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*Celebration of
Life and
Homegoing*

CHARLES
ELLIS
LOOKS

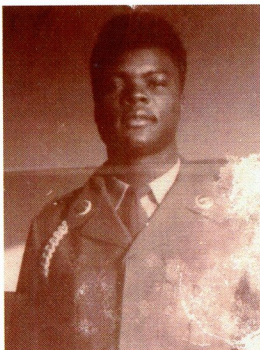


1934 ~ 2010



CHARLES ELLIS HOOKS

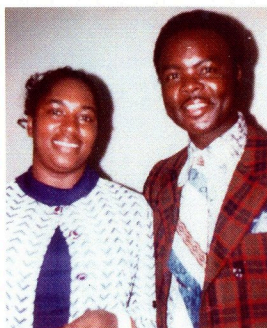
March 21, 1934 ~ November 22, 2010



Charles Ellis Hooks was the third youngest of 13 children born to the late Reverend Charlie and Mrs. Lela (Wiggs) Hooks in DeFuniak Springs, Florida on Wednesday, March 21, 1934.

Serving in the United States Army, Charles' military performance earned him three medals: the Army Occupational Medal (Germany), the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He served during the time of the Korean War and upon his discharge, received a discharge with honor.

Charles, who was affectionately called "Charlie Boy," was united in holy matrimony with Mary Lee and together they were blessed with five children: Elijah, Linda, Anthony, Sheila and Felicia. Felicia preceded her father in death. Charles had other children who he also loved equally. Charles and Mary were married for 49 years before her passing in June 2005.



In the late 1950's, Charles relocated his family to Buffalo, New York where he became an entrepreneur. He was the owner of Hook's Delicatessen and also worked as a barber. He placed his church membership with the Hopewell Baptist Church.

In his later years, Charles was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. As the disease progressed, his daughter Linda cared for him during his stay at the Batavia Homes where Dr. Gwendolyn Cole-Hoover befriended the family and was an outstanding care provider and confidant who truly advocated for the best possible care for Charles. It was during this time that Linda was able to share the gospel with her Dad and witness his accepting Jesus Christ. In 2009, Charles' family relocated him to Arizona to live with his daughter Sheila who lived there. On Monday, November 22, 2010, Charles passed away peacefully in his sleep with Sheila at his side.



Loving memories of Charles Ellis Hooks will be cherished in the hearts of his eleven children: Elijah (Marnie) Hooks of Birmingham, AL, Anthony (Saundra) Hooks of DeFuniak Springs, FL, Linda (Elder Samuel) Patton of Buffalo, NY, Sheila Hooks of Arizona, Bonnie (Alvin) Hemphill of DeFuniak Springs, FL, Charles Hooks of DeFuniak Springs, FL, Loannva Statten of Pennsylvania, Doreen Kenyon of South Carolina, Marlene (Kenneth) Pryor of Buffalo, NY, Charles (Halima) Jones of Buffalo, NY, and Jeffrey (Robin) Tullis of North Carolina; 32 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; his eldest brother, Coy Hooks of DeFuniak Springs, FL; his baby sister, District Missionary Barbara Smith of Buffalo, NY; sisters-in-law Ann Hooks of Buffalo, NY and Becky Hooks of Crestview, FL; stepmother Ruby Hooks of DeFuniak, FL, and many other relatives and loved ones.



ORDER OF SERVICES

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14211
Reverend Dennis Lee
Pastor, Officiating

Visitation 10 AM

Family Processional and Viewing
Receiving of Friends
Expressions from Family and Friends

Homegoing Service 12 NOON

Musical Prelude

Processional Pastor & Clergy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament Revelation 21:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Elder Samuel Patton, Jr.
Son-in-Law

Solo Sarita Hooks
Granddaughter

Acknowledgement of Condolences Ann Hooks
Sister-in-Law

Solo Lady Heather Peterson

Eulogy Reverend Ernest Powell
Nephew
Pastor, Six Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Florala, AL

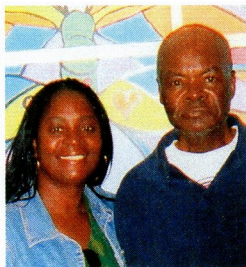
Recessional

Military Salute & Interment

St. Matthew Cemetery
180 Old French Road · West Seneca, New York 14224

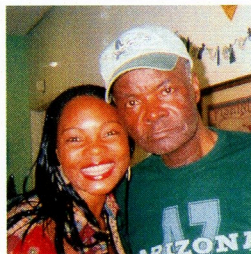
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Expressions of Love



I will never regret the time I spent with you every day Dad. When I saw you, you would smile with a wink in your eye, making me laugh with your humor. When you saw Dr. Cole-Hoover and I walking down the halls, your head would suddenly rise up and you would shout "Hey, Hey Doc!" I never missed a day telling you how much I love you. I will miss you, but my strength will generate from the happy times we spent together. I love you Dad.

Your Daughter Linda



Dad - I enjoyed the short time we spent together. Having you with me in Arizona was wonderful, especially when we celebrated your last birthday. You picked out your own outfit and looked sharp like you enjoy doing. Rest in peace Dad.

Your Daughter Sheila

To Our Precious One - We love you and will miss you. Your memory will forever live in our hearts. Rest in peace.

*From All Your Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren*

Honorary Pallbearers

Elijah Hooks
Robert Powell

Anthony Hooks
Charles (Chuckie) Jones

Jessie Miller, Jr.
Michael Young

Auspices

Exodus Gardens Funeral Home, Inc.
605 Masten Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14209

Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has shown love and compassion in the passing of our loved one. Your prayers, thoughts, kind words and deeds have been a source of comfort and have helped to sustain us. We give special thanks to Dr. Gwendolyn Cole-Hoover, Hospice of Arizona, Pastor Dennis Lee and the Hopewell Baptist Church Family, Pastor Russell Bell and the State Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C. Family, Superintendent Harold Young, Sr. and the Eternal Hope C.O.G.I.C. Family, and today's Musicians. We pray that God will bless and keep each of you always.

The Family of Charles Ellis Hooks

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