

A Celebration of Praise

And Thanksgiving

For the Lives of



Father, Matthew O. Hooks

Mother, Earline Hooks

Brother, Antonio Hooks

Brother, Matthew D. Hooks



Obituary of Dione Hooks

Matthew "Dione" Hooks was born December 12, 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Matthew and Earline Hooks. He was the third of six sons born to that marriage. He graduated from Douglass High School in 1976 and went to trade school where he became an accomplished welder on road construction equipment.

He worked in construction and helped build the Ford Center in downtown Oklahoma City and participated in placing the Guardian Indian on top of the Oklahoma State Capital.

Dionne married Minnie Parker in the early 1980s and no children were born to the marriage.

Dione was a great brother, dedicated son and family-minded friend. He was kind hearted with a generous personality. He was very mannerable and would go out of his way to help. Dione was an excellent cook and was especially known for his cornbread pizza. Dionne was a man of many colorful talents.

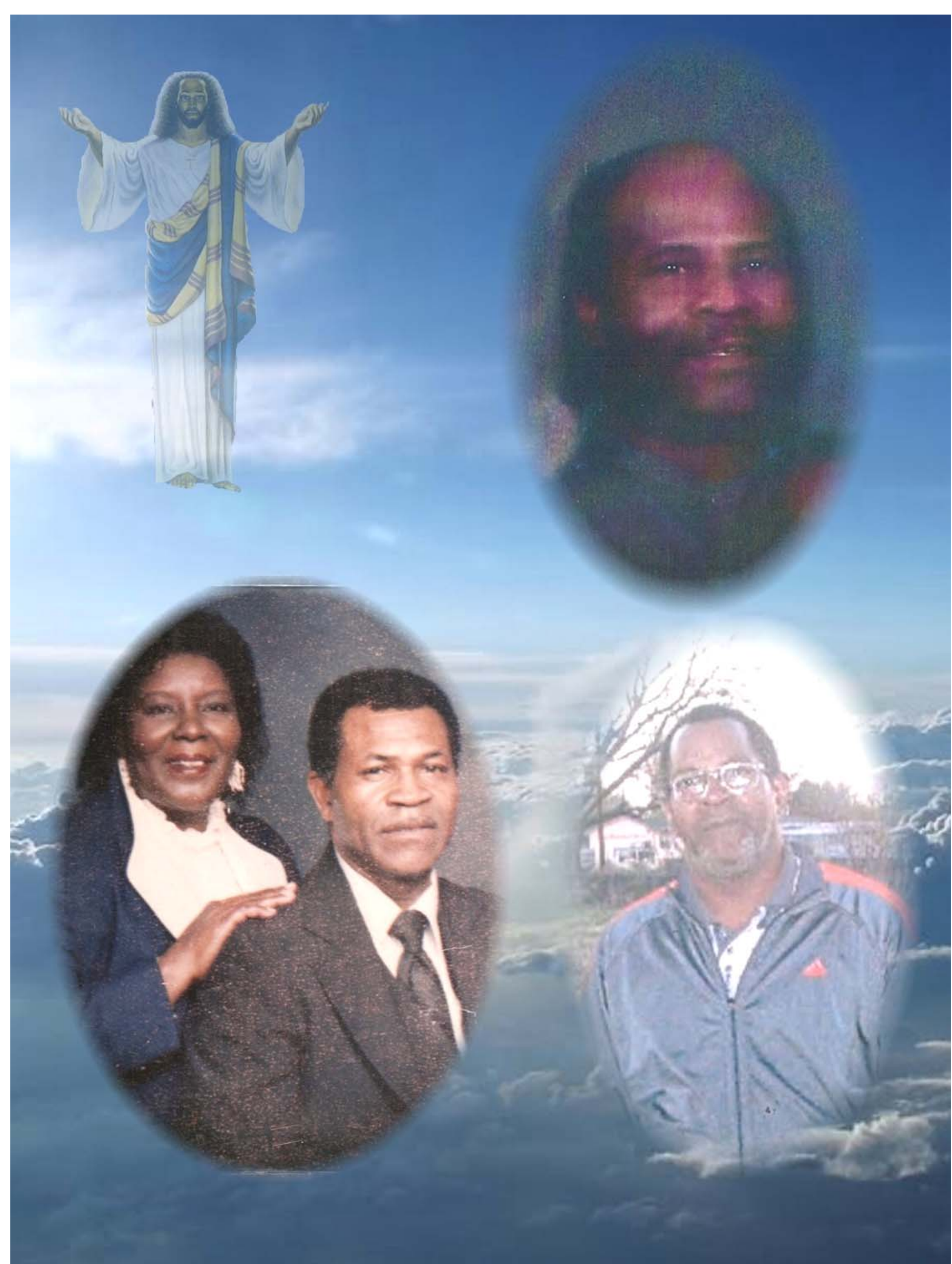
He professed his faith in Christ and was baptized at an early age. After life's trials and difficulties he rededicated his life to Christ in the late 1990s. Dione continued to struggle but by God's grace, overcame and reunited with Christ; making him a true example of a Just Man. He was a faithful member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and only missed church when he had to work.

