

*MR.* DARWIN KEITH HICKS was born in Sumter County, Georgia on June

17, 1969, to the parents of the late Mrs. Emma Lee Styles Hicks and the late Mr. William Thomas, Sr. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1987 honor graduate of Sumter County Comprehensive High School Class. He also attended and later, graduated from Georgia Southwestern College in 1991, which is now Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. At an early age, he joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church. "Keith", as he was affectionately called, served in the Marine Corps, was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and worked over 33 years as a Project Manager for Walmart.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandmother, Ms. Nettie Kate King; grandfather, Mr. R. D. Laster; and four brothers: Norman Hicks, Edward Hicks, Jessie Thomas, and William "Mott" Thomas, Jr.

Left to cherish her memories are three sisters: Mrs. Geraldine (Alphonso) Moore, Ms. Sherline Hicks, both of Americus, GA and Mrs. Emma Ruth (Sammie) Hall, Buena Vista, GA; two brothers, Mr. Jeremiah (Josephine) Thomas and Mr. Lorenzo (Reatha) Thomas, both of Plains, GA; his fiancé, Ms. Sherry Streeter, Jonesboro, GA; three sisters-in-law: Ms. Pamela Hicks, Greensboro, NC; Ms. Gloria Thomas and Ms. Lena Thomas, both of Americus, GA; Keith was a father figure to Eron Lawrence, Jamaal Simmons and Tony Jordan; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including beloved friends: Mr. General (Minnie) Reid, Mr. Ray Brown, Mr. Willie Hawkins and Mr. Christopher Anderson also survive.