MR. DARWIN KEITH HICKS
ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional — led by Rev. George F. Monts, Jr. & Guests

Last Glance | Final Sealing

Hymn — Deacon Stanley White

Prayer — Rev. Willie Green
Forest Chapel Baptist Church | Pinehurst, GA

Scripture

Old Testament — Apostle John Lundy
New Beginning Outreach Ministry

New Testament — Rev. Jeffrey Tullis
Christian Compass Ministry | Snellville, GA

Solo — Sister Stacey Sims

Reflections — limit 2 minutes
Open to Friends

Solo — Sister Stacey Sims

Words of Comfort — Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.
Whole Truth International Ministries, Inc.

Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Heirloom Family Bible — Barnum Staff

Committal Prayer — Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.

Benediction — Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.

Recessional

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

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS~
Darwin Keith Hicks | 1969 - 2021

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Old Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery
Plains, GA 31780

PALLBEARERS

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Our Sincere Thanks

We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of love, words of encouragement, and services rendered beyond the call of duty and the joy you have shared to enlighten us during the time of illness of Keith and our time of bereavement.

~THE FAMILY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:
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Escort Courtesy:
Americus Police Department — Sumter County Sheriff's Office

CELEBRATION *of Life for*

DARWIN HICKS

Sunrise: June 17, 1969
Sunset: September 24, 2021

Keith
ΦΒΣ

SERVICE
Thursday, September 30, 2021
11:00 *a.m.*

from the grounds of
Old Bethlehem Baptist Church
814 Thomas Mills Road
Plains, Georgia 31780

OFFICIANT
Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.
Whole Truth International Ministries, Inc.

MR. DARWIN KEITH HICKS
OBITUARY

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 . 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.

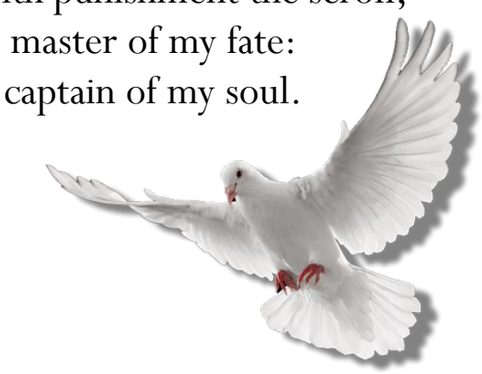
In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandmother, Ms. Nettie Kate King; grandfather, Mr. R. D. Laster; and four brothers: Norman Hicks, Edward Hicks, Jessie Thomas, and William “Mott" Thomas, Jr.

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.

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance,
my head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
looms but the horror of the shade,
and yet the menace of the years
finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
how charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.