



Mrs. Felicia Abigail Mack Hopkins

June 17, 1960 - May 2, 2024

Mrs. Felicia Mack Hopkins, 63, of Columbia, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Her life began on the seventeenth day of June 1960 at Columbia Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina. Felicia was the first child and only daughter of her parents, Mr. Eddie Lee Mack, Sr. and the late Mrs. Ella Dean Boular Mack. She graduated from Eau Claire High School, Class of 1978 and continued her education at North Greenville College (now University) in Tigerville, South Carolina, where Felicia won "Miss Aurora" in 1980. Felicia's mother and maternal grandmother, encouraged her natural musical gifts by nurturing and refining them through formal training. As a result, Felicia began a lifelong church music ministry. Her calling ended with her service as Minister of Music at Chappell Memorial AME Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

She served as Minister of Music at many churches throughout the Midland and the Upstate of South Carolina to include, St. Paul Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. A brief list of other churches are Whitehall A.M.E., Friendship A.M.E., Pleasant Springs A.M.E., Bethel Baptist Church in Blythewood, South Carolina and Chinquapin Baptist Church, in Batesburg-Leesville. On August 21, 1983, Felicia and the love of her life, Curtis Edward Hopkins, following a romantic courtship joined in Holy Matrimony at Zion Canaan Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina. They were married for forty-one years until "death did them part...." Curtis says he knew the moment he saw her dressing a

mannequin in a store window on Main Street that he had "found" his wife".

Felicia Hopkins joined Chappelle in 2013 under the leadership of Reverend Timothy Cokley. She was very dutifully became the organist and choir director for the church, but her service to the church extended far beyond her music ministry. She served faithfully in the Women's Missionary Society, Church Women United, Lay Organization, and Stewardess Board. She proudly worked with young people at the church (YPD) and Vacation Bible School. Felicia was an assistant class leader for Class #7. Felicia was selected for Chappelle's Women of the Year, 2023. In the greater Columbia community, Felicia's career as a Sales Specialist at Whit Ash furniture store was a defining moment in her life. Her salesmanship gained her unexpected "celebrity". She became widely known and highly regarded as the go-to person at the store. Her decorum can be seen in numerous newly constructed churches and homes throughout Richland County and beyond. Since her death, unsolicited comments from people who only knew her through their encounter with her as their sales advisor have enthusiastically shared their positive experiences relating to Felicia. These positive reflections brought her family much joy. Members of several of the African American Churches built in the Columbia area within the past twenty years also, display her "special" gift and decorum. Her "gifts" were vast, and she found joy in their execution throughout her adult years.

Her greatest joy, concern, and commitment were shown through her care of her children and grandchildren. She was a consistent and supportive mother of her children, through thick and thin and found the greatest joy in being a "super" grandmother. Despite her reality of cancer, Felicia was rarely seen in public spaces without one or more of her grandchildren in tow. Every event she attended with them or because of them was accompanied by an explosion of photos if the occasion. Felicia routinely "celebrated" all the uplifting acts of kindness that flowed into her life. She truly had a spirit of

gratitude. Her special request of "Auntie Glenice" was that her homegoing services pay tribute and thanks to the circle of friends and supporters who drew near to her during her breast cancer years.

Heading this group are all the folks who lead and participated in the Brookland Foundation Health and Wellness Ministry, especially those who worked annually in the October sponsorship of "The Color Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Gala" where Felicia was the 2023 Honoree. She contributed significantly to creating The Richland Historic Preservation Consortia, a new Historic Preservation organization. Felicia was Secretary of its Board of Directors.

Felicia was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Ella Dean Boular Mack, her grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Boular; sister-in-law, Robin Ponder and a grandson, Master Jaylan Demarcus Buckley; her father-in-law, Wilson Carlson.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband of forty-one years, Curtis Edward Hopkins; their children, Curtis Hopkins, II, Terrill (Hope) Hopkins, Christina Hopkins, Daniel Hopkins, Daniel Hopkins, and Nyeisha (Brandon) Hopkins-Gordon, all of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Terrill Hopkins, Jr., Iyanna Hopkins, Laniya Hopkins, Curtis Hopkins, III, Jordan Buckley, Teagan Hopkins, Kadan Hopkins, and Tahiry Hopkins all of Columbia, SC; her father, Eddie Lee (Wilda) Mack; a sister, Dr. Marta Notai Mack, of Louisville, KY; brothers, Eddie Mack, Jr., Kevin Ezel Mack, Jacques Smith of Charlotte, NC, Mark (June) Smith of Columbia, SC; aunts, Ezelma Watkins and Glenice Pearson both of Columbia, SC; mother-in-law, Joann Hopkins; sisters-in-law, Cindell (Chauncey) Attucks, and Joy Hopkins; brothers-in-law, Tony Hopkins, Vincent Hopkins, and Albert Kilbert and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 819 Woodrow Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205. The Reverend Dr. Ceasar Richburg, Pastor, The Reverend Rosalyn Coleman, presiding, The Reverend Michael Buckson, eulogist. Interment to follow in the Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Hopkins will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home

