



Ernie Lee Hooks

May 10, 1959 - May 21, 2024

Ernie Lee Hooks was born May 10, 1959 to Eliza Ann and Dan Hooks, Sr. in Gary, Indiana. As a child, Ernie spent much of his time in church and confessed his love for Christ at an early age while attending Trinity Missionary Baptist Church under the late Pastor W. H. Thomas.

After graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1977, Ernie worked at Gary US Steel for several years until relocating to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1984, where he built his career and raised his family.

Ernie passed away on May 21, 2024 after a prolonged illness.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Dan Hooks, Sr. and Eliza Ann Hooks; his only son, Ernell Lamar Hooks; and nephew, Dan D. Hooks, III. Ernie leaves to cherish his memory his only daughter, Ernesha Hooks; daughter-in-law, Tyronda Riser; grandsons, Kierre Hooks, Ernell Lamar Hooks, Jr. (E.J.), and Sincere Lamar Hooks; only brother, Dan Hooks, Jr. (Georgi) of Las Vegas, Nevada; sisters, Margie Nelson of Seattle, Washington, Clara Hooks Mason of Spring, Texas, and Vanessa Hooks of Merrillville, Indiana; nephews, Cornelius Nelson, II, DeJuan Montgomery, Derrick Montgomery, Sr., and Darius Elliott; nieces, Shalonda Nelson, La Toya (Desmond) Williams, and TaKeisha Hooks. Plus a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, special cousins, countless family members, and friends who also hold dear memories of him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family my God comfort you and give you strength 🙏 my deepest condolences 💔 from Ernestine Gousby Strickland and Anthony Strickland Sr of Zionsville Indiana

Anthony Strickland - June 05, 2024 at 06:01 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Hooks family. Margie, Dan Jr AKA Junebug, Clara and Vanessa.

I was devastated when I heard about the passing of Ernie he was more than a friend to me, he was my brother. We where raised like brother and sister.

We spent many of our younger years together on Fillmore Street in Gary, Indiana, before relocating to the twin cities of Minneapolis Saint Paul, Minnesota as young adults , where we raised our children as cousins !

Rest In Peace my Beloved Brother and Dear Friend Ernie , you will be greatly missed Especially Your Beautiful Smile!!!

I will forever Love and Miss You ,

Your Sister Tina Marie Bliss Carter

Tina Bliss Carter - May 31, 2024 at 01:42 PM

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“ I will miss you Uncle Ernie, thank you for beautiful smiles, the birthday songs and spending time with me. You are a great uncle and I will carry with me always...thanks for calling me your favorite niece, you made a point to make it special each time you said it. I love you - Shalonda your favorite niece.



Shalonda nelson - May 31, 2024 at 04:09 AM

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“ My condolences to the family, Ernie was a very nice guy and he will be missed by many. I'm Madonna Crowell a Classmate of Ernie 🙏❤️🎈👉

Madonna Crowell - May 30, 2024 at 09:08 PM