



Julius (Karim A. Shabazz) "Cat Paw" Hicks

June 22, 1953 - August 27, 2020

My name is Julius Edward Hicks. I was born to parents Leon Hicks Sr. and Margaret S. Hicks on June 22, 1953. As a baby I was very hairy, so my father nicknamed me 'Catpaw' which became infamous over my lifetime. My journey began on Clay St. in downtown Richmond but migrated to Church Hill where some of my fondest memories were created and lifelong friendships were forged. As a young child I was baptized at St. Paul's Baptist Church but later in life I converted to the Nation of Islam and became a brother of Muhammed's Temple. In 2013, I decided to legally change my name to Karim Shabazz. As many know, Church Hill has a vast amount of history which intrigued me. I would often be heard schooling young people on the forgotten history of newly gentrified neighborhoods and pointing out slave auction blocks hidden in plain sight down by the river, ultimately earning the title of Church Hill's unofficial historian. History also was represented in my music choices. I had a passion for the soulful sounds of the 60's and 70's and would spend my leisure time getting lost in the music and reminiscing about the old days.

I attended John F. Kennedy and John Marshall High Schools but received my GED. Later I went on to study business administration at Virginia Union University for two years. I earned a living as a dough mixer at the Wonder Bread factory working there for 10 years. During my time there it was discovered that I had multiple sclerosis which forced me to leave the

workforce, but the diagnosis never broke my spirit. I continued to lead a vibrant life by spending my days visiting family and friends throughout the city and beyond.

Life's greatest gifts came by way of my children. First a daughter, Svondai 'Vondell' Brown, who has always been right by my side and tending to my every need, for this I often referred to her as the 'good daughter'. Then I was blessed with a son, Julius 'Ju Ju' Edwards who bares many of my characteristics such as my humor and charm.

I was preceded in death by my father Leon Hicks Sr. and leaving behind to cherish my memory is my mother Margaret S. Hicks; daughter Svondai Brown (Ebony), son Julius Edwards; brothers Leon Hicks Jr., Carl Wendell Hicks, Robert Hicks Sr. (Sheila); sisters Margaret H. Connor, Brenda Hicks, Yolanda H. Barber (Edward), Crystal H. Reid (Kevin); grandchildren Nasir Brown, Lon Coward, Briana Logan, Julius Edwards Jr., Jeremiah Edwards, D'Jarnae Clark, Brion Logan, Jubriel Edwards, Jordan Edwards; bonus grandchildren Antonio Webb, Isaiah Foster, Shanyah Gentry, Sir'Royal Harris and Jocelynn Garner; faithful and devoted friends Priscilla Harris and Arnetta Wilson (Derrick); a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
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Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Julius (Karim A. Shabazz)
"Cat Paw" Hicks, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - September 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

MM

Sorry for your lost....God speed Merrell Mise

MERRELL MISE - September 03, 2020 at 04:17 PM

DC

My Condolences to the Hicks family. Cat Paw you will truly be missed

Donna Clegg - September 04, 2020 at 12:59 PM

AM

Our Sincere Condolences to the entire Hicks family! The Celebration of Life Service was beautiful! We are Thankful for technology that allowed us to attend the service. Much love to the family! Antonio McMullen and Clemmie (Kim) Minter

Antonio McMullen and Clemmie (Kim Minter) - September 04, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Julius (Karim A. Shabazz) "Cat Paw" Hicks

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DC

“ *My condolences to the Hicks family. Cat Paw you will be truly missed*

Donna Clegg - September 04, 2020 at 08:27 PM

SJ

“ *Condolences to the Hicks family.
Julius was an extraordinary person. He will truly be missed.
Rest in peace Cat Paw!*

Stephanie Jackson - September 04, 2020 at 07:24 AM

FC

“ *Catpaw was a true Soldier!....RIP.....Salaam*

Fred Cheatham - September 03, 2020 at 04:25 PM

AT

“ *Sincere condolences to Crystal and family.May you have peace and comfort!!*

Ada Taylor - September 01, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Cat Paw was always a smooth brother,always had a smile and a good word,even when we were kids,I've known Julius,since we where 10 years old.He was one of the ONLY people that would call me by my FULL name,not Danny. Brother you will be missed. My prayers go out to his Family, May God be with you.*

Sheridan Johnson

Sheridan Johnson Sr - August 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DB

“ Sorry for your lost

Donna baker - August 29, 2020 at 11:35 PM

DB

cat paw was a family friend when we lived in richmond he was the ladies man he loved to smile showing his gold I only knew him by cat paw he was a nice person he always call my mother ms Helen he will be missed

Donna baker - August 29, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2nd Corint. 5-8 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Love Aunt Jessie

Jessie Batchelor - August 29, 2020 at 08:34 AM

MH

“ My buddy I'm going to miss you (especially when I came to help you and most of the time you were already dress being hardheaded) lol ! I suppose to be been your caretaker and I end of being your best friend which you call me old lady Mildred We had some fun listen too the oldest but goodness and you knew every song talking about back in the 70's and you knew every club there was in the city of Richmond which I told you I didn't hang like that but when I did it was all fun and oh my I saw every pic you took lawdy you was a dressing soul couldn't tell you nothing lawdy you were hooked and then you will say Awh shoot I had the women I said I guess you did fine looking as you're and dressed too he fell out laughing and start telling me what happen down the road lol ! !we don't meet good ppl like you and you will be definitely missed in my book rest easy buddy you're in the best of hands every, you always said ya better get right with God or be left behind!! Sleep on my buddy I'll meet you again one day !! My buddy !!

mildred Hunt - August 28, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julius (Karim A. Shabazz) "Cat Paw" Hicks.*



August 27, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *To my daughter Svondai/ you're done a excellent job excellent is his name your father is so proud of you just continue doing his work and you know that he's in a better place now love you your mom*

Arnetta Wilson - August 27, 2020 at 01:53 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 - August 27, 2020 at 01:11 PM