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Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

2603 Two Notch Rd
columbia, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel African Methodist Episocpal Church
819 Woodrow Street
Columbia, SC 29205

To view the service for Mrs. Hopkins, please click on the link: www.facebook.com/AADicksFH

Tribute Wall

NH

“ going to miss you auntie , we never really never talked much but when i come over and see you sitting at that round table looking at that small tv ,you always put a smile on my face , you would always say “stay in school nat” i wont forget your words , i love you so much , and i hope you can look over me while i grow up to be a grown lady !

Natalie Hopkins - February 06, 2025 at 12:13 AM

BH

“ To Curtis Jr. and the Entire Mack Family:

Sincere condolences to each of you. I first met Felicia as a parent when I taught Curtis at Gibbes Middle School. She was a very supportive parent who made teaching Curtis a pleasure. We were also one of Felicia's clients when she worked at Whit Ash. She had impeccable taste in home décor. Continue to cherish the fond memories created with your dearly departed Felicia.

Basil & Melody Harris

Basil Harris - May 14, 2024 at 10:41 AM

LT

“ I met Felicia during her employment with Whit Ash Furniture. She was always ready willing and able to provide great customer service and conversation. Prayers up for the family as she rests in God's arms.

Lavell Thornton - May 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM

TM

“ Daniel...you, your family and your loved ones will be in our thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom! Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything. We love you. Treco Moyd @ Family!



Treco Moyd - May 09, 2024 at 03:08 PM

GB

“ Know that I grieve with you and also celebrate Felicia's homegoing with you...Felicia wants you to be encouraged and strong, her line to me was always "don't come in here sad faced cause I'm not!!!"...we all experience separation...knowing, unknowing, expected and unexpected...separation comes in many forms, we are separated at birth from our mothers, the mother feels it more than the baby, then we're born into sin "guilty" then we go to daycare both feel separated, a child cries for the parent..then we grow up and move away for college, military, work etc., once again separation...then marriage a man leaves his mother and father, and finally departure, the unavoidable destiny.....be encouraged, be kind and loving not only to each other but others as well and keep your beautiful smiles forever upon your faces, you are the legacy of FELICIA ABIGAIL MACK HOPKINS.....geodbrown

geod brown - May 09, 2024 at 01:10 PM

GB

“ geod brown lit a candle in memory of Felicia Hopkins



geod brown - May 09, 2024 at 01:09 PM

DD

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” Well done, Mrs. Hopkins!

Dr. Bobby Donaldson - May 09, 2024 at 11:18 AM

VM

VICKIE MYERS lit a candle in memory of Felicia Hopkins



VICKIE MYERS - May 09, 2024 at 11:15 AM

CW

Our condolences and prayers for strength as you go through this difficult time. Felicia had a personality every one loved. Continue in her path of love and faith in God.

Ben and Claudia Williams

Claudia Williams - May 09, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DG

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF FELICIA SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS SENDING PRAYERS, LOVE AND HUGS 🙏💕
🙏 EMPLOYEES AT WATKINS NANCE 🙏💕🙏

DIANA GIBBS - May 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM

HH

“ I hear music in the air , well done thy good and faithful servant. You fought a good fight . RIP in Paradise . Condolences to the Mack and Hopkins Family our prayers are with you .
Helen Hollis and Family

Helen Hollis - May 08, 2024 at 10:33 PM

AC

“ Curtis, it with a deep sense of sorrow to hear about Felicia passing. May Felicia rest in peace!

Alvin Cook - May 08, 2024 at 08:59 PM

AW

“ Curtis, I send my condolence to you and your family in the loss of Felicia.

Annette Williams

Annette Williams - May 08, 2024 at 02:04 PM

TR

“ The Reese Family remember the closeness of childhood friendship we shared with all little sister "FLEE" We love you !!! Heaven smiled upon you!!You got your Crown and Wings👑🙏
(Chuck, Tony,Carroll,Chris,Charleen💕💕💕💕💕)

Tony Reese - May 08, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Felicia Abigail Mack Hopkins.*



May 08, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *Felicia was a pleasant person that my family and I have had the pleasure of knowing and off and on connecting with down through the years. May God comfort and strengthen her family and friends in their time of sorrow.💕
The Cullum Family*



Cullum Family - May 08, 2024 at 11:47 AM



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The Cullum Family*



The Cullum Family - May 08, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Praying strength for the Hopkins family during this time of bereavement..*



