

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Bennie W. Hixon would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the over whelming outpouring expression of love you have shown us during this difficult season of bereavement. We sincerely want to thank everyone who called, texted, sent cards, food, donation, and rendered acts of services. We would also like to give a special thank you to the Pastor and Members of the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church and the Household of Faith Family Worship Church International, as well as to the Nursing staff of Passage Hospice. You have truly blessed us tremendously. We pray 100-fold return on the seed you have sown in our lives.

May God bless you, and keep you, this is our prayer. 🌹

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*A Celebration
of Life*

**BENNIE W.
HIXON**

**SUNRISE
NOVEMBER 16, 1942**

**SUNSET
AUGUST 23, 2022**

**HOMEGOING
CELEBRATION**
Saturday,
September 3, 2022

Viewing
9:00 AM

Service
10:00 AM

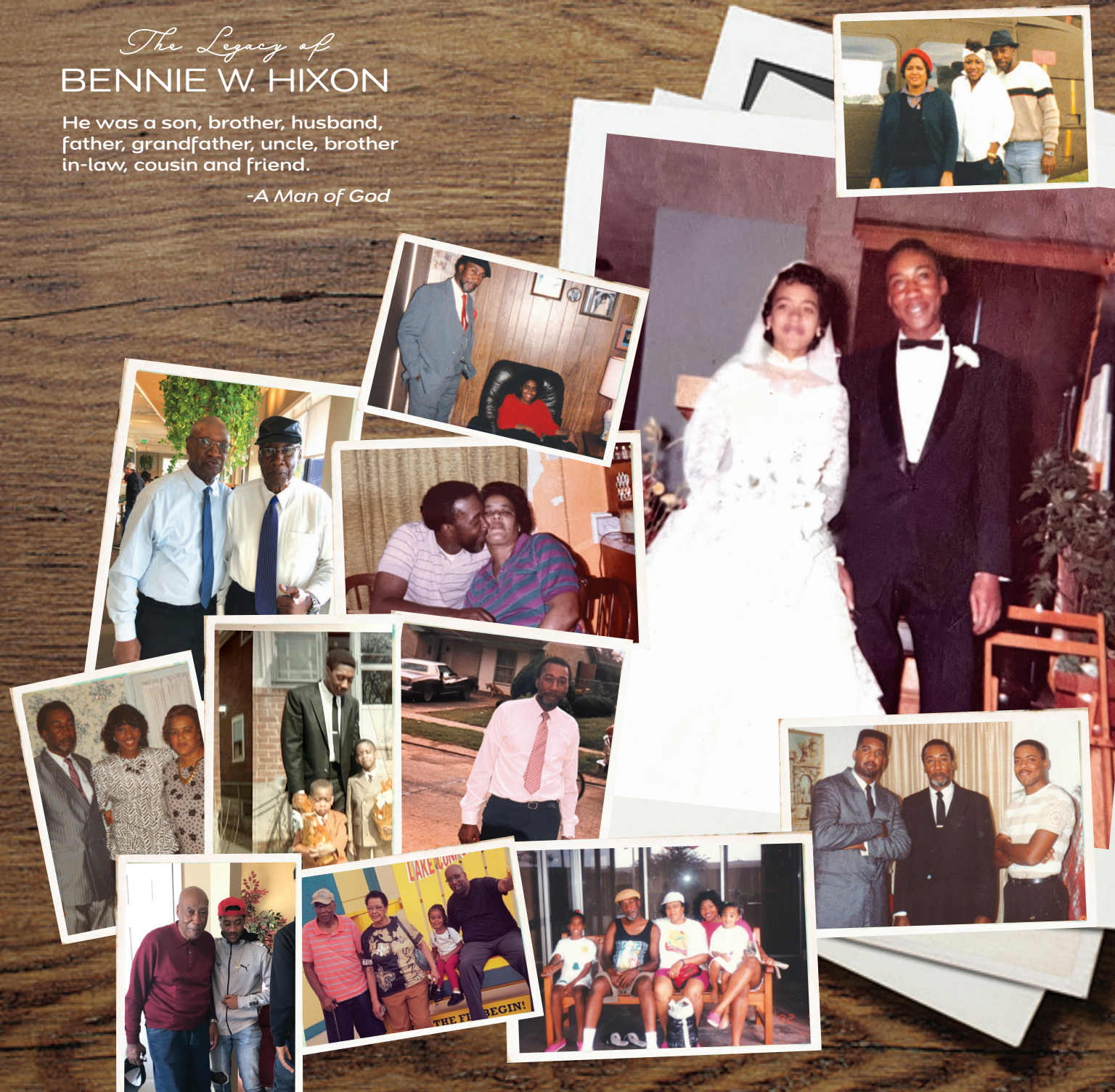
Household of
Faith Family Worship
Church International
2074 Paxton Street
Harvey, LA 70058



