



Janet Wooldridge Hicks

January 10, 1942 - November 17, 2022

Her Life's Legacy

Janet Maxwell Wooldridge Hicks, predeceased by her parents, Sidney Maxwell Wooldridge, and Janie Virginia Braxton Wooldridge, was born on January 10, 1942, in a four-bedroom home in Woodville built by her father. On November 17, 2022, Janet Maxwell began her new life in Paradise surrounded by the saints who have transitioned before her. She is now free to explore her forever home, worship her Savior, explore the streets paved with gold, and settle into her eternal mansion where there is no more night, sorrow, pain, or death. Let us celebrate in the blessed assurance that we too may joyfully join Janet after running our races if we embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord like our dearly departed sister did during her time on Earth.

Janet attended Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Armstrong High School in 1959. She completed training at Smith Madden Business School where she acquired the skills necessary to become a secretary. She worked at various law offices in Richmond including Martin A. Martin's Law Office and that of Oliver W. Hill. Janet also worked as a secretary at Virginia State College in Petersburg. She became the first Black secretary at Virginia's Division of Rehabilitation Services and served as a trailblazer to help integrate that State agency. In her later years, she enjoyed sharing work-related stories

from her days at Rehab with her children. However, Janet found her true calling in service to her Savior, family, and friends.

She was married to Attorney Thomas L. Hicks, Jr. on August 12, 1967. Although they divorced after 25 years of marriage, Janet helped care for Thomas during the twilight of his life. Janet and Thomas had three daughters: Tonia Hicks Christian (Ralph, Jr.), Terri Hicks King (John, III), and Trinette Hicks Haralson (John, III). Janet had five grandchildren: Shelby Nicole King (her favorite granddaughter); Jonathan Michael King; John Bennett Haralson, IV; Ralph Raymond Christian, III; and Julian Bryce Haralson. Janet had one great-grandson, Quincy Shaquille Cooper.

Extended family is left to cherish Janet's memory including Sharon Michelle Price (affectionately known as the fourth daughter) and Gail Steele among a host of other relatives. On her daily phone calls from her loved ones, we can still hear her say, "Hey, Baby Girl..." as she answered her cell phone. Although an only child, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who served as an anchor during her life surrounded Janet. She treasured fond memories from her childhood being showered by the love of her grandparents: Charles Carey Braxton, Ellen Ann Harriet, Elizabeth Johnson Braxton, William Thomas Wooldridge, Sr. (predeceased Janet's birth), and Alice Wood Wooldridge. Knowing she is reunited with her precious family provides comfort to those left behind. Her winsome personality and engaging demeanor fostered friendships and drew people to seek Janet's presence throughout her life here.

Faith, family, and helping others became the cornerstone to Janet's existence. As a person of enduring faith, she held strongly to her beliefs and willingly shared her convictions with others. Her reliance on God's Word sustained her during challenging times and provided an assurance that everything would work out for God's glory. Spending time with her family highlighted the value she placed on people. Being a full-time wife and mother, she dedicated herself

to such activities as becoming the Parent Teacher Association President at her children's school, assisting with choir rehearsal, transporting children to various activities, and fulfilling a myriad of other responsibilities.

She encouraged those in need with a motivational word or a kind gesture. Her optimistic outlook on life helped encourage others to know that success was near if they would not give up. Never one to shy away from her heartfelt convictions, she freely shared her testimony to inspire others. Always one to assist those in need, she gave of her time, effort, and energy to bless others. Her journey on Earth demonstrated a life well lived.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **29**. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life with live streaming

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Janet Wooldridge Hicks, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Janet Wooldridge Hicks*



March Funeral Homes - November 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM

CF

My introduction to Ms. Hicks was through her daughter, Tonia. She would often bless us with encouraging words as we talked about the events and worries of working in the schools. I appreciate her caring spirit and how she shared the love of God in her kind manner. Her beautiful light will forever shine through her deeds and words. My prayers for comfort and peace for all of the family continue.

Christie Forrest - November 22, 2022 at 06:28 PM

DC

“ *Love and Thanks for the Life of Janet. Sincerely, the Cummings and Johnson Families.*

Dr. Audrey CummingsJohnson - November 30, 2022 at 01:43 PM

RO

“ Janet was very dear to my mother's heart as her oldest niece. Janet called her "Aunt Josie".

They shared the same birth month, an unselfish love of family, friends and most especially children. But to top it all a lived blessed Christian life.

Before I was born Janet was the flowergirl at our parents wedding. To me, she was my big sister who knew me before I knew myself. We were blessed to be raised in the loving Woodville community of families like the Pages, Carters, Gaines, Banks, Braxtons, Wooldridges and many many more.

Rev. Josine C. Osborne - November 30, 2022 at 12:49 PM

WS

“ To the Family of Janet Wooldridge Hicks: We were truly saddened to hear of Janet's passing. Many years ago, we came to appreciate her warm and kindred spirit through our joint activities at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, including singing together in the gospel choir. May her memories continue to enrich your lives as well.

Duke & Sharon Smither; Richmond, VA - November 30, 2022

William & Catherine Smither - November 30, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet Wooldridge Hicks.



November 28, 2022 at 04:12 PM

VM

“ As an only child, Janet readily bonded with all of her cousins; especially those living in Richmond. At a young age, she was already an experienced babysitter. Visits to our homes were commonplace as we shared many girlfriend moments, beauty tips, listening to classic 45's or albums, and family holiday gatherings. Janet was always a devoted and dependable family member; unselfishly giving of her time, love and support. She always made sure that her daughters stayed connected to family members as well. Her laughter, humor, storytelling and impersonations of family members were uniquely hers. I will miss her girl chats filled with her pearls of wisdom, and always ending the conversation with, "I love you more." Rest now in the arms of God and join our ancestors. With my deepest sympathy to Tonia, Terri and Trinette. Cousin Violet Mensah

Violet Mensah - November 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

VH

“ Vickie, John, and Matthew Haralson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janet Wooldridge Hicks.



Vickie, John, and Matthew Haralson - November 26, 2022 at 05:01 PM

VH

“ We loved Janet W. Hicks, mother of our daughter-in-law Trinette. She was loving, kind, generous, and loved the Lord. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. We are blessed to have known her. May her memory be a blessing to us all. - Vickie and John Haralson, Chesapeake, VA

Vickie L. Haralson - November 26, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MB

“ *Cousin Janet was a lovely, mighty woman of God! She always shared her love for God by phone or email. I extend my condolences to her family.*
Sincerely, Cousin Millie (Millicent Braxton)



Millicent Braxton - November 25, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DT

“ *I am sending love to my cousins, Tonia, Terri, and Trinette and their families during this difficult time. Know that you all are in my heart! - Love, Daryl*

Daryl Thorne - November 23, 2022 at 04:22 PM

SF

“ *I remembered meeting her and her lovely daughter's back in 1995. She was always sharing the word of God.. she was so kind to me when I lost both of my parents. My prayers are with her and her family.*
"Author of, Ms.Boom Boom."
Sasha Foster

Sasha L Foster - November 22, 2022 at 09:59 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 - November 21, 2022 at 11:33 AM