



The Beautiful
ESSENCE of



Yukeitha Yolanda Hicks

“KEITHA” | June 14, 1976 - February 1, 2025

Services

Saturday, February 8, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.
Whole Truth International Ministries
502 South Lee Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
Eulogist | Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Staley Memorial Gardens
N. Mayo Street, Americus, GA 31709

Active Pallbearers

Brandon Polk Oscar Williams, III
Terrell Sims Zerrick Hollis
Carl Munns Sammy Mitchell
Marvin Jones Kobe Lewis

Honorary Pallbearers

Recarlos Beal Kendall Sims
Greg Harris Demetry Polk Donta Monts

Flower Attendants

Sumter County High School Class of 1994
Americus-Sumter High School Class of 2012

Thank You

Perhaps you sang a lovely song
or said a silent prayer.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece.
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
as any friend should say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever the part.
The Family

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:
Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.

217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
www.barnumfuneralhome.com | (229) 924-2958

ESCORT COURTESY:
Americus Police Department
Sumter County Sheriff's Office

REMEMBERING

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	led by Rev. George F. Monts, Jr. and Pulpit Guests
Hymn	Deacon Stanley White
Prayer	Minister Anthony Walker
Scripture	Minister Anthony Walker Marianna Living Way of Christ
	Rev. Jeffery Tullis Christian Compass Ministries Atlanta, GA
Selection	Mr. Tony Fuller
Poem	Ms. TaiDesha Myrick
Family Tribute	Ms. Kandis Polk Terry Ms. Reneka Polk
Words of Encouragement	Pastor DaJuon J. Griggs Bethlehem Baptist Church
Selection	Mr. Tony Fuller
Eulogy	Rev. George F. Monts, Jr. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Family Bible	Barnum Staff
<i>Recessional</i>	

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.

The family will receive friends for the repast
in the annex of Whole Truth International Ministries.



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OBITUARY

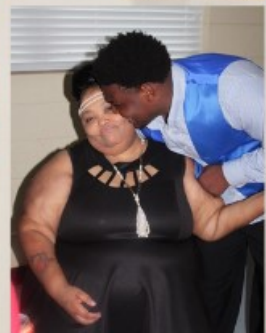
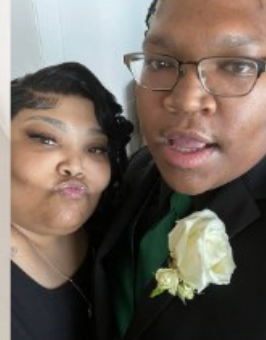
On June 14, 1976, a bouncing baby girl by the name of Yukeitha Yolanda Hicks, affectionally known as "Keitha," was born to the parentage of Mr. Emanuel Watts and Ms. Sherline Hicks at Sumter Regional Hospital in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. She received her education from Sumter County Comprehensive 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, II, and a special and devoted uncles, Mr. Darwin Hicks, Mr. Norman Hicks and Mr. Edward 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, Ellaville, 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.



forever here

YUKEITHA YOLANDA HICKS
1976-2025



She gave with open hands and heart.
A guiding light, a work of art.
A mother's love, a sister's grace.
A friend whose warmth time won't erase.
She lifted others, held them near,
through joy and sorrow, love and fear.
She lived her truth, stood bold and free.
Unapologetically, as she was meant to be.
Her laughter echoes, soft yet strong.
In every heart where she belongs.
Gone too soon, yet still so near.
Her love remains, forever here.