The Legacy of
BENNIE W. HIXON

He was a son, brother, husband,
 father, grandfather, uncle, brother
 in-law, cousin and friend.

-A Man of God



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BENNIE W. HIXON

- Servant Leader in Charge
- Praise & Worship
- Old Testament Reading
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)
- New Testament Reading
(1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)
- Prayer
- Reflections
- As a Member/Deacon
- As a Brother
- As a Father
- Solo
- As a Grandfather
- As an Honorary Member
- Words of Encouragement
for the Family
- Reading of the Obituary
- Musical Selection
- Words of Comfort
- Celebration Slide Show
- Benediction
- Boyd's Funeral Home Director

- Pastor Eileen Lumar-Johnson
HOF Praise Team
- Deacon Clifford Pierre
- Deacon Brockton Tross
- Reverend Reginald Davis
- Pastor Edward Joseph, III
St. Mary MBC
- Robert Hixon
- Otis Hixon
- Sis. Sandra Jackson Lee
- Steven Hixon, Jr. &
Daisha Calliet
- Pastor Antoine Barriere
- Pastor Debra B. Morton
Vasean Graham
- Pastor Franklin & Taylor Graham
- Pastor Steven Hixon, Sr.



SUNSHINE & DAISIES IN BLOOM

You always shined so bright
Even on what felt like the darkest of nights
A shooting star I could always count on
A grandpa and a father all wrapped in one
countless moments playing back
over my lifetime with you

You see, some things may seem little from far away
but in my eyes you were the reason
there'd never be an absence of light in a day

Like the sun, you would light up my whole world
proving to me how big a heart could be
and how deeply love could reach

Ice cream cones & sugar cane
car ride convos & fresh cut watermelon
fish frydays & sitting in your reclining chair
My little feet stacked on yours for dancing
hugs & love from a superman of my own

Each making me feel like a star of my own
Each making me feel like I could make daisies bloom
Even if just with the stroke of my pen

I'll write you poems of
Sunshine & Daisies in Bloom
Where you'll be The Sun & and I'll be your Little Miss Daisy too

Because like these poems,
I carry a piece of your light with me everywhere I go
It keeps me warm & soft when the world,
tries to harden me like coal
and I'm reminded of your famous words
"I love you, and there's nothing you can do about it"
A phrase that will always touch my soul

I will always remember the daisy
we watched bloom from the concrete
And I will always remember the stars
we watched twinkle in darkness
But most of all, I will always remember
the love we created from pain

After months of watching my superhero turn mortal
I still saw your sunshine brighten up every room

I may not know what the lifespan of a star is
But I do know they burn brightest in the end
So you'll never hear me say that your light began to dim
because like the sun, I saw you shine until the very end

And I'll still be here, your daisy, growing & blooming yet
again watching you shine even brighter in a sky that will
never go dim and I'll be carrying that piece
of sunshine with me until we meet again

Dedicated to my papa,
Bennie W. Hixon
November 16, 1942 - August 23, 2022
Love, Daisha (Daisy)