Ashley Stewart - May 08, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Felicia Abigail Mack Hopkins.*



May 08, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Veteran Pride service company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Felicia Mack Hopkins.*

Veteran Pride service company - May 08, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Felicia Mack Hopkins💖 Beautiful inside out...ALWAYS🕊️🕯️🙏 Queen, may the strength and peace of GOD rest and comfort your family and everyone that you touched, knew and loved.👑💖🙏*



Sandra Bright - May 08, 2024 at 01:15 AM



“ *Karen B. Middleton lit a candle in memory of Felicia Hopkins*



Karen B. Middleton - May 07, 2024 at 10:08 PM

KM

Felicia you were truly an amazing wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend. I will truly miss our friendship and conversations. We all know that God does not make mistakes. You have gained your wings and free from all the pain you felt. Knowing that you are resting in the arms of the almighty gives me peace. I will continue to pray for God to strengthen your family each day, and hold on to the memories that we shared. Rest in Paradise my Friend.

Karen Middleton - May 08, 2024 at 09:48 PM

RS

“ My my my, I will miss you on our zoom calls, you was one of the best organist I sung under and I know you have heaven jumping now. Playing on my child of God. Love Gina Strother ❤️

Regina Strother - May 07, 2024 at 08:06 PM

TW

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family. Cousin you were always a shining light. Your light is continuing to shine. Will miss you much.

Tammie Dreher Wells - May 07, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Felicia Abigail Mack Hopkins.



May 06, 2024 at 11:45 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Beard lit a candle in memory of Felicia Hopkins



Cheryl Beard - May 06, 2024 at 10:13 PM

CH

“ Felicia,

You were truly a light to so many in our city. I will miss your beautiful smile, your grace, but most all you giving God the praise for all that he brought you through. You showed us the true meaning of strength and faith. May you rest in peace. You will be missed.



Carketa Mickle Hampton

Carketa Hampton - May 06, 2024 at 11:39 AM

FC

“ From Cousins Barbara & Curtis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Felicia Abigail Mack Hopkins.



From Cousins Barbara & Curtis - May 06, 2024 at 08:24 AM

VB

“ To the Hopkins family know that God makes no mistakes to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Vincent Boyd - May 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM

RL

“ *Reginald Joyce Lawton lit a candle in memory of Felicia Hopkins*



Reginald and Joyce Lawton - May 04, 2024 at 10:41 PM

SB

“ *In all things give God praise. In the hours that seems so blurry and cloudy, yet I still look to you God for strength. I thank you for allowing me to be one of many to cross paths on the journey called life to have met a beautiful spirit, Felicia Mack. My colleague is now a added flower to the bouquet of the the Eau Claire High School "Shamrocks" that has taken flight . My prayers to the entire families. #shoutaroundheaven*

Love you always. Ann Brown co"77" 🥰🙏🍀🍀🍀

Sybol English 'aka" Ann Brown - May 03, 2024 at 08:12 AM

BA

Sending heartfelt Codolences and Prayers to the family of Felicia Mack.

Soar on Shamrock! 🙏🍀🍀🍀

Beverly J Adams - May 08, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PF

Sending prayers and sympathy to Curtis and family in your loss of a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. 🙏

Love Ya'll ❤️

Pat, Marques, and Robyn Ford

Patricia Ford - May 09, 2024 at 08:45 AM

CP

“ *A Beautiful Soldier Of God has been called from "Labor to Reward". We thank Him for The Gift of Felicia, her ministries of music, love and encouragement. Many families and friends can testify about the inspiring Organist's soul stirring interludes of comfort. Felicia cherished family and nurtured them in her home during the highs and d lows. May "Your Spirit" soar freely and be at rest. FLY HIGH FELICIA!!!🕊️*



Cheryl Powell and your extended Hollis Family

Cheryl Powell - May 03, 2024 at 05:11 AM

TE

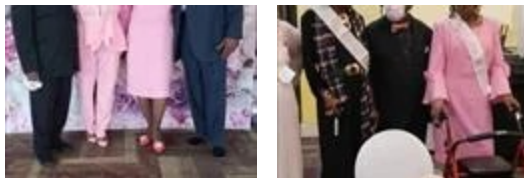
“ *Our sincere sympathy condolences and prayers to the family and relatives.*



Tammy Edwards - May 02, 2024 at 11:43 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Lincoln Lawton (Bubba) - May 02, 2024 at 07:42 PM

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“ *Felicia will truly be miss a beautiful kind hearted woman of God. No more pain now resting in the arms of the Heavenly Father. Take your rest Felicia until we meet again .*



Lincoln Lawton (Bubba) - May 02, 2024 at 07:25 PM