



Diane Hicks

October 10, 1948 - June 29, 2025

Diane Hicks, 76, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, June 29, 2025, in a local health facility. She was a graduate of Riverside High School and a former Board Member of the NAACP and Operation P.U.S.H. As a member of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Sister Hicks worked with the Youth Department under the leadership of Brother Reginald Pointdexter. She worked for Memorial Hospital as a CNA and after 18 years retired due to illness.

Diane was preceded in death by her devoted son, John “Tim” Hambrick; parents, Sylvester and Florence Hicks; sisters, Magnesia Armour, Lorene Dozier, (twins) Sandra Jean Hicks and Gloria Jean Dupree; brother, John Hicks; cousin, Willie “Billy” Johnson; and devoted friend, Nancy Hicks.

Diane, the last living child of Sylvester and Florence, stood as the beloved matriarch of our family. She was a pillar of strength, compassion, and grace—holding her children and grandchildren in the highest regard. To her nieces and nephews, she was more than an aunt; she was a mother figure, forming unique and cherished bonds with each one. With Diane, love and correction were never separate. She could gently guide you with wisdom while wrapping you in unwavering affection. Even in chastisement, she never showed anger—only love, understanding, and a desire to see us grow. As the family historian, Diane kept our roots alive. She shared beautiful, heartfelt stories

about our grandparents and parents, ensuring our legacy lived on through each generation. Her love for cooking brought us together around the table, and her desserts were nothing short of heavenly. Diane was the driving force behind our family reunions, always making sure we stayed connected. She extended her care far beyond her household, offering support and kindness to anyone in need—family or not. Her selfless love was especially evident in the care she gave to her niece, La’Vester Hicks, up until the time of her illness. A lover of all kinds of music and a devoted fan of Big Brother and Survivor, Diane found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Her presence was a gift to us all, and her legacy of love, family, and compassion will forever live in our hearts.

Diane leaves to cherish her loving memories her son, Michael (Shameka) Stephens, Sr.; grandchildren, Jacque Hambrick, Michael Stephens Jr., India Stephens, Jerison Qualls, Breasha Elder, and BriChale Giles; great-grandchildren, Kaciye and Kashmyre Stephens, Greyson, Rome, Khloe and Kali Brooks; nieces, Sonia (Phillip) Fields, Shirley Russell, Veronica Russell, Sherelle Russell, Regina (Charles) Cook, Belinda Cook, Samansela Blount, Diane Brown, Annette Dozier, La’Vester Hicks; great-niece, Tracey (William) Brown; nephews, Charles (CeCe) Beard, Michael (Angia) Armour, Dana Hicks, Daryl Armour, William Johnson and James Welcher; devoted cousins, Douglas (Anna Jean) Hicks, Robert (Patricia) Bailey, and Joyce Russell; godsister, Barbara Joyce Bates; godchildren, Apostle Odell, Marcia (Kevin) Robinson, Edward Lawler, Robert Snelling; special friends, Jacci Lawson, Pastor Anthony (Madalene) Williams and family, Angela Hudson, Brother Alex Rucker, and Brother Timothy Rivers.

Diane will lie-in-state on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon in the chapel with Pastor Anthony Williams as Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - July 29, 2025 at 06:39 PM



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MW

“ Praying for you Mike and your family Ms Diane was a very special person in my life from the day I met her til the last day I laid eyes on her. she always made me smile and had a story to tell I could never tell her no with nothing she asked me are something she was trying to sneak and give me She will b truly missed. Love u Ms Diane



Marketta Watkins - July 13, 2025 at 11:52 PM

GB

“ Diane was a very special person in my mom Annie Gaines life while working at Memorial together.



Gloria Boozer - July 12, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MS

Hey , she talked about your mom all the time wishing she could have talked to her.

Michael Stephens - July 13, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jacqueline Mckenzie - July 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JM

Jacque & I will truly miss you ❤️👉 we love ❤️ you Diane

Jacqueline Mckenzie - July 10, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JM

“*Jacqueline Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks*



Jacqueline Mckenzie - July 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM

LR

“*Larry And Gloria Robinson lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks*



Larry and Gloria Robinson - July 10, 2025 at 07:03 AM

LR

Praying for your strength as you go thru and for the days after. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Larry and Gloria Robinson - July 10, 2025 at 07:06 AM



“*Robert Carroll lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks*



Robert Carroll - July 08, 2025 at 09:31 AM



Old friends will always be remember

Robert Carroll - July 08, 2025 at 09:33 AM

RH

“ *Condolences and prayers goes out to the family. May God continue to bless you and give you peace during this time.
Hamilton, Fifer & Ramsey family*



Reginia Hamilton - July 07, 2025 at 10:46 PM

MS

Thank you for your kind words . From me and the Family (son) God Bless

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:55 PM

NC

“ *Mrs. Diane Hicks you will be truly missed, I am so grateful to have meet you! You were always smiling, nice, and very kind. I've been around your family since I was a child and could've never meet such a sweet person.
Heaven definitely gained an angel.*



Nedra C. - July 07, 2025 at 10:10 AM

MS

Thank you Nedra , for your kind words God bless you

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

PA

“ *Sending my prayers. Stay liifted!!*

Prince Austin - July 06, 2025 at 09:20 PM

MS

Thank you so much for everything you done to help moms , GOD BLESS YOU

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“ *Riverside Class Of 1966 lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks*



Riverside Class of 1966 - July 03, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MS

Thank you so much for this lit candle for my moms . God Bless

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:52 PM

AR

“ *Amecia Reeves lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks*



Amecia Reeves - July 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM

AR

My sincere condolences to the family

Amecia Reeves - July 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM

EM

“Eleanor, Kevin/Damon, Mike/Lori purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Diane Hicks.



Eleanor, Kevin/Damon, Mike/Lori - July 01, 2025 at 10:03 PM

ET

“Edna Talley lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks



Edna Talley - July 01, 2025 at 09:29 PM

MS

Thank you from me and the Fam . God Bless

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:51 PM

VF

“Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Diane Hicks



Vickie Fielder - July 01, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MS

Thank you from me and Family. God Bless

Michael Stephens Sr. - July 10, 2025 at 05:50 PM