



## Mr. Booker T. Hooks Jr.

July 11, 1934 - January 22, 2023

### In Loving Memory Of

Deacon Booker T. Hooks Jr. was born July 11, 1934 to the union of Booker T. Hooks Sr. and Marie Daniels in Detroit, Michigan. Booker was also known as "BIG JR." He was the fourth of seven children.

### Chapter 1

Booker attended The Detroit Public School System, and later accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of the late O.J. Harris of True Love Temple COGIC. This is where he met his first love Beulah Mae Hemphill. They united in holy matrimony January 1958. Into this union came four children Gerald Jerome, Eric Orlando, Irving Randall, and Marcia Devoé. At this time in Booker's life he began working for General Motors maintaining a suitable work life balance making family trips and gatherings joyous times spent together. The Hooks family were faithful members of God's Holy Tabernacle COGIC under the late Superintendent Zelte Crawford now known as Life Church and now Pastor Anthony Starks. He was ordained as a Deacon on March 9, 2008. After 33 years of marital bliss Beulah succumb to her illness and went home to be with the Lord.

### Chapter 2

Booker met his second love Gladys L. Felder and they were united in Holy Matrimony in 1992. They traveled and enjoyed each other's company along with the company of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters and their dogs Toby and Chester. Booker retired from

General Motors after 30 years of service where he and Gladys enjoyed their retirement together. In the 2000s Booker and Gladys joined Citadel of Praise under Pastor Spencer T. Ellis where he was a faithful Senior Usher. He was known as "the Usher with the candy". Vacationing to Niagara Falls and attending The Lion King Broadway play, was one of their favorite events. Gladys was called home to be with the Heavenly Father in 2021.

#### Final Chapter

Booker kept the faith and the same loving and caring spirit. He loved his hard candy, gardening, fishing, wrestling with the kids and enjoyed his favorite cake, which we all know is a caramel cake. Booker was the family Patriarch, protector and muscle. He was always a call away and he showed up every time READY, "If you know, you know." Booker's last vacation he enjoyed his time with family in Myrtle Beach for Christmas. He was able to go fishing on the pier where he was the only person who caught a fish. As his health began to decline his spirits remained high as he continued to fight. Booker transitioned from his earthly body to his well earned reward on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at home surrounded by loved ones.

Booker was preceded in death by his parents, Booker T. Hooks Sr. and Marie Daniels: Siblings, Virginia, Fredrick, Eddie, Patricia, Johnny, James (Jackie), Lucille (Winston), Lorene, Rose (Elder Fred Mitchell), George, and Ella: children, Gerald, Eric, Starlett, David, and Sharon: wives Beulah and Gladys. He also was blessed with special friendships with Coy James and Dorothy Starks, and Deacon John Baker.

Carrying on his legacy and memory are his children Irving, Marcia, Renee, Philip and Cleveland. Siblings: Edna (Douglas), Marianne, Geneva, Boyd, Ruth, Mary. Grandchildren: Candace (Juarez), Cristan, Corey, Tiffany, Shanya, Camari, Quoelette, and Deneen. Great-Grandchildren: Jalen, Blake, Anthony, Ryan, Mylan, Blair, Armani, Giovanni, Cadence, Romondo, Denaija, and Quannell. Goddaughter: Angelique Starks. Friends; Margaret Baker, Joseph and Lakita Spencer, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and the church families of Life Church and Citadel of Praise.



# Cemetery Details

## Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River  
Detroit, MI 48219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Jan. **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Jan. **31**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Life Church of God in Christ  
4366 W. Davison  
Detroit, MI 48238

## Celebration of Life

Tuesday, Jan. **31**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes the heart. May the peace of God guard your hearts. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - February 03, 2023 at 05:11 AM

EF

“ We are saddened to learn about your family loss. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. With caring thoughts.

Evans family - February 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM

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Evans family - February 02, 2023 at 05:53 PM

DP

“ Condolences to Edna Fowler & family for the loss of your brother/uncle I met Hooks and his family when I was young I use to see him a lot outside church when he would visit you at your home. Stay strong God will see you through, you are in my prayers.  
Dorothy Palmer

Dorothy Palmer - January 29, 2023 at 12:32 PM

VB

“*Brother Hooks you will truly be missed. Our families go WAAAY back. The only consolation with your homegoing is that you'll be reunited with those you've loved. Oh, I can just hear the fishing stories and laughter among you, my Dad, Pastor Starks, Deacon Gates, Deacon Hubbard, Deacon Spencer just to name a few. Marcia and Irving know that I'm keeping you all in prayer and a phone call away. Separation of life is GREAT, but God is GREATER, and He is the GREATEST COMFORTER. Love you guys!*

*Van Baker-Alford*

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**Vanessa Baker-Alford** - January 25, 2023 at 07:00 AM

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“*Nadine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Booker T. Hooks Jr.*



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**Nadine** - January 24, 2023 at 11:17 PM