

On June 14, 1976, a bouncing baby girl by the name of Yukeitha Yolanda Hicks, affectionally known as “Keitha,” was born to the parentage of Mr. Emanuel Watts and Ms. Sherline Hicks at Sumter Regional Hospital in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. She received her education from Sumter Country High School, where she graduated with the roaring class of 1994. She furthered her education at Albany State University.

Keitha accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Plains, GA under the leadership of Pastor Jack Johnson. Throughout her adult life, she maintained a close and personal relationship with God and often attended the Whole Truth International Ministries, Americus, GA.

Keitha’s passion was customer service. She loved life and was a woman of many talents and gifts. She was an entrepreneur and owned and operated Level Up Documents, where she assisted her community and friends with everything from resumes to dissertations.

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, Yukeitha departed her earthly vessel at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks and Emma Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Lizzie Watts; her best friend, Tasha Mercer; a special friend, Mr. Marcus Harper; her brother, Mr. Emanuel Watts, Jr., and a special and devoted uncle, Mr. Darwin Hicks.

Cherishing the memories of our beloved are her beautiful children: KeAsia Prince, Lithonia, GA; Desie Williams Jr. and DeEron Hicks; her two beautiful grandchildren whom she adored: Ashton Leverette, Americus, GA and Kali Prince, Lithonia, GA; her loving parents: Ms. Sherline Hicks and friend, Sammie Mitchell, Americus, GA and Mr. Emanuel (Jeanette) Watts, Albany, GA; her siblings: Mr. Terrell Sims, Decatur, GA; Ms. Berjina Alford, Americus, GA and Ms. Shenna Watts, Atlanta, GA; her special cousins and friends: Ms. Shalonda Harris, Americus, GA; Ms. Latonya Harris, Ms. Kandis Polk Terry, Dallas, TX; Ms. Reneka Polk, Atlanta, GA; Mr. Gregory Harris, Americus, GA; Mr. Recarlos Beal, Montezuma, GA and Mr. Anthony Smith; two bonus daughters: Ms. TaiDesha Myrick and Ms. Tyra Little, both of Atlanta, GA; a niece and nephew whom she loved like her children: Naquaza Sims, Honolulu, Hawaii and Kendall Sims, Plains, GA; a beautiful bouncing godson, Mr. King George Harris, Americus, GA; a host of other nieces and nephews, including, Emanuel Watts III, Skyanna Avera, Chloe Odom, all of Albany, GA and Electra Lockette, Atlanta, GA; special aunts: Mrs. Geraldine (Alphonso) Moore, Ms. Annetta Watts-Williams, Ms. Annie Lora Kitchen, all of Americus, GA and Mrs. Janice (George) Pless, Warner Robins, GA; and a host of other aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.