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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 FROM 10-11 AM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 11 AM AT GREATER WHITES CHAPEL CME CHURCH, 1700 BATTS BLVD, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172, INTERMENT, ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

Helen Marie Hicks was born in Clark County, Indiana on November 19, 1933 to James H. and Gladys Boyd. The public records show that she had six siblings of which she is the last surviving child to this union. Both of her parents were born in the state of Tennessee.

She was born again and served faithfully at an early age in the Whites Chapel CME Church in Springfield, Tennessee. this is where she learned the importance of serving in the church. Also this is where she raised her children and first introduced them to the Lord.

Helen Marie graduated from Bransford High School in the year of 1952, where she was quite active in the athletics dept. She has always had a great love for sports, she played basketball and softball well into her senior years. She served well and enjoyed a life of traveling, even abroad while her sons served militarily. It was important to her to attend her High School Reunion annually, the Black and Gold School Reunion in August.

She looked forward to joining her classmates and visiting with others that she had grown up with. God allowed her to teach future generations the art of quilting, how to garden and store up vegetables for winter months. she encouraged everyone to strive in anything they aspired to do.

She married the late James Ivy Hicks in 1953 and to this union five children were born. they relocated to Louisville, KY in the 1969 with a determination to make for a better life. They raised their children in the church, insisted that they graduate from High School and live their lives in a member pleasing to God. These were the same values and principles that were instilled in them. They united with Community Missionary Baptist church. Helen was a choir member at church, she sang with the Pastor's

Conference choir for many years and the William H. Lewis Community Choir,. As she matured, she found other areas in the church to serve; the Nurse's guild, Trustee Board, Kitchen Committee (especially during VBS) and Church Landscaping, (inside and outside the building). She retired from Jefferson County public Schools (JCPS) System. Her desire was for children to be proficient readers, therefore she sacrificed time after school to assist them with reading. She has touched the lives of many people and she cherished those that had touched her life.

Helen and James developed many relationships over the years, in the church and outside the church.

They had a great love for people and their well-being. At one time they were part of the social club called, The Friendship Club, together with approximately six other couples. they had a social events annually to connect with many others.

Helen leaves a legacy of strength. The joy of the Lord was her strength. she persevered through many things in life and was the stronger because of it. She enjoyed fellowshiping with others, exhorting everyone to do what was right from a heart of love. She loved to laugh and have fun, yet she was a high energy person, always busy doing something. she spent hours working in her yard, having a pretty yard was important to her. Helen was an avid walker and member of the exercise group at Canaan Christian Church.

Helen Marie Boyd Hicks was preceded in death by her husband, James; sons, MSG Curtis Hicks, and TSGT Ivy Hicks. On Wednesday October 4, 2023, God called his child from labor to reward. Helen is survived by three children, Margaret Taylor, Steven Hicks and Gladys Tyler,; prior to her passing there were six generations in the family; she had fifteen grandchildren and many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild, Zyshonne Huckleberry. She leaves to mourn her passing by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and special friends. Her motto was, "If I have it, you have it." Many of the friends of her children, many of the younger members at church

and many of her younger co-workers, all became her children. It was in her blood to see that no child be left out in the cold and without the things they needed, most of all, that they be LOVED.