



FOREVER LOVED

Remembering OJ

Mr. Orenthal James (OJ) Hicks, 57, of Forest City, NC, passed away on June 8, 2026, at Rutherford Regional Medical Center. He was born on December 19, 1968 to the late Donald Ray Hicks and Naomi Cumberlander Hicks in Kannapolis, NC.

Orenthal was a 1987 graduate of Crest High School. He attended Young's Grove Baptist Church. He was saved, baptized, and knew the Lord.

OJ love to make everyone he met smile. He loved seeing the joy a smile would bring to others. He worked in automotive and textile industry for nineteen years. He had a great work ethic and enjoyed bringing smiles to his fellow peers. He was loved and will be missed by those he cherished most, his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, RB and Willie Mae Cumberlander; and mother-in-law, Nellie Mae Shears.

He leaves precious memories to his daughter Keyonia Zhane Hicks; brother, Ray Hicks; nieces, Makayla Hicks, Kristiana Hicks, Mydia Jeter, and Kadejah Jeter; nephews, Christian Hicks and Mark Choice; ex-wife, Kenya Hicks; sister-in-law, Eugenia Wilson; and a host of uncles, aunts, and other relatives and friends.



You have left our lives, but you will never leave our hearts.

Moments of Sharing

Prelude
Processional
Receiving of Friends.....12:30 PM –1:00 PM

Order of Service

Rev. Larry Brooks, Officiating Minister

SelectionRev. George Kirby
Scripture Reading.....Rev. George Kirby
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. George Kirby
Selection....."I Shall Wear A Crown"
Ms. Brooke Watkins and Mr. Clyde Cumberlander
Remarks (Two Minutes).....Rev. George Kirby
Ms. Kathy Cumberlander, Aunt
Mr. Duke Camp, Best Friend
Reading of Obituary.....Silently
Solo..... "I Won't Complain"
Ms. Brooke Watkins
Words of Comfort.....Rev. Larry Brooks
Recessional Selection..... "Going Up Yonder"
Congregation

Interment

Young's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Blacksburg, South Carolina

Flower Bearers and Pall Bearers
Family and friends

"If Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

*If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But if tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand
He said my place was ready, in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized that this could never be.
For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.
And then I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne. He said, 'This is eternity and all I've promised you.'
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
And since each day's the same way, there's no longing
for the past. You have been faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things You knew you
shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're
free. So won't you come and take my hand. And share my life with
me? So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart*

Acknowledgement

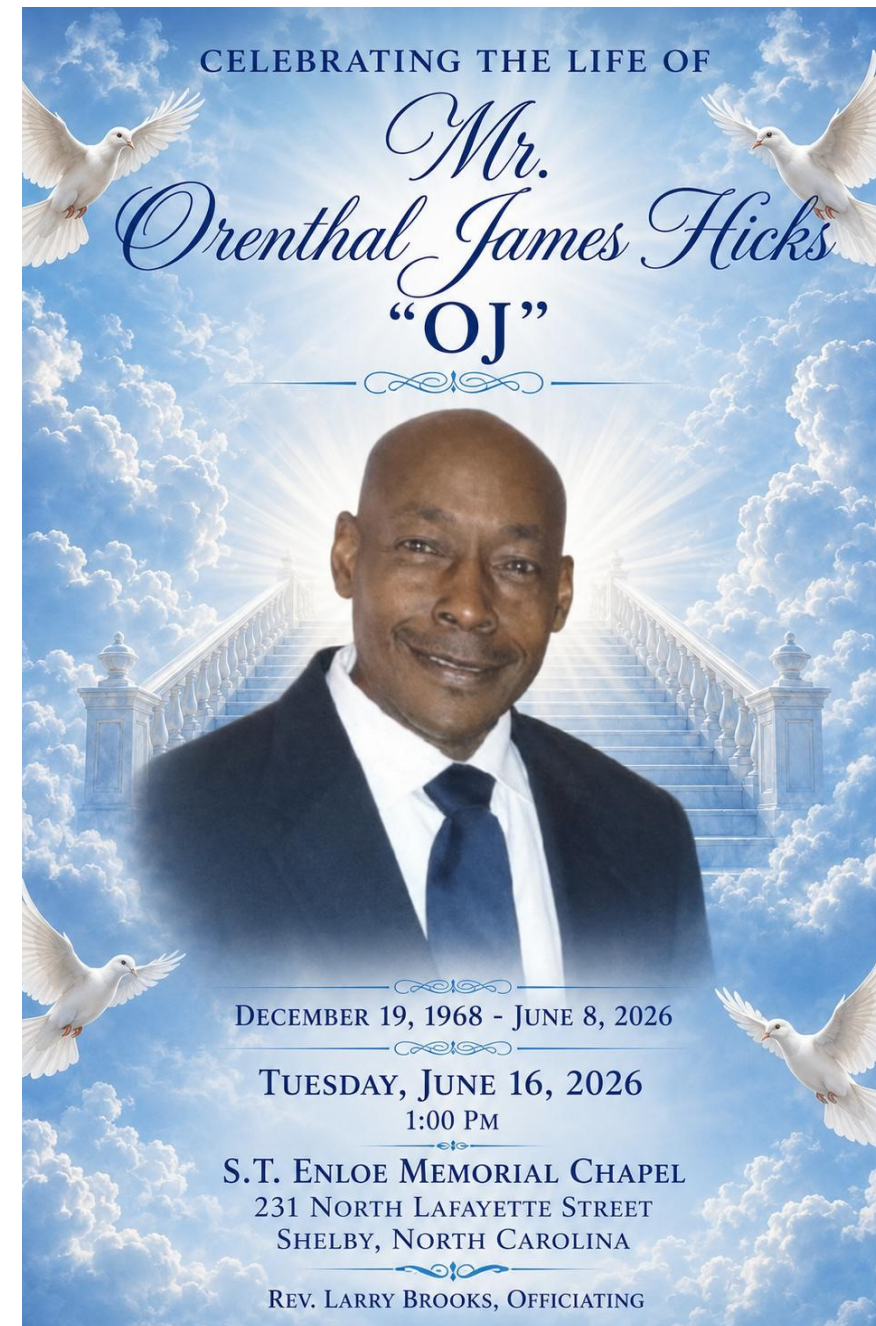
The family of Orenthal James Hicks wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mr.
Orenthal James Hicks
"OJ"



DECEMBER 19, 1968 - JUNE 8, 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
1:00 PM

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