
Celebrating the Life
of
Freddie Lee Hughes



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, no sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:4



Reflections of Life

Freddie Lee Hughes was born on Thursday, July 13, 1939, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the first of six children born to Fred and Geneva Hughes-Cason. Both parents, grandparents, 2 brothers: Willard Cason and Arthur Cason; 1 sister Dorothy Cason Reeves preceded his death.

At an early age, Freddie confessed his faith in Jesus Christ, received him as his savior and was baptized at Grace Missionary Baptist Church. He later united with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Hawkins and Reverend Herbert Bector, Sr in St. Louis, Missouri. In 2007, he joined Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church in Mesquite, Texas under the leadership of Pastor Terry Turner.

Education was highly stressed within his family and community. Freddie acquired his education through the St. Louis City and County Public Schools; Elmwood Elementary and Hoech Middle School. Due to segregation, he attended Douglas High School and graduated from Ritenour High School in 1958. He was one of three black students to graduate in his class. He was a great basketball player, receiving several awards and accolades.

Freddie was drafted into the United States Army in December 1961. During his tenure, he served as a military policeman and received several commendations for his skills as a rifle and pistol marksman. He served two years, eleven months and six days. He was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany and other military bases from 1961-1964.

After serving in the Army, he returned to St. Louis, Missouri and was employed by Chrysler Corporation in Fenton, Missouri for many years before taking a leave to further his education.

In 1970 he attended AM&N College (now the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff). It was during this

significant period of his life that he met Geraldine Harris, who became the "Love of his Life". They were married on May 29, 1971. To this union, four beautiful children were united as one: Tyrone, Yolanda, Stacey (deceased) and Freddie. Freddie and Geraldine were married 53 years.

In 1991, the Chrysler plant in St. Louis closed and Freddie was transferred to the Chrysler Plant Depot in Dallas, Texas. Here, he served in many capacities: Assembly Lineman, Inspector, Shop Chairman for the United Auto Workers) UAW Local 2360. In 2013, he was the International Representative for Local 2360.

On March 23, 2022, Freddie retired from Stellantis, LLC Corp (formerly Chrysler Corp.), completing 58 years of dedicated service, which is a significant achievement in today's workplace. "He loved his job"!

He leaves to cherish his memories: His loving and devoted wife, Geraldine Harris Hughes; sons: Tyrone Jackson, Freddie Champion (Brittany) both of Dallas. Daughter Yolanda Caine; One brother, Theophilus Earl Cason (Rose) and sister Shirley McLemore both of St. Louis, Missouri. Seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and one great grandchild "TRU" born September 29, 2024.

He also leaves many cousins, family and lifelong friends.

Freddie Hughes demonstrated his true love for everyone, especially for family, friends and workforce family. He will be missed. His life's journey speaks for itself.

On Sunday, September 1, 2024, Freddie transitioned peacefully from his earthly home to his eternal rest in the everlasting arms of God.

"We love you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

*When we lose someone we must learn not to live without them,
but to live with the love they left behind.*





Order of Service

MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH | PASTOR CALEB TURNER, EULOGIST
Friday, September 13, 2024 | One O'clock in the Afternoon
680 E. US Highway 80 | Mesquite, Texas

Prelude

Processional Ministers, Pallbearers, Family

Selection

Prayer REV. REGINALD GARRETT

Scripture Readings

Old Testament JAMES SCOTT

New Testament WAYNE R. NOLEN

Selection SIS. CECE GOLDBOLT

Expressions of Remembrance:

Employment **ARTIS COX**
*Stellantis LLC (Formerly Chrysler Corp.)
Retired -UAW Local 2360 – Shop Chairman*

CLEO WYNN
Local Union President – UAW Local 2360

PASTOR MICHAEL OWENS
Benefit Representative

Friend **ELLIS LEE MONK**
Stellantis LLC – Local 2360

Family **EARL “TEDDY” CASON**
Brother

LINDA NOLEN
Sister-in-Law

Selection REV. BROWYN DURHAM

Resolutions/Acknowledgement MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP

Solo CECE GOLDBOLT

Eulogy PASTOR CALEB TURNER

Private Family Viewing *(All others please exit)*

Recessional **Proceed to annex for repast*





STILL ANSWERING THE CALL

Texas vet 'can do' after 51 years



Freddie Hughes has worked at the Dallas Parts Distribution Center for 51 years, a milestone he credits in large part to lessons learned during his days in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era.

