

Ethel Y. Maddox-Hicks

Ethel Y. Maddox- Hicks affectionately known as (**Vonnie**) was born on October 28, 1945, to the late Collie L. Hariston, who was the National President of the Hairston Clan, and Lillian C.Meade Ethel resided in Barrington, New Jersey, She later moved to Camden where she resided for 53 years until Sunday September 24, 2023, where she received and took heed to the Master's call. **"Your Mansion is now ready Come Take Your Rest Vonnie"**

Ethel graduated high school and received a certificate for bookkeeping and accounting from ManPower Development Training School. Her first employment after graduating was with West Jersey Hospital Camden Division as an Out-patient Clinic Registrar, she was employed with the hospital for 10 years. She also worked 6 years for the Camden City Board of Education as a payroll clerk. Ethel spent later years working at CamCare as a Community Out- Reach worker until her health started to fail, forcing her to retire.

Ethel married the Late Elvin Maddox Jr. From this union was born two daughters Toni and Monica Maddox. Ethel later married the Late Dan Hicks in 1988. Vonnie enjoyed playing cards and going to the casino.

Ethel was a 37 year member of First Refuge Missionary Baptist Church Camden, NJ under the leadership of her Uncle the Late, Rev. Dr. George T. Hairston. Ethel served on the Pastor's Aide Ministry, and sang on the Gospel Chorus. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 3: 5-6 and her favorite songs were "Your Grace and Mercy" and "The Battle Is the Lords." Both songs brought Ethel through the most troubling times in her life. Ethel later joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church in Lawnside, New Jersey where she was a long time faithful member until her death, serving on many committees and as a Stewardess and a Missionary.

In 1995 Ethel Joined the Order of the Eastern ArborVitae Chapter #40, Prince Hall Affiliated; where she is a past Matron. Ethel's Favorite saying- If she can help somebody, as I travel along, If I can Help Somebody, with a word or a song If I can help somebody from doing wrong then living shall not be in vain.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents Collie L. Hariston and Lillian C. Meade, her sister Charming Nelson, and brother Collie Jr., her daughter Toni Maddox, and 6 grandchildren Roger, Rasheeda, Toni, Dominick, John and Tyson Maddox.

Ethel leaves to cherish Her Memories her daughter Monica (Wendell) Morgan, grandchildren Vincent, Tyron (Jocelyn), Shamin, Kwanza, Ebony, and Breanna. Great-grandchildren Vincent, Kwanza, Shanyah, Sierra, Tyron, Alex, Ethan, A'Vi, and A'Jon, and Great-great granddaughter Va'Nya. She also has two living sisters Colletta (Albert) Pierce of Richardson, Texas, and Charlene Mohammed, of Los Angeles, California; brother-in-law, Earl Nelson, Philadelphia, Pa., and an Aunt Charolette Ann Edwards, nieces, nephews, and special cousin Andre (Rachael) Hairston and special friends: Lorraine Johnson, Joanne Watson, Dawn Wright, and Hilmer Bemiah, Tamanika Johnson, Monique Wiggins.