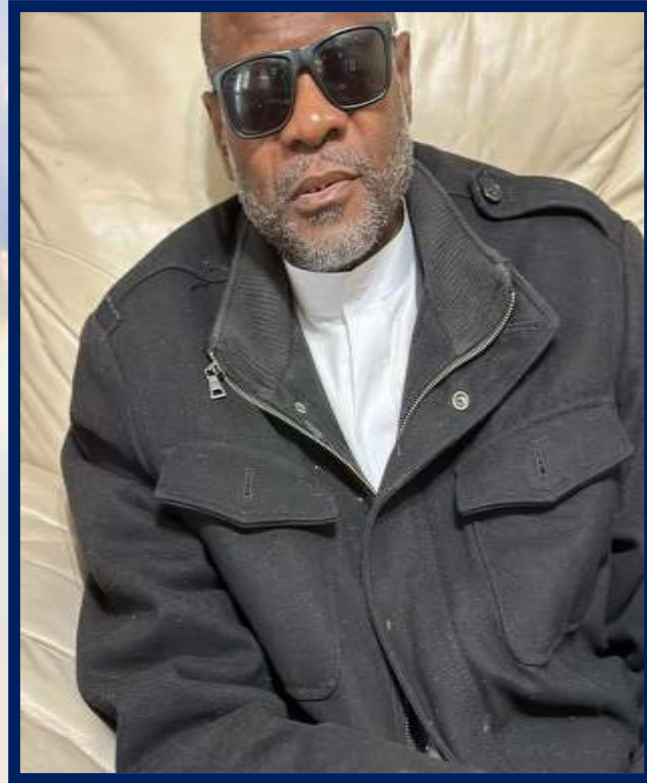


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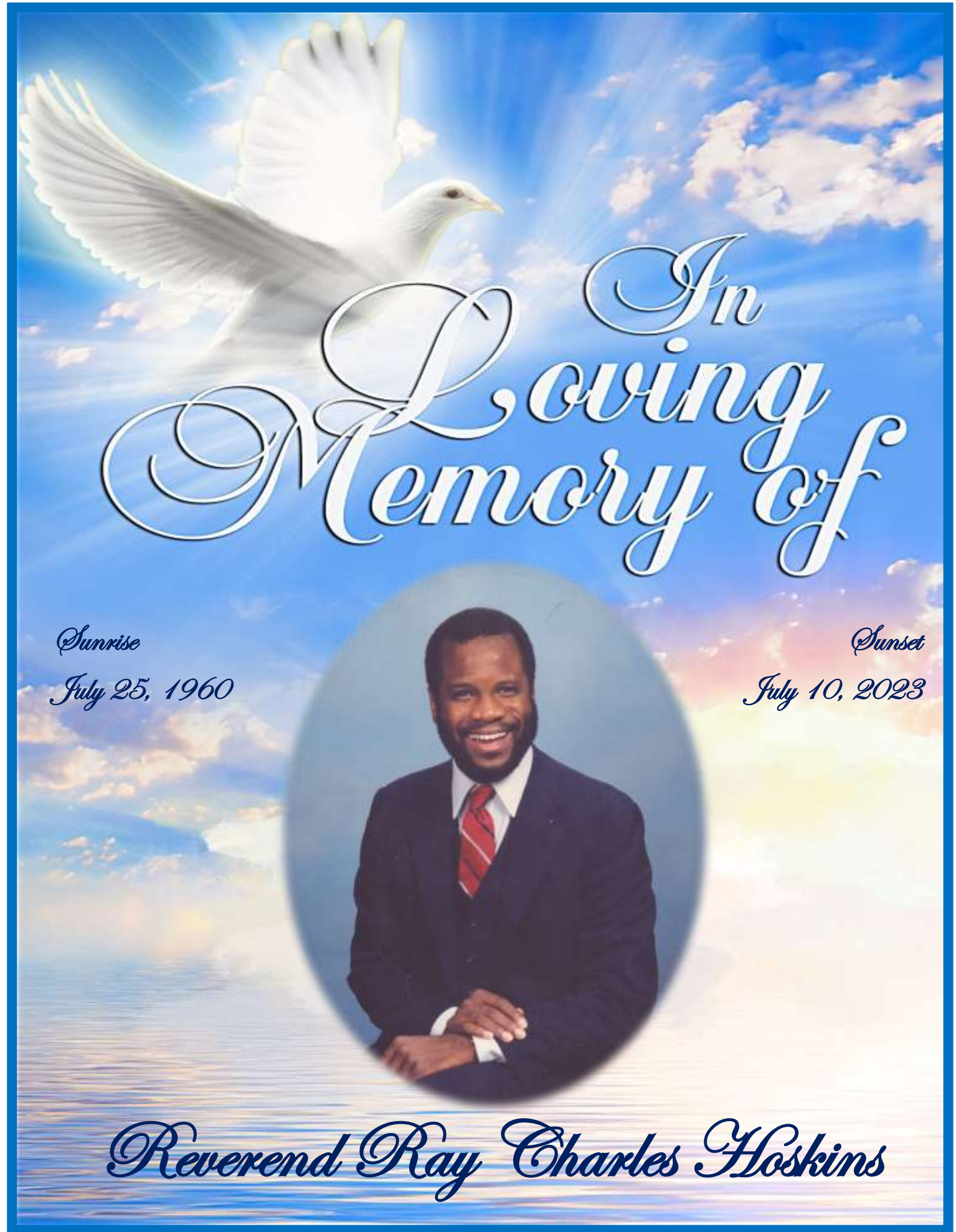
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*In
Loving
Memory of*