"The Army definitely disciplined me for life," says the UAW Local 2360 member. "It really helped as a young man, teaching me right from wrong. As I grow older, I realize how much it really helped me."

Now 74, Hughes is one of the oldest veterans from the UAW still working at FCA US. He's Shop Chairman at the PDC and often applies the values he learned from military life to build discipline and camaraderie when resolv-



Army vet Freddie Hughes, now 74, happily shows up to work every day despite suffering a stroke last year.

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ing issues that arise on the shop floor.

"I enjoy helping other people out," Hughes says. "If I see someone struggling with something in the depot, I enjoy giving them a hand and showing them the correct way to do something. I like to have an eye out for others."

Hughes was a sergeant in the Military Police from 1961 to 1964, stationed

in Vietnam for 96 days and in Germany for 18 months. In both tours, he was in charge of guarding ammunition depots. He also was responsible for sending munitions to other depots around the world, ensuring they made it to the right place at the right time.

Despite having suffered a stroke last year, which affected his speech but none

of his other physical faculties, Hughes is driven by the "can do" spirit he learned in the Army and has no plans to retire any time soon.

"I've gotten my grandkids through college now," he says. "But as long as I have my health and strength, this works."

Once he retires, Hughes doesn't plan to be idle for long. "I'll probably go work for the church or something," he says. ■

Until We Meet Again



Those special memories of you,
Will always bring a smile
If only I could have you back
For just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
And always will
Freddie, you were the best!
None other can compare
You soft voice, your loving touch
Teaching me about things I should be aware
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart
Until we meet again,

Gerald



We Love You Dad

I'm still at a stage of loss for words but Freddie Hughes, my stepdad, was a great man. He taught me a lot about life, and I tried my best to make him proud on the football field, in the classroom, and graduating from UAPB. Thank you for always telling me to be the best version of myself. You will be missed. Rest in Peace. Your memory will never be forgotten.

I LOVE YOU DAD 🙏❤️ *Tyrone*



Days and years have passed us by,
But thoughts of you ever live.
Sometimes it's hard to face the fact
Your earthly body is no longer near,
But deep down within our hearts
We know your presence is always here.

Little Freddie

Freddie, we knew little that morning that God was going to call your name. In life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same. It broke my heart to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of me went with you the day God called you home. When I called you, you were weak but always stayed strong. When I called you, you were weak but always stayed strong. Trying to be hip.

They say there is a reason. They say time will heal; Neither time nor reason will change the way I feel. Gone are the days we used to share, but in my heart, you are always there. The gates of our memories will never close; I miss you more than anyone knows. Love and miss you every day. Till we meet again,

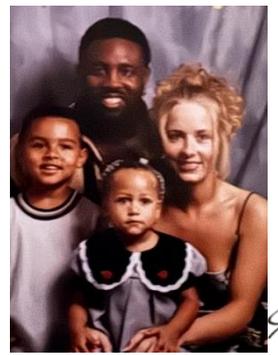
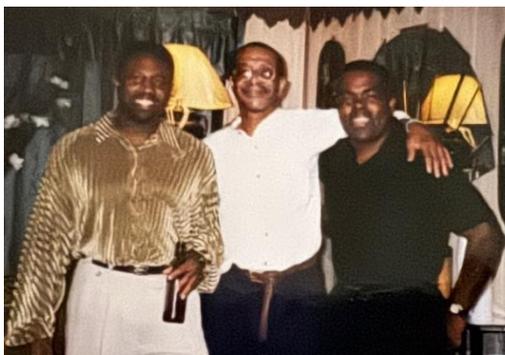
Love Your Daughter, Yolanda



Family Reflections



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Precious Reflections



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Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty, In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly, Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus's love illumined, Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me, In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus's arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remained - You shall rest in Jesus's land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

Expressions of Gratitude

Thank each of you for the outpouring of love, support, prayers, text messages, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, social media posts, and all expressions of kindness shown to us during this season. We deeply appreciate all that you have done. Thank you for caring for us. It is greatly appreciated. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we remember you in ours.

– *The Family of Freddie Lee Hughes*

Pallbearers

Barry Butler | Kevin Clark | Artie Cox | Darius Jackson | Wayne R. Nolen | James Scott

Place of Interment

Monday, September 16, 2024 | Ten O'clock in the Morning
Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

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