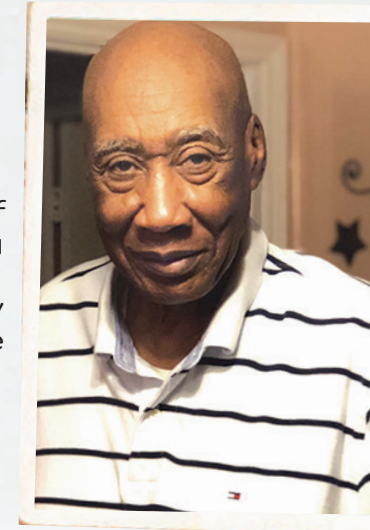
A Celebration of Life BENNIE W. HIXON

Deacon Bennie W. Hixon was born on November 16, 1942, in Frisco City, Alabama to the union of the late Bennie Hixon and Callie Mae Mills Hixon. He moved to Poplarville, Miss in 1960 where he met, pursued, and won the heart of the love of his life, the beautiful Lou Ella Rawls. The couple married on December 9, 1962, in Queens, New York. To their holy matrimony, three children were born.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1965. He was ordained a Deacon in April of 1968 at the Merrick Park Baptist Church in Jamaica, New York under the leadership of the late Pastor Curtis Norton, Sr.

He returned to the south in 1971, with his family and settled in Avondale, LA. He worked as a Longshoremen on the River Front and retired after 25 years of service.

Deacon Bennie made a declaration that as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. He led his family and joined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Marrero, LA on July 10, 1977, where he has served faithfully as a Deacon, Leader, and Spiritual mentor for the last 45 years under the leadership of the late Pastor Wilbert Tross, Jr., and the current



Pastor, Reverend Edward Joseph, III. He and his wife Lou Ella served for over 15 years as leaders over the Baptist Training Union (BTU) and was responsible for training and discipling new Christians to serve in the kingdom of God. He attended Sunday School faithfully and

served as a chaperone during summer Vacation Bible School.

His greatest well-known gift was that of an anointed Intercessor. Although he was born with a speech impediment of stuttering, when he prayed, he did not stutter. He would pray until the glory of God shifted the atmosphere and lives were encouraged, saved, and delivered.

He was known as the neighborhood watchman. He knew everybody, and everybody knew Mr. Bennie. No suspicious or criminal activities happened on his block. His presence created a safe place for the neighbors. He was a friend,

confident, encourager, and voice of reasoning to so many people. Old and young would visit, just to listen to his wisdom.

His passion was working on cars, he was a self-taught skilled mechanic. He was a handy man and could fix anything. He loved watching sports, traveling, having fun, telling jokes, spending time with his family and friends, and serving in his church.



The song says, *“May the life I live, speak for me.”* His life spoke volumes of his love, faith, and commitment to God. Regardless, of his situation or circumstances he never stopped praising God. His favorite scripture was, Psalms 150:6, *“Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord.”* Not only did he praise God in church, but he could be found giving God praise, even while on his sick bed in the hospital.

Bennie was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother Sylvester and grandson Otis Hixon, Jr. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 60 years, Lou Ella, his three children, Otis (Shelia) Veronica, Steven (Dinah), his brother Robert (Annette) and his sister Flora. His 9 grandchildren: Wendi Green (Melvin), Kimberly



Carter (Michael), Jasmine Hixon, Darius (Sommer) and Daisha Calliet, (Danica & Damaris Calliet-bonus grandchildren) Kristina, Gabrielle, Steven, Jr., and David Hixon, and his 12 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind a host of family, friends, and church members.

Some called him an O.G., (Original Gangster) because he was fearless. Some called him the Godfather, because he was smooth and had swag; but God called him Servant, because he was faithful and honored God, in every area of his life.

He loved God, he loved his church, he loved God’s people, and most of all he loved his family. He would often recite how much he loved his family, in his final days.

On August 23, 2022, as a great cloud of witnesses rejoiced, and all the Heavenly host and the Angels rejoiced, his name was called and he faithfully transitioned to his heavenly home, a beautiful mansion God had prepared, especially for him. ■

Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful even a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Man of Faith