Sunrise

July 25, 1960

Sunset

July 10, 2023



Reverend Ray Charles Hoskins

Reflections of the Life

Pastor Ray Charles “Duke” Hoskins was born on July 25, 1960, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the youngest child of the late Horace Hoskins, Jr. and Geraldine Bobo Wilkins.

Pastor Hoskins received his high school diploma from Carver High School, Class of 1978, in Memphis, TN. After graduating from high school, he began his academic career as a Pre-Med student at Seattle University, in Seattle, WA. While attending Seattle University, he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, which led him to pursuing full-time Christian ministry. He followed the Mission of God and continued his education at the Moody Bible Institute, in Chicago, IL where he earned his associate degree in Bible Theology. He relocated to Columbia, SC, where he continued his education and earned a bachelor’s degree in Bible and General Ministries from Columbia Bible College (CIU). After earning his bachelors, he continued his education and earned a Master of Arts Degree in General Theological Studies from Columbia Biblical Seminary (CIU), in Columbia, SC.

While in graduate school, Pastor Hoskins met the love of his life, Gwendolyn “Gwen” Jackson thirty-seven years ago. They were married November 28, 1987, in Columbia, SC. The couple moved to Charleston, WV, where he was ordained by the Grace Bible Church Council. Pastor Ray and Gwen began to grow their family while in Charleston, beginning with Joshua Ray Charles Hoskins, Joseph Charles Hoskins, Joanna Lyda Hoskins, Joel Ray David Hoskins, and Jessica Hoskins Hamilton (the only native-born South Carolinian).

Pastor Hoskins began his first Christian Ministry work pastoring at Grace Bible Church in Charleston, WV. He was dedicated to the development and character of his congregants (by preaching and teaching the Word of God) with his wide loving smile and tender-hearted compassion to all who knew and loved him. Pastor Hoskins developed one of his most notable projects, a non-profit, city-wide organization for disadvantaged youth (Youth Alternative Inc “YANC”). YANC was endorsed by the City of Charleston (the Mayor’s office) and in partnership with the Church of God. YANC produced positive youth projects and activities (which included a competitive, citywide basketball league) dedicated to the development of the character of disadvantaged youth in Charleston, WV. The dedicated men of Grace Bible Church contributed immensely to the success of this work, along with the Lord, and Pastor Ray Hoskins. The story of his life was commemorated on the Pacific Garden Mission’s radio drama Unshackled (95.3 FM/BBN 88.5), titled the Life and Story of Ray Charles Hoskins.

In July of 1994, Pastor Hoskins and his family moved to Columbia, SC, where he continued working in Christian ministries. In 2004, Pastor Hoskins founded New Day Baptist Church, which was in the historic Eau Claire Community. The New Day Baptist Church Ministry was the foundation that produced several ministries that included a Hispanic Basketball League (known in the City of Columbia), a mission outreach to the Bantus from

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

We, the family of Pastor Ray Charles Hoskins, wish to thank everyone for the many wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. May God bless and keep each of you with His great Grace and Mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

“But I do not want you to be ignorant brethren,
concerning those who have fallen asleep,
lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.
For this we say to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord
will by no means precede those who are asleep.
For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together
with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore comfort one another with these words.”