He leaves to cherish his brothers and sisters in-law: Ronny and Barbara of St. Louis, Missouri, Percy and Robin of Indianapolis, Indiana, Gregory and Victoria and La'Ve'll of Oklahoma City; ten nieces and nephews: Dextor, Tonytta, Gregory, Jr., Angelyna and Syreeta, Renae, Willie, Kerry, Armini and Martez; a good friend, Melvina Hail and a host of relatives, and friends.

Dione will be greatly missed.

Jesus answered, "You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or wife or brothers or family or children because of God's kingdom will be given much more in this life. And in the future world they will have eternal life.

*Luke 18:29-30
(Contemporary English Version)*



Obituary of Matthew Oral Hooks

Matthew Oral Hooks was born May 9, 1930 in Tatums, Oklahoma to Matthew and Nettie Winslett-Hooks. He was their second of five children. He attended school at Tatums, Oklahoma. Matthew served on active duty in the United States Army Feb. 1949 – Feb. 1952 where he served in Germany. He retired from the United States Army Reserve as a Master Sergeant after 30 years of service. Good conduct, Overseas metals.

Matthew married Earlene Johnson in December 11, 1954 in Wichita Falls, Texas and to this union six sons were born. His parents and one sister, Lacy McCreary, preceded him in death.

Matthew retired in the early 1990s from Tinker Air Force Base as a forklift driver and worked for several years at Otasco and Roadway Auto; his work ethic was excellent all of his life.

He was known by many names, among them are: Hump, Oral, Uncle Oral, and DOC. He professed his faith in Christ and was baptized at an early age. He was full of the Spirit of the Living God and was a faithful and devoted member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years. He enjoyed being Deacon at St. John.

In recent years he was best known for being Super, Fantastic, Outstanding and All The Above! These are the words he quoted each time he was asked, "How are you doing?"

Matthew did not believe in "in-laws", he believed that all his in-laws were blood relatives. He leaves to cherish four sons and their wives: Ronny and wife Barbara of St. Louis, Missouri, Percy and his wife Robin of Indianapolis, Indiana, Gregory and his wife Victoria, and La'Ve'll of Oklahoma City; three siblings: Rudolph, Bernice (Clarence "CJ") Jones, Bettye Davis; his wife's brother, Rosco Franklin and his wife Earnestine, of Lathrop, California; ten grandchildren: Dextor, Tonytta, Gregory, II, Angelyna and Syreeta, Renae, Willie, Kerry, Armini and Martez; two great grandchildren Tamara, Kiandra; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Obituary of Earlene Hooks

Earlene (Baby Ruth) Johnson was the only child born to R.V. and Mamie Johnson in Ardmore, Oklahoma. She was born special from the beginning because she was born in a leap year on February 29, 1936.

Earlene attended school at Tatums High School in 1939. She moved to Duncan, Okla-

homa around the age of 15, where she continued her education and graduated from Duncan High School. She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Earlene married her childhood friend, Matthew Oral Hooks on December 11, 1954, in Wichita Falls, Texas and their first child Ronny was born in Duncan. Shortly afterwards they moved to Oklahoma City and continued their family where Antonio, Matthew, Dione, Percy, Gregory, and La'Ve'll were born.

