richmond Public Schools Department of Safety and Security. Some of his most touching tributes have come from students far and wide that were touched by him. He was one who gave unselfishly and who modeled what it was to be a true "gentleman" to everyone! Kindhearted, loving, caring, giving, joyful, easy to get along with...and more!

James was dedicated and devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. Likewise, he leaves a devoted family to cherish his memory; four(4) daughters, Jade and Candace Hickman, Sara Donawa and Jasmyn Briggs; two (2) sons, James, Jr. (Darnella) and Jerard E. Hickman; three (3) grandchildren, Jayden Hickman, Kennedy Clements and Avi Donawa; mother, Deaconess Virginia Hall Hickman; one (1) sister, Rev. Linda Hickman-Pearman (Rev. Anthony); two (2) brothers-in-law, William H. Lightfoot, III and Rodney Rodgers; two (2) sisters-in-law, Opal Lightfoot and Monica Carter; one(1) adopted sister, Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins; five nephews, Pastor Derwin L. Hickman, Sr. (C0-Pastor Franswella), Bishop Jefferson Porter, IV., Scott, Eric and Sean Lightfoot; two (2) nieces, Adia Dobbins and Robin Lightfoot; one (1) godson, Dennis; three (3) aunts, Mamie L. Cephas, Ruth Hall and Gwendolyn Hickman; two uncles, James Hall and Sterling Hickman; a host of cousins, devoted family and friends including Denise Briggs, Sheriff C. T. Woody, Patricia Lightfoot Hickman, Sandra Parker,

Michael Bodrick, Paula and Andre Brimmage, Brenda and Burt Bush,  
Jacqueline and Hargest Friday, Michael Bodrick and Philip D. Thomas.

"Lo, I am with you always...even unto the ends of the ages."

"I heard a voice from heaven saying "Write blessed are the dead who die in  
the Lord; henceforth saith the spirit, for they rest from their  
labour and their works do follow them."

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always  
abounding in the work of the  
Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

SEP 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

5th Street Baptist Church  
2800 3rd Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222



# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Hickman Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY .  
SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS REALLY WILL BE  
MISS.  
FROM DR. FLYAND FAMILY RIP*



**B.WADDEY SR.** - October 03, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Dorothy lit a candle in memory of James E.  
Hickman Sr.*



**Dorothy** - September 18, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences during this difficult time and  
may you find comfort through prayer and Gods Word the Bible.  
"Throw all your anxiety on him because he cares for you"- 1 Peter  
5:7*

**Samuels** - September 13, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *Praying he can now be in peace Love and gonna miss him*

**Lillian Christian** - September 13, 2017 at 09:11 AM

ZA

“ *From him do we come to him is our return.  
R.I.P. (Our friend, our neighbor) James we will  
miss you. Our condolences to the family and  
friends.*



**Zenoria Abdus-Salaam** - September 13, 2017 at 08:08 AM

GF

“ *Gladys H. Fleming lit a candle in memory of  
James E. Hickman Sr.*



**Gladys H. Fleming** - September 12, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Linda Hickman-Pearson lit a candle in  
memory of James E. Hickman Sr.*



**Linda Hickman-Pearson** - September 12, 2017 at 12:07 AM

MM

“ *Sending my Condolences to the Family.  
Sadden by the passing of James, May he rest  
in Peace.*



**Mary Marks** - September 11, 2017 at 10:35 AM

PI

“ *Professional Transportation, Inc. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of James E. Hickman Sr..*



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**Professional Transportation, Inc.** - September 11, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ *To be absent from the body it is to be present with the Lord. I hope and pray that you are in the present of the Lord. To the family you have my deepest sympathy. Love Sis Jessie Batchelor*

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**Jessie Batchelor** - September 11, 2017 at 08:18 AM

GT

“ *James, Dee Dee, Jayden and the Hickman Family, Please accept our condolences on your loss of your Dad and Grand Dad. God bless you all.  
Love,  
Michael and Geraldine Jones and Family*

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**Geraldine Tarpeh-Jones** - September 09, 2017 at 02:57 PM

HJ

“ I am truly saddened, by the passing of my friend and "BROTHER" He was a man with a great mind, pure at heart and blessed with a ability to solve issues with a caring intellect for others. He meant the world to me, guided me and showed how to be "just" no matter what the circumstance. He was a man that made major steps in improving others lives, fly high my friend I will never forget what you taught me. By this we are reminded, The gentle breeze fans their verdant covering, they heed it not; the sunshine and the storm pass over them, and they are not disturbed; stones and lettered monuments symbolize the affection of our surviving friends, yet no sound proceeds from them, save that silent but thrilling admonition: "Seek ye the narrow path and the straight gate that lead unto eternal life." Rest in Peace James Hickman.

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**Hargest Friday Jr** - September 07, 2017 at 07:48 PM

JB

*So true, I couldn't have said it better. Amen*

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**Jessie Batchelor** - September 11, 2017 at 08:05 AM

JF

*Amen My Love*

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**Jacqueline Friday** - September 12, 2017 at 07:46 AM

GD

“ Lt. Hickman I will always remember you as a kind and gentle soul. When I got the news I was shocked. But you fly high and know that you will be forever missed.



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**Gloria Davis** - September 07, 2017 at 01:25 PM

KI

“ I extend my sincere condolences to James Hickman, Sr.'s Family! My heart goes out to you during this time of bereavement. May God bless you and keep you! Love Karen Isaac (Bunny)

Karen Isaac - September 06, 2017 at 11:05 PM

SO

“ My deepest sympathy to James' family during this difficult time and loss of their loved one. May he rest in peace and be safe in God's arms.  
Stephonia Keys Owolabi  
MLW Class of 1968

Stephonia Keys Owolabi - September 06, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ 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 - September 06, 2017 at 04:17 PM

BH

My prayers goes out to the family I was truly shock by the news of his passing he will be miss by all that new him he was a very sweet person i still can't believe he gone may he Rip

Burnette Harris - September 07, 2017 at 07:47 PM

SS

*We the faculty and staff of Miles Jones Elementary School wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Officer Hickman. Words can not express how we all feel about this loss. Officer Hickman was a kind and gentle person always keeping a smile on our faces as he entered our school. He will be forever missed and will always remain special in our hearts. Sadly submitted Sonya Shaw, Principal*

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**Sonya Shaw** - September 07, 2017 at 09:16 PM

AU

*I will truly miss my brother. When I had a problem or needed someone to talk with, I could always call James. He had an answer whether you liked it or not. James was loved by so many. When my mom met him in 1971, she fell in love with him and always referred to him as her son. Rest In Paradise my brother! Rev. Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, DMIN*

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**Audrey** - September 16, 2017 at 02:01 PM