

Flower Bearers
Nieces/Family &
Friends

Casket Bearers
Family & Friends

If Love Could Have Saved You

God saw you getting weaker.
So he did what he thought was best.
He came and stood beside you
And he whispered "Come to rest."
We could not understand it,
No matter how we tried.
If Love could have save you,
You never would have died.

Acknowledgements

With grateful heart thanks for the beautiful expressions of love and sympathy you have shared with us during this difficult time. Your prayers have truly warmed our hearts and we are grateful for your compassionate thoughts.
Please keep us in prayer as we face the days ahead.

Special Thanks
Trellis Supportive Care
Winston-Salem, NC

The Family of William "Tommy" Hughes
Until We Meet Again


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Homegoing Celebration



In Loving Memory of

William "Tommy" Hughes

 Sunrise:
March 7, 1946

Sunset: 
January 4, 2026



—  **Funeral Services**  —

January 10th, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Goodwill First Baptist Church
1036 K-Fork Road
Madison, NC 27025
Pastor: James S. Moore

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

— 2 Corinthians 5:8



OBITUARY

William "Tommy" Hughes, 79, of Madison, North Carolina, passed away on Sunday January 4, 2029. He slept away peacefully in the still of the early morning as he was surrounded by loved ones. Tommy was born on March 7, 1946, in Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, to the late Zachariah Hughes and Nellie Reynolds "Babe" Hughes.

Tommy attended J. I. Jones High School, where he built lifelong friendships and developed a strong work ethic that guided him throughout his life. After graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam as a cook. Upon returning home, he briefly served as a police officer with the Madison Police Department before beginning a long and dedicated career as a machine mechanic at RJ Reynolds.

After retiring from RJ Reynolds, Tommy turned his lifelong passion for cars into a business - Hughes Towing. Known for his reliability and his signature Big Red Tow Truck, he became a trusted name in the community, always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

A devoted member of Goodwill Baptist Church, Tommy served faithfully on the Usher Board and the Male Chorus. He was always willing to help with whatever needed to be done around the church, often mowing the grounds even when his health was declining.

Tommy found joy in spending time in his garage, fixing cars, and sharing his mechanical knowledge with others. He loved cars, eating and time with family and friends. He will be remembered for his generosity, humor, and unwavering dedication to his family and community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Zachariah and Nellie Hughes; brothers Johnny Hughes and Norris Hughes; sisters Dionne Mae "Deon" Hughes-Dodd and Terry Lynne Marshall, sister-in-law Myrna Hughes; and step-daughter Karen "Wynne" Patterson.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 45 years, Elsie Hughes; children Kish(Nikki) Hughes, LaWanda Hughes, Judy (Eric) Scales, and Tajian (Keneta)Welch. Three step-daughters, Yonda Patterson, Glenda Patterson, and Katina Patterson. He was a "Papa" to DAltra Patterson, Ajea Hughes, Sherika Scales, Samantha (Ozzie) Moore, Jacob Scales, Paris Hughes-Neal, and Jayden Welch; great grandchildren; MaKenzie Wilhelm, Alayah Scales-Graves, and Ozariah Moore. He is also survived by his loving siblings Edsel Hughes, Roger Hughes, Patricia Dodd, and Susie Reynolds; sisters-in-law Addie Martin(Roy), Jeanetta Hughes and Jacqueline Hughes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Tommy's legacy of service, love, and laughter will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Order of Service

Processional

Visitation

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Selection

Goodwill Male Chorus

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Daniel Smith

Old Testament

Reverend James King

New Testament

Reverend Clyde Moore

Words of Comfort

Reverend Harold Hart

Selection

Brother Zack Reynolds

Acknowledgement

Sister Tammy Dalton

Family Reflection

Family/Friends

Selection

Sister Addie Martin

Home Going Message

Reverend James Moore

RECESSIONAL

MILITARY HONORS

Interment

Goodwill Baptist Church Cemetery

REPASS

Goodwill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall