

*"A Celebration of Life"*

*Lula Mae O'Neil Hicks*



**Monday, February 21, 1994  
11:00 A.M.**

**Union Memorial United Methodist Church  
Houston, Texas**

***Reverend Robert E. Johnson***  
*Officiating*

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for  
me a crown of righteousness .... " 2 Timothy 7-8 ...*



## *"It Was A Beautiful Day"*

*(February 16, 1994)*



*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
the sun illuminated his way  
and not a word did he say*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
the air was soothing and nice  
with just a scent of sugar and spice*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
birds welcomed him with song  
and a multitude of angels came along*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
she had long prepared for his coming  
she greeted him with sweet humming*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
he allowed her to suffer no pain  
to acquire eternal gain*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
she awakened and soon greeted her guest  
because she had done her very best*

*It was a beautiful day  
when God came to visit "Mae"  
he gently kissed her upon her head  
and with this kiss the angels led ....  
"Mae" to her new home far away  
where we can see her bright smile ....  
On a beautiful day!*



*We'll miss you!  
Your family*



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## Order of Service



Prelude ..... Mr. Frederick Harvey

Processional ..... "Largo" from "Xerexes" - Handel

Hymn ..... *"Abide With Me"*

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Rev. R. Jeremiah Booker  
 Pastor, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

New Testament: Rