



Deacon Sylvester Hughey

May 21, 1934 - October 29, 2023

Sylvester Hughey was born on May 21, 1934 in Whippany, New Jersey to the late Albert and Macie Hughey. He was the fourth of eight children. Our beloved made his transition to eternal rest on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

After attending the local schools, he graduated from Morristown High School in Morristown, New Jersey. There he lettered in baseball, football, and track. He received a scholarship to South Carolina State. Later, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served 31 months in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sylvester was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for 32 years.

On November 12, 1977, he married Annie Ruth Bemby. They shared 45 years of marriage together.

In 1964, Sylvester was ordained a Deacon at Mount Olive Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey. He served faithfully at Calvary Baptist Church and Union Baptist Church in Morristown, New Jersey until his retirement. After relocating to Greenville, North Carolina in 1992, he continued his role as a Deacon at St. John Baptist Church in Falkland. In 2001, he continued his role at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, under the pastorate of Reverend Sidney A. Locks.

Deacon Hughey served dutifully on the Child Care Board of CMBC, Wholistic Housing Ventures, the Senior Saints and the Deacons Ministry of CMBC. He not only loved serving the Lord but he also loved serving his local community as well. He served as Treasurer of Pitt County Democratic Party. In addition to being a life member of the NAACP, he was a volunteer in the office. Every month Sylvester looked forward to the activities and events with the South Side Senior group and the camaraderie of other members. One of Deacon Hughey's greatest joys was to attend Bible Study on Wednesdays and Sunday School where he could study and learn more about God's word!

Sylvester is preceded in death by his seven siblings. He leaves to cherish his memories, his bride, Ann; his son, Larry Hughey of Warrenton, NC; daughters, Essie Hughey of Graham, NC; Tanya Jones of Lithonia, GA; Tarsha Johnson (James) of Greenville, NC; a special daughter, Jennifer King-Congleton of Greenville, NC; devoted friends, Michael and Rosa Wilkins; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a great number of friends.

Cemetery Details

Bell's Family Cemetery

Highway 222
Falkland, NC 27827

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
1095 Allen Road
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
1095 Allen Road
Greenville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - November 07, 2023 at 09:37 AM

RF

“ *Rev Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Rev Milton & Delorse Staton Family - December 16, 2023 at 11:18 PM

RV

“ *I pray that the families memories he left behind will keep his legacy alive. My condolences to all of you.*

Rev. Dr. Bobbie-Ann Staten V. - November 19, 2023 at 12:21 PM

LB

“ *Fond memories, I will cherish, of one of my favorite couples. Though one has departed this earthly realm as we know it, his legacy yet lives within all who knew him whether as ‘Syl’, ‘Deacon Hughey’, ‘Pops’, or some other name, HE WAS LOVED, APPRECIATED, BLESSED, and CHERISHED. May GOD’s loving, comforting arms embrace and strengthen all who are grieving this great loss. He is at peace and HE HAS GAINED. Let us look up and forward to the GREAT REUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Keep HOPE alive and cherish fond memories. Much love to the entire Hughey Family!*
Rev. Dr. Lydia F. Best



Lydia Best - November 03, 2023 at 09:21 PM

LB

“ *Lydia Best lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Lydia Best - November 03, 2023 at 09:09 PM

SJ

“ *Me deepest condolences to Ms Annie and family. Mr. Syl was a sweet kindhearted gentleman. He reminded me of my father and referred to me as his buddy when he saw me. RIP Mr. Syl 🙏❤️🙏*
Sallie C. Jones

Sallie C. Jones - November 03, 2023 at 08:16 PM

AR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Praying that God will give you peace, comfort, and courage. Sending my love and deepest sympathy to you and your family.

*Mrs. Anna Robbins and Family
Jolly Elementary*



Anna Robbins - November 03, 2023 at 07:27 PM

AT

“ Deacon Hughey was a "Deacon's Deacon." He truly exhibited all of the characteristics of what a deacon is. He was always caring, always ready to give, and always genuine. I truly appreciate the faithful friendship he and his wife displayed to my mother and the years of service that he and his lovely wife rendered to my mother during her protracted illness. And I know that they were equally concerned about others. Deacon Hughey's consistency, wit, smile, strength, and exuberance for life is a model for all Christians. Thank you Lord for blessing us to know him. Blessings of God's peace to Deaconess Ann and the entire family, Amen. Lawrence and Amina Josey Turner and Family



Amina Josey Turner - November 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

AT

“ Amina Josey Turner lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Amina Josey Turner - November 03, 2023 at 05:25 PM

TC

“ Our Dear "Pal," Syl, A Great Friend Always. A Heartfelt Prayer Warrior Who Could Raise The Roof With His Prayers. Rest In Peace PAL!

