



Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.

December 6, 1933 - March 25, 2022

Donald Lee Hitchens, Sr. age 88, transitioned to Glory on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Tidal Health Hospital in Seaford, Delaware, after a brief illness. He was born on December 6, 1933, in Laurel, Delaware to the late Reverend Richard and Alberta Hitchens.

He received his early education at Paul Laurence Dunbar School in Laurel. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served one tour. After that, he served in the Army Reserve. October 1964, he was employed with the DuPont Plant in Seaford. He retired in May 1999 after 35 years of service.

On January 2, 1954, he was joined in holy matrimony to Lorraine Cooper. To this union were born six children: Donald, Jr. "Donnie," Ronald, "Ronnie," Tyrone, Michael, Rochelle, and Kenneth. He was a good provider for his family.

He was a lifetime member of St. Matthews First Baptist Church in Laurel where he served in numerous capacities over the years. He was a proud member of the Usher Board, chairman of the Deacon Board, Pastor's Aide, and Missionary Ministry. He was also a member of the Delmarva Usher's Board Association, and the Laurel Community Foundation – The Hope House. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family, his cellphone, and Facebook. He enjoyed watching game shows, basketball, and football on television. His favorite team was the Philadelphia Eagles. He loved cooking macaroni and cheese and trying to make sweet potato pie.

Donald leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 68 years, Lorraine Hitchens;

sons- Donald Hitchens, Jr, Michael Hitchens (Elaine), Kenneth Hitchens (Migdalia), Alan Carr, Donald Thompson; daughters – Rochelle Camper (Kendall), Ashlee Poe, and Shirnelle Blango; 10 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; one brother – Charles Wayne Hitchens; sisters-in-law – Claudette Hitchens and Gwendolyn Twine; two daughters-in-law – Connie Hitchens and Vanessa Hitchens; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons – Tyrone and Ronald Hitchens; one sister – Sylvia (Joe) Oney; four brothers – Theodore (Ardella) Hitchens, William Alvin Hitchens, Louis (Margo) Hitchens, and Robert (Bertha) Hitchens; sisters-in-law Carmetta (Donald) Holden, Hattie (Eugene) Puckham, and Helen Hitchens; brothers-in-law, Richard Cooper, Jr., and Chester Twine; daughters-in-law – Vera “Polly” Hitchens and Vanessa “Sue” Hitchens.

Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

United Deliverance Bible Center
532 W. 7th Street
Laurel, DE 19956

Funeral Service

APR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 01, 2022 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ *Hello Ken,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in prayer.

Sheila Smallwood

Sheila Smallwood - April 04, 2022 at 05:03 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Dotson Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Brenda Dotson Johnson - April 01, 2022 at 05:09 PM

DH

“ Douglas & Michele Holden lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.



Douglas & Michele Holden - March 31, 2022 at 07:45 PM

MH

“ Michele Holden lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.



Michele Holden - March 31, 2022 at 07:43 PM

MM

“ Michael Mills lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.



Michael Mills - March 31, 2022 at 02:46 PM

SJ

“ Sharon-william Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.



sharon-william jenkins - March 30, 2022 at 11:04 PM

SJ

O Lord, we call upon you in our time of sorrow, that you give us the strength and the will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your Divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships. Praying for you all! From: The Banks Family.

sharon-william jenkins - March 30, 2022 at 11:13 PM

LH

“ *To The Family of Mr. Donald L. Hitchens Sr,*

Sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort knowing your love one is resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father.



Linda Jones Holliday - March 30, 2022 at 03:34 PM

TL

“ *Todd Lowe lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Todd Lowe - March 30, 2022 at 02:18 PM

VP

“ *Victor & Iris Puckham lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Victor & Iris Puckham - March 30, 2022 at 10:54 AM

EY

“ *Elder Dr. Apry Young lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Elder Dr. Apry Young - March 30, 2022 at 10:29 AM

WH

“ *Wendy Allen Hanner lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.*



Wendy Allen Hanner - March 30, 2022 at 09:03 AM

YF

“ *Your NBCFAE Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr..*



Your NBCFAE Family - March 30, 2022 at 07:13 AM

RF

“ To Kenneth and Migdalia Hitchens and family: Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you during your time of loss. May God's mercy give you comfort knowing that your father is no longer suffering and he is resting peacefully with the Lord. He will forever remain in your heart through the beautiful memories and legacy he left you. Weeping may endure for a night but joy truly does come in the morning ! With love and deepest sympathy !
Reverend Ruby L. Fletcher

Rev. Ruby L. Fletcher - March 29, 2022 at 11:49 PM

BD

“ As a child growing up and attending St. Matthews First Baptist Church, I will always remember the junior choir that Donald .Lee. Hitchens was so passionate about, I was one of the original members , when the choir begin, little did I know that was my passion as well singing. Thank you Donald Lee , for your patience , guidance , and helping me realize my talent. Due to my health I unfortunately will not be able to attend your home going , but thoughts of you will always remain in my heart, now you can join the heavenly choir an honor well deserved!

Barbara Dodson - March 29, 2022 at 08:59 PM

DC

“ Darlene Cochran lit a candle in memory of Donald Lee Hitchens Sr.



Darlene cochran - March 29, 2022 at 04:32 PM