She chose to stay at home as a homemaker to raise her children and to care for her husband. She was a loving mother and was adored by her husband, sons and their wives.

She was a faithful member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years and served as Deaconess for about 31 years.

Her life will long be cherished and celebrated by four of her sons and their wives: Ronny and Barbara, Percy and Robin, Gregory and Victoria, and La'Ve'll; her brother Roscoe Franklin and his wife, Earnestine, of Lathrop, California; brothers and sisters in-law: Rudolph Hooks, Bernice and Clarence "CJ" Jones, and Bettye Davis; her ten grandchildren: Dextor, Tonytta, Gregory, II, Angelyna and Syreeta, Renae, Willie, Kerry, Armini and Martez; two great grandchildren Tamara, Kiandra; three nieces: Vanessa, Viola and Lori K., of Southern and Northern California; and many other relatives, and friends.

Obituary of Antonio Hooks

Antonio Delano Hooks was born to Matthew and Earlene Hooks in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on December 22, 1956. He was the second of six sons born in that marriage. He entered kindergarten at Truman Elementary School in 1962, and graduated from Douglass High School in 1975.

Antonio enlisted in the US Army in 1975 and served four years. He had a delightful personality that always made others laugh hardily. Tony, as he was known, had a special flavor for life.

He professed his faith to Jesus Christ at an early age, was a faithful member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. He was always there to serve the people in his community.

His life will long be cherished and celebrated by his daughter Tonyetta; four brothers, Ronny, Percy, Gregory and La'Ve'll, one grandchild, Tamyia; nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

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**- Services -
Ten O'clock in the morning
Friday, July 3, 2009**

**St. John Missionary Baptist Church
5700 N Kelley Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73111-6799**

Order of Service

Processional.....When We All Get to Heaven

Faithful Hezekiah Walker
The Adult Choir of St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Old Testament Scripture:

Psalms 23 Rev. Melvin Marshall
Associate Minister, St. John

Psalms 24 Elder Larry Perkins
Williams Temple COGIC

New Testament

I Thess. 4:13-17 Rev. Lawrence Kirk
Minister of Christian Education, St. John

Prayer..... Rev. William Myles
Minister of Prayer & Visitation, St. John

Selection The Choir of Williams Temple
Church of God in Christ

Resolutions & Acknowledgement..... Anne Adamson

Remarks:

The Granddaughter and Daughter Tonytta Hooks
St. John Christian Men's Fellowship.....Deacon Clarence Beatty
A Sister of Bro. Matthew HooksBernice Jones
A Brother of Sis. Earlene Hooks..... Roscoe Franklin
From the Church of God in Christ.....Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten

God Is.....Robert Fryson
St. John Adult Choir, Margaret Dawson, Soloist

Eulogy Dr. M. L. Jemison

Recessional



Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Yahweh is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the whole earth.
He never grows faint or weary;
there is no limit to His understanding.

He gives strength to the weary and
strengthens the powerless.

Youths may faint and grow weary,
and young men stumble and fall,

but those who trust in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not faint.

The Holy Bible
Holman Christian Standard Bible

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Active Pallbearers

The Deacons of St. John Missionary Baptist Church
The Christian Men's Fellowship of St. John
Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers

The Deaconess of St. John Missionary Baptist Church
The Women's Missionary Union of St. John
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Internment

Tatums Cemetery
Tatums, Oklahoma

Acknowledgement

The loss of a mother, father and two brothers has been a tremendous shock to the Hooks Family. Your kindness, prayers and concern has helped sustain us.

Please continue to remember our family in your prayers in the days ahead.

**GOD IS A GOOD GOD AND WE THANK HIM FOR HIS
GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL.**

The Hooks Family

We would like to give our special words of thanks to
Jeanetta Fountain of Dallas, Texas.

May God bless you richly for blessing us.

*Funeral service under the direction of
Temple and Son Funeral Home
2801 North Kelly Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
405.427.8321
"We Care"
II Timothy 4:8*