Order of Service

Rev. Patricia McGeathey, Presiding

Processional" "Glory, Glory"
Hymn
Invocation Rev. Tracy McGeathey
Scripture
Solo
"I Won't Complain"
Reflections
Tribute
Grand Niece & Nephew Jahneen Alexander & Jahshuwa Kirton
Junicel Mexander & Junishawa Kirton
Resolution & Acknowledgements Charlene Taylor Hill
Selection Sis. Mary Holly
"Since I Met Jesus"
Words of Comfort
Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Repast

St. Stephen Fellowship Hall

Pallbearers

Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Flower Attendants

Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Acknowledgements

We lost a wonderful man who can never be replaced, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our family members and friends for the many kind words, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness that have been extended to us during this difficult time.

~The family of the late Kenneth Dexter Hawkins

Interment

Monday, July 25, 2016, 11:00 AM Jacksonville National Cemetery 4083 Lannie Road Jacksonville, Florida 32218

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Kenneth Dexter Hawkins

June 17, 1955 - July 12, 2016

Service

Ten O'Clock, Saturday, July 23, 2016

St. Stephen AME Church

913 West 5th Street Jacksonville, FL 32209

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Pastor Reverend Dr. Melvin A. Kennerly, Officiating

Obituary

Kenneth Dexter Hawkins, well known professional Jacksonville Transportation Authority bus driver and humanitarian, passed away on July 12, 2016. He was preceded in death by his brother Bruce W. Hawkins in October 2015, and is survived by; his loving mother, Emma Jean Hawkins; father, Sylvester Hawkins (Sarah); brothers, Andre' Hawkins (Annette), Kendall Hawkins (twin brother); and sister, Cynthia Hickson-Starling.

Mr. Hawkins, a native of Jacksonville, Florida was born June 17, 1955. He was baptized and held membership in Mt. Olive AME Church. Kenneth received his early education in the Duval County Public School System. Before graduating from Andrew Jackson High School, he was elected as President of the 1973 senior class and Co-President of the Marching Band. Kenneth received a full scholarship at Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College (dual program) in Nashville Tennessee, where he became a leader during his college tenure. He was elected President of Student Government, President of the Honors Program, and President of the Marching Aristocrat of Bands, all at Tennessee State University. Before graduation, he received Tennessee State University's first Meritorious Service Award presented by University President, Dr. Frederick S. Humphries. He was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". Kenneth earned his Bachelor's degree of Hospital Administration Health Care and Planning from Tennessee University and Meharry Medical College.

Kenneth entered the United States Army and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D. C. and worked until his honorable discharge. He earned his state of Florida and national license as a Nursing Home Administrator and a Preceptor Specialist, which allowed him to begin a professional administrative career throughout the state of Florida, including Miami, St. Petersburg, and Ft. Pierce, where he received five star ratings.

After ending his demanding career in the medical field, he found another passion and became employed with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority as a professional city bus driver, where he interacted with so many wonderful and caring co-workers and administrators within the JTA system. Kenneth received many awards while working for JTA, but his greatest reward was meeting so many kind and respectful passengers who enjoyed his professional driving skills, respectful greeting with a smiling face, and encouraging words.

Kenneth was a good and loving son, brother, uncle, nephew, and cousin to his family members and could always be counted on in the time of need. He enjoyed working in his yard and maintaining an outside environment that made him proud. Kenneth was a staunch supporter of Tennessee State University Alumni Association and would make visits to the campus during homecoming activities throughout the years.

Kenneth is also survived by; aunts and uncles, Jefferie Townsend (Cheryl), Tyrone Townsend (Sonya), Fernando Townsend (Joann), Annie Bean, Reola Jones (William); nieces and nephews, Toyer Dorsey, Kenisha Hawkins-Floyd, Karisa Hawkins-Davis (Patrick), Kellie Hawkins, Anika Hawkins-Costa (Michael), Alicia Hawkins-Carpenter (Scott), Antoinette Hawkins-Poe (Antoine), Bradrick Hawkins (Brandy), Monrico L Brown (Taiwan China), Theodore Jr, Maurice, Erika, Thia, Brooke, Jahneen, Jashuwa, Jahbryl, Aydin, Alyse, Alec, Milani, Kai, Miles, Olivia, Raevondolyn, Erika, Frederick, and a number of other relatives and friends.

Kenneth Hawkins touched the lives of many and his love for people was unmatched. We are thankful for the time God allowed him to spend with us. The life lessons which he taught will always bless and enrich our lives, filling our hearts with gratitude. We were abundantly blessed by his unceasing devotion to the task of creating good will among all human beings.

Loving Memories