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Africa, and a Youth Outreach Program in the Eau Claire Community. While pastoring New Day Baptist Church, Pastor Hoskins developed a ministry partnership with CIU (Columbia International University) students and First Presbyterian Church to minister the Gospel to youth and children within the Eau Claire community. The New Day Baptist Church Ministry also partnered with the Riverland Hills Baptist Church Ministry to minister the Gospel to children/youth in various compelling ways. Pastor Hoskins was a minority leader in the Community Bible Study Ministry partnering with Brother Stan Kennedy and Dave Massey at former Campbell's Pre-Release Center, in Columbia, SC.

Pastor Ray Hoskins was a beloved husband, father, pastor, counselor, and Christ-driven leader in his community. He was awarded the Humanitarian Leadership award by the City of Columbia for demonstrating outstanding citizenship by devoting his support and compassion to the families of Three Oaks Housing Community in the Hyatt Park Neighborhood during their time of need. The award stated "Thank you for opening the Church doors to the families to offer assistance in clothing, food, and furniture needs. Thank you for your community spirit and demonstrating what it truly means to Love Thy Neighbor." Pastor Hoskins was nationally certified (NCAC) as an addiction counselor by the NAADAC Certification Commission for the practice of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counseling. Pastor Hoskins served as a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor for the State of SC and retired after twenty years. Pastor Hoskins also enjoyed gardening, fishing, family reunions, sports, family Bible study, activities with his beloved grandchildren, and community outreach/ministry. He is revered by his children as being a Godly father, counselor, and the rock of the family.

Pastor Ray Charles Hoskins departed this earthly life on Monday, July 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Geraldine Bobo Wilkins; father, Horace Hoskins Jr.; sisters, Carolyn Sue Johnson, Verline Hoskins Rayborn, and Betty Jean Williams; brothers, James Wellington "Bango" Johnson, Gerald Johnson, Tommie Lee Wilkins, Lucious Hoskins, and Sylvester Hoskins; and nieces, Shantel Levette Johnson and Tracey Johnson-Fulford.

Pastor Ray Charles Hoskins leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife, Gwendolyn Jackson Hoskins; his children, Joshua Ray Charles Hoskins, Joseph Charles Hoskins (Shanae Hoskins), Joanna Lyda Hoskins, Joel Ray David Hoskins, and Jessica Hoskins Hamilton (Brian Hamilton); grandchildren, Jeremiah David Hoskins-Camerena, Emmanuel Richard Hoskins, Josiah Aaron Hoskins-Briggs, Jair Roman Hoskins-Jones, Leah Sophia Hoskins, Jasir Ray Hoskins-Kitchen, and Nina Marie Frezzell; brothers, Willie "Dee" Johnson, Jerry Lee Wilkins, and Lawrence Hoskins; sisters, Jacqueline Hoskins Walsh (William "Bill" Walsh), Ida "Nan" Hoskins, Jerline "Bobby" Hoskins, Sylvia Levingston, Freddie Hoskins White (Antonius White), and Deborah Hoskins Moore (Steven Moore); nieces and nephews, Renita Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Jamal Johnson, Crystal Collins, Tiffany Green, Courtney Green Holmes, Trenneddy Wilkins, Jewel Wilkins, Docterryone "Doc" Wilkins, Tangiline "Tangi" Wilkins, Dekori Wilkins, Hannah Wilkins, April Conrad, Nicole Jones, and Tanitha Johnson; a host of other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

First Northeast Baptist Church

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Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Processional and Final Viewing
Hymn of Comfort“And Can It Be/Amazing Love.”..... Reverend Stan Spottswood
Scripture - Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 23.....Pastor Stephen Masowla
Scripture - New Testament Reading.....2 Timothy 4:1-8.....Elder Mark Sparks
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Al Wilson
Selection..... “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”..... Congregation
Reflections/Remarks.....Hoskins Family
Tribute/Message..... Reverend Stan Spottswood
Congregants Special Remarks.....Please limit to three minutes
Special Remarks Reverend Tony Saunders
Words of Comfort..... Reverend Stan Spottswood
Recessional..... “I’m Going Up Yonder” Reverend Stan Spottswood
Organ Postlude



Committal, Benediction & Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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