



Linda Ann Faye Gwendolyn Hicks

January 10, 1951 - May 25, 2021

Linda Ann Faye Gwendolyn Hicks, the only daughter and youngest of four children of the late Lenora V. Hicks and John Ward Jr., was born Wednesday, January 10, 1951, in Trenton, New Jersey.

Linda was raised in the Church of God in Trenton. Throughout her life, she was active in the life of her church and led multiple organizations within the church.

Linda was educated in the Trenton Public School System and pursued higher education at Rutgers University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and her Master's Degree in Education from Trenton State College.

Linda's extensive career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania spanned more than thirty-four years in numerous positions of increased responsibilities. Linda began her career with the Juvenile Court Judges Commission as a Special Assistant in the Welfare Program and Special Assistant to the Secretary. She became Chief of Staff in 1996 before advancing to the Acting Deputy Secretary for an interim period in 2000. Linda later became an Income Maintenance Program Specialist Supervisor. Once again, she took on the position of Acting Deputy Secretary for a period of two years. Linda culminated her industrious career in the Chief of Staff position. In 2012, Linda retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after serving under five

gubernatorial administrations.

During the period Linda resided in Pennsylvania, she dedicated her time in service to numerous community organizations. Through her talents and resources, she contributed to Church of God, American Association of University Women, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, PA Commission for Women, American Indian Movement, Boys Club of Harrisburg as well as numerous other organizations and causes.

Linda met and married the love-of-her-life, Alfred Collier Jones. Linda and Alfred shared over thirty-three years of marriage. During this time, they travelled extensively throughout the United States. They especially enjoyed time with their families and hosting family Thanksgiving gatherings over the years. Their annual trip to Ocean City, Maryland, was a time for the siblings and their respective spouses to make wonderful memories. Spending time with the family was the highlight of the summer vacation period.

Linda had a profound capacity to love people; there was always room for just one more. Her brothers, nieces, nephews, friends, in-laws, colleagues and others were all beneficiaries of her kindness, love, knowledge and prayers. It's impossible to think of Linda and not think of LOVE. Linda embodied the true essence of LOVE. Although her physical presence has moved on to the spiritual realm, she left each of us with her special and personal touch that showed how unique and loved we were to her.

While at her home in Harrisburg, PA, on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, Linda transitioned from time to eternity. She leaves to cherish and celebrate her legacy: husband, Alfred C. Jones; step-daughter, Aletta Jones-Sterling (Pierre); step-son, Alexander Deas; step-grandsons, Pierce and Royce Sterling; her brothers, Vincent Hicks Jr. (Maria), Lorenzo Hicks (Aglathia), Bernard Hicks (Guadalupe); brothers-in-law, Samuel Jones (Michelle) and

James Jones; nieces and nephews, Tywonne McEachern, Vincent Hicks III, Veronica Hicks-Daly, Anne Marie Brigel, Latanya Ferguson, Damaris Hicks, Destiny Van Horn; other family members and friends.

When you see blooming flowers, budding plants, rainbows in the sky, hear singing birds, buzzing bees, laughing children and share a smile, know that Linda is there with you. Her life is to be celebrated; shed tears only because you miss her, but celebrate a life so well-lived that the angels are singing her name and welcoming her home.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO HARRISBURG FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 4100 NORTH PROGRESS AVENUE, HARRISBURG, PA 17110.

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Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

JUN 4. 8:30 AM (ET)

First Assembly of God
4100 North Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Viewing

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Assembly of God
4100 North Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Linda Ann Faye Gwendolyn Hicks



Wallace Funeral Directors - June 03, 2021 at 05:19 PM

LM

“ I met Linda almost 40 years ago, when I was a young police reporter for the Patriot-News and she was working for the Juvenile Court Judges Commission. I don't remember the specifics - whether we met at a hearing on Capital Hill, or whether I reached out to her for a specific story - but we struck up a friendship and often met for lunch and sometimes a little shopping during the five years I lived in Harrisburg. (We were both born and raised in Central Jersey, so we had a lot to talk about!) Linda was one of the most most elegant, stylish people I've ever met -- I still have a pin she encouraged me to buy on one of our expeditions and I think of her every time I wear it -- and also one of the kindest. When I met her I was new to town, didn't know many people and was feeling a little lonely; the friendship she extended meant so much to me, and was the beginning of my feeling like I belonged in my new community. I'll remember her always.

Laura Muha - December 20, 2021 at 07:44 AM

LA

“ To the family of Linda, I extend my condolences and would like to say I met her during her last position of her impressive career in the commonwealth. In addition to other important duties, she was my supervisor, and I couldn't have asked for a better one! Always fair, and always there.

She spent her time well on this earth serving others. Truly one of a kind, and I'm saddened to hear of her passing.

Rest in peace Linda.

Lisa Anastasi - June 07, 2021 at 01:14 PM

VS

“ I am so very sorry to hear that Linda passed away. I remember the first time I ever saw her - met her - and became friends with her. I was in awe of Linda. She was very intelligent and very beautiful and extremely confident. I learned so much from her.
I carry on the things I learned from her every day. She was amazing. The world will be a sadder place without her - but she will shine in Heaven.

My condolences to the family. God Bless - but know that Linda will always be with us.

Vonnie S.

