



Ronald Alton Hitchens Sr.

February 5, 1956 - March 18, 2018

Obituary

Ronald A. Hitchens, Sr., was met by a cloud of witnesses at Heaven's gate on Sunday, March 18, 2018. The second child born to Donald Lee and Lorraine Hitchens, Ronnie began his earthly journey on February 5, 1956 in Seaford, Delaware.

Ronnie received his early education in the Laurel School District, graduating from Laurel Senior High School in 1974. While in school, Ronnie excelled in sports, most notably playing basketball with his big brother Donnie. Their basketball performance often times would pack the gymnasium. They gained lots of fans, especially their younger cousins. After high school, Ronnie attended Delaware State College in Dover, Delaware.

His early employment began at the DuPont Plant in Seaford and after leaving DuPont, he was employed with Perdue Farms in Salisbury, Maryland. Later, he was employed with the Laurel School District until his retirement. Ronnie's laid back but gentle personality made him a friend to everyone he met.

Ronnie was a lifetime member of St. Matthews First Baptist Church in Laurel, Delaware where he was baptized under the leadership of his grandfather, Reverend Richard L. Hitchens. Ronnie never forgot his roots and when he returned home, he was determined to do God's will. He loved to praise and worship God – He knew this was his weapon. He had a pure and giving heart; he reached out to those in the community who were in need and he dropped

seeds of hope to the hopeless. He understood what it meant to not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth. While at St. Matthews, Ronnie was a faithful and dedicated Trustee. He took pride in keeping up with the maintenance and grounds. He was meticulous about keeping the cemetery looking good. Whenever there was a need outside of his church, Ronnie was willing to help. He graciously volunteered at New Zion United Methodist Church where he helped with the Food Mission, provided maintenance at times as well as helped with their cemetery.

He was joined in Holy Matrimony to Connie Brown and to this union are three children, Deon Brown, Ronald Hitchens, Jr., and Roniell Hitchens Trader. When he did take a break from ministry, he enjoyed watching non-stop Westerns on TV and his favorite teams – the Los Angeles Lakers and the San Francisco 49ers. However, his favorite pastime was spending time with his children and grandchildren, especially his grandson Denim. Denim would fall asleep on his Pop Pop's chest, ride on the lawnmower with him, and he learned how to dance from him. They shared a bond like no other and a deep friendship grew.

Ronnie leaves precious memories with: his wife, Connie; his parents, Donald Lee and Lorraine Hitchens; his children, Deon Brown, Ronald Hitchens, Jr. and Roniell (Dante) Trader; 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He leaves lifetime memories with: his brothers, Donald L. Hitchens, Jr., Michael D. Hitchens (Elaine), Kenneth W. Hitchens (Migdalia), Alan Carr (Jean) and Donald Thompson (Tammy); three sisters, Rochelle A. Camper (Kendall), Shirnelle Blango and Ashley Hitchens. He leaves memories with: his aunts, Gwendolyn Twine and Claudette Hitchens and uncles, Charles W. Hitchens and Eugene B. Puckham; sisters-in-law, Anna M. Hotten, Thelma M. Batson and Sandra D. Smith; brothers-in-law, Grisbeth L. Brown, William N. Brown, Verlon C. Brown, James A. Brown, Gregory L. Brown and Tony H. Brown. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his paternal grandparents, Reverend Richard L. and Alberta Hitchens; maternal grandparents, Richard and Louise Cooper; a

brother, Tyrone Hitchens; In-laws, Preston and Ledella Brown; a close brother-in-law, Preston Brown, Jr., and most recently, a sister-in-law Sherry Graddic.

Ronnie was “Called to the Streets” on this journey, and he fulfilled his assignment...

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ We love the Hitchens family and know that God will be watching over all of us during our time of mourning. Only knew him for a short time but he really had a spirit that reached you even from a distance; made you feel loved. We loved you

Pastors Carroll and Sudie Hemsley - March 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Sorry for your loss my condolences to the family.

William D. Carr - March 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Praying God's peace and comfort to you and the family.

Furman and Joyce Sessoms - March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,
Grief can be so hard, may your family find strength in God's promise at (Isaiah 25: 8) that soon “he will swallow up death forever”. You have my deepest sympathy.

JoyceA - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YJ

“ The Hitchens Family-Michael and Elaine,

We were saddened to hear of Ronnie's passing. Just know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

With Love and Sympathy,
Yvette and Alvin Cook

Yvette Jacobs-Cook - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ's] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth's inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM