

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF

# John L. Hicks

Sunrise: August 22, 1937 - Sunset: November 23, 2016



**Service:**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Emory Lee, Organist*

## Obituary



**John Leroy Hicks** was born August 22, 1937 in Elizabeth NJ. He was the 2nd oldest of 3 sons and 1 daughter born to the late Mary Francis Brock and Dave Hicks.

He received his education in the Elizabeth School system. He was a graduate of School 13 and Thomas Jefferson High School.

He married Mae Frances Clayton on June 26, 1971. He brought to that union one son John Washington. They remained married up until her passing in October 2014.

John was a carpenter by trade, he was skilled with his hands and could fix just about anything. He liked to watch karate movies and black classic films. Bowling was his passion and he played in many leagues over the years.

John was a hard worker and a provider for his family. As an independent contractor, he believed strongly in the importance of being your own boss and entrepreneurship.

John Leroy Hicks left his earthly home on November 23, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mae Frances Hicks and his brother Shelley Hicks.

He leaves to mourn his son John Washington, sister Mary Banks, brother David Hicks, nephews David Hicks, Darryl Bryant (Valerie), nieces Wanda Leonard (Reggie), Renee Artis (James).

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading -Psalm 100 .....DeAndre Artis

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks.....(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary.....Wanda Leonard

Poem ..... Renee Artis

Selection ..... Denise Lowe

Eulogy.....Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Rosemount Memorial Park  
Elizabeth, New Jersey



## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.

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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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