Vonnie Stevenson - June 07, 2021 at 12:31 PM

TR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Linda for many years at DPW and will cherish the fond memories.

tammy rhodes - June 05, 2021 at 09:30 PM

SC

“ I was saddened to read of Linda's passing in the paper this week. Our paths crossed through volunteer work in Harrisburg. She seemed to be engaged in everything, mainly because she was so competent in all the work she performed. I knew her through Junior League, but see that she also was involved with AAUW, another group which we shared in common. I know she made a positive and long-term mark on civic life in Harrisburg. Few people are as committed as Linda was. She will be missed by so many who were touched by her generosity and spirit. Rest well, Linda.

Sally Chamberlain

Sally Chamberlain - June 04, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ I met Linda and Alfred over 40 years ago. The three of us spent a lot of time together, visiting, taking trips and just hanging out. However, it has been over a year since we were last together but they were always on my mind. I will never forget how my life was enriched by the couple. Rest well, Linda.

Debbie Christian - June 03, 2021 at 09:22 PM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to you Alfred and the rest of your family, during this difficult time! I was saddened to hear of Linda's passing and still find myself in disbelief! I met Linda many, many years ago, early in my career when I worked in the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare where our friendship continued and blossomed. Linda's light was always shining. Her infectious smile was contagious! Linda was an excellent mentor to me. I will treasure our time and talks in her office. Rest in sweet peace my friend! Love you!💖
"Stephanie Jackson-Woodward"

Stephanie Jackson-Woodward - June 03, 2021 at 12:43 AM

GK

“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Jones and Hicks Families.*

Linda and I attended Peoples Community Baptist Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania some years ago. Linda made a lasting impression on me. She was so Beautiful inside and out. Her spirit was so loving and caring. I worked with Linda on various ministry at the church and I learned so much from Linda. She even taught me how to tithe faithful.

Many years have passed since I last saw her. Every time I saw a Mini Cooper on the street I think of Linda and I would pray that she was okay. I know she is okay now, because she is now Resting in the Arms of Jesus. Rest Well my Friend.

Gloria King-Cobb - June 02, 2021 at 10:31 PM

PD

“ *Alfred, I am sad with you and at the same time celebrate Linda's life again with you and the family. Since the time I met the two of you in our work after the Camp Hill prison riots, she was a guiding star, always speaking truth, and never giving up to defeat. She valued every family member with Love, and sometimes necessary tough Love. She inspired me to be a better person. I cherished our breakfasts while I was still in Harrisburg—she beamed light every single time, either with her smile or her pointed insight. Affirming how much of a difference she made with me as well as with our DPW and Harrisburg community. I wish you comfort as you journey through your grief. Hugs and Love, Peg Dierkers*

Peg Dierkers - June 02, 2021 at 09:14 PM

LT

I can say so much about this beautiful soul,Linda. During the time she and Alfred spent at People's Community Baptist Church I was blessed to get to know her more during the women's group she presided over and during our Sunday school classes where I witnessed Linda's humility, insight,compassion and giving heart. On one occasion she invited the women of the church to her home shortly before Christmas years ago and I will never forget the her graciousness . We all left Linda's home that evening with a hanging wall plaque which hangs right inside my door with the printed words"The essence of faith is to believe possibilities exist". I feel honored to have known Linda Hicks.

Lessie Thames-White - June 03, 2021 at 01:19 AM

LG

“ My deepest sympathies to Linda's husband and family. I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Linda at the Department of Public Welfare. She was full of fun, joy and laughter. I especially remember the beautiful sunflowers she grew in her garden. Each was unique and colorful. We were blessed to know Linda and have the opportunity to work with her. She will definitely be missed. I echo the comments that she has touched the lives of many and made their lives better...those that knew her as well as many people that will never know her name. Her spirit will live on in those she mentored, served and loved.

Lori Gerhard - June 02, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JT

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Linda was a mentor gave sound advice and was a fun loving friend. I enjoyed working with her as well being impressed that her picture is up in the Afro American museum in Philadelphia. Thank you Linda for all the help you provided during our time working together

joyce taylir - June 02, 2021 at 04:32 PM

SK

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Linda's passing. We were not only colleagues but such good friends for many years while we both worked for the Department of Public Welfare. We worked together on project after project. But, I most remember our frequent lunches, which were always a great mix of business, fun and lots of laughter. We continued those lunches from time to time after I left the Department, then lost track of each other for a while. Just a few weeks ago, I thought about reaching out to Linda and scheduling another lunch. I'm so sad to know that won't happen but glad to have known Linda as a colleague and friend.

My condolences to Linda's husband and family. She was a brilliant, supremely organized, witty and, most of all, generous and caring woman. Linda was someone who made an important difference in many, many thousands of peoples' lives through her work in state government even though many of those her work impacted may never know her name.

Sherry Knowlton - June 02, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JP

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult. I will fondly remember my friend and colleague.

Jay Pagni

Jay Pagni - June 02, 2021 at 03:43 PM

KM

“ to learn of the passing of my friend and former colleague .Linda was a red Commonwealth employee and was well known for her excellent work in the community and across the State.

May God comfort your family and give you peace.

Keith D Mitchell

Keith Mitchell - June 02, 2021 at 02:07 PM