Terry Kimber Claiborne

TERRY CLAIBORNE - November 03, 2023 at 12:07 PM

TC

“ TERRY CLAIBORNE lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



TERRY CLAIBORNE - November 03, 2023 at 11:58 AM

JW

“ James & Dianne Wilson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



James & Dianne Wilson - November 02, 2023 at 06:52 PM

DK

“ Darlene King lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Darlene King - November 02, 2023 at 06:00 PM

CW

“ *Those we love can never be more than a thought away; for as long as there's a memory, they live on in our hearts.*

Cheryl Whitfield



Cheryl D Whitfield - November 02, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DF

“ *David And Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



David and Alpharadia Foreman - November 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM

CJ

“ *I'm praying for the family and Tanya during this time. I know God is with you and he will carry you through this part of life. To know he is in good hands with the Father in Heaven.*

Connie Jones - November 02, 2023 at 02:05 PM

SE

“ *I so appreciate knowing Mr. Hughey. Wonderful memories of him.*

SHEILA EDWARDS - November 02, 2023 at 06:43 AM

CG

“ *To Mrs. Annie and family,my sincere condolences. My best memory of Deacon Hughey is hearing him pray on Sunday morning for altar call. Truly a man of God. Another Soldier in God's army. Heaven's Gain. Rest well Sir 🙏❤️*

Cathy Gorham - November 01, 2023 at 08:45 PM

EB

“ *May sweet memories of your loved one sustain you now and forevermore.*

E. Ramona Brown - November 01, 2023 at 07:48 PM

HR

“ *To the Hughey family, you have my sympathy and prayers.*



Helen Randolph - November 01, 2023 at 05:25 PM

DP

“ *May God bless comfort and keep Ms. Annie, Tasha and family during this difficult time. Rest easy in Paradise Mr. Syl. 🙏💔*



Donna Pierce - November 01, 2023 at 03:59 PM

AB

“ *Aletha Britt lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Aletha Britt - November 01, 2023 at 10:19 AM

LD

“ *Lois Dupree lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Lois Dupree - November 01, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ *Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Jeffrey Savage - November 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM

LF

“ *Rest, Pal! You will be sorely missed.*



Lavette and Johnny Ford - November 01, 2023 at 07:45 AM

EE

“ *Mrs. Annie Hughey & Family,*

Please know that we, the members of the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter of ECSU, are thinking of and praying for you.

We enjoyed spending time with Mr. Hughey during our events. He was a part of us!

God bless you & Viking Pride!!!

*Michael Chamblee - President
Vickie Joyner - Secretary/Treasurer*



Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter of ECSU - October 31, 2023 at 09:23 PM

VJ

“ *My condolences and prayers. Mr. Hughey was a great man of God!*



Vickie Joyner - October 31, 2023 at 09:06 PM

RA

“ *Robert S Adcox lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Robert S Adcox - October 31, 2023 at 07:13 PM

FD

“ Deacon Sylvester and Deaconess Annie served many in their ministry by blessing those we did not see at church. I will cherish the visits, gifts, and beautiful letters shared with my mom in the nursing home. Sending prayers of comfort to the entire family.
Frankie and Pam Dail.

Frankie and Pamela Dail - October 31, 2023 at 06:07 PM

LC

“ I am so saddened to learn of Syl's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and brought me Pinestraw every fall for my yard. Heaven welcomed a faithful servant. May the memories you have be a comfort to you in the coming days.

Linda Clark - October 31, 2023 at 05:49 PM

CR

“ Cleveland And Denise Rountree-Moore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore - October 31, 2023 at 04:44 PM

AB

“ Allyson Baxter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Allyson Baxter - October 31, 2023 at 03:45 PM

CH

“ *Clarence Hunter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Clarence Hunter - October 31, 2023 at 03:04 PM

RL

“ *Regina Love lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Regina Love - October 31, 2023 at 02:58 PM

EH

“ *Emish Faye Harris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Emish Faye Harris-Williams - October 31, 2023 at 11:05 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cates lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Mary Cates - October 31, 2023 at 08:53 AM

SB

“ *Sandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Sandra Boyd - October 31, 2023 at 08:51 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - October 31, 2023 at 08:15 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten- lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Ben Wooten- - October 31, 2023 at 12:28 AM

JM

“ *To the Hughey Family, on behalf of my mother and I, we are so, so sorry to hear about the passing of Deacon Hughey! He will truly, truly be missed! Prayers and condolences!*



Jacquelyn McClaud - October 30, 2023 at 11:47 PM

PJ

“ *Pamela James lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Pamela James - October 30, 2023 at 11:36 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Linda Baker - October 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM

FW

“ *Frances Warren lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



Frances Warren - October 30, 2023 at 09:06 PM

JB

“ *James Britt lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey*



James Britt - October 30, 2023 at 08:08 PM

RK

“ Deacon Syl Hughey was a man among men which is a very rare breed. Ot gave me joy every time I saw him because he would leave me laughing in the end. He and Deaconess Annie, treated me so kindly when I first joined Cornerstone. I will never forget their friendship and warmth. Deaconess Annie, my heart is broken because of this great loss. I know that our Lord will hold you in his arms to strengthen you in this hour of grief. Sister Johnson, please accept my deepest condolences. My prayers are with you both now and in the days ahead.

Rev. Joyce King - October 30, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JP

“ Juanita Payton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Juanita Payton - October 30, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



Betty Nurse - October 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JB

Deacon Hughey was one of the best men and spiritual friend I have ever met. He will be missed. My condolences to Ann and family.

James Britt - October 30, 2023 at 08:05 PM

LC

My Deepest condolences to my class mate Annie and family in the loss of her wonderful husband. He will really be missed by all.

Lois Willoughby Corbett - November 02, 2023 at 06:45 PM

BT

“ Byron Tyson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Sylvester Hughey



byron tyson - October 30, 2023 at 11:58 AM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - October 30, 2023 at 11:16 AM

CG

To Mrs. Annie and Family, my sincere condolences to you all. My best memory is hearing him do the Sunday morning altar prayer. Truly a man of God. Soldier in God's army. Heaven's gain. 🙏 Cathy Gorham

Cathy Gorham - November 01, 2023 at 08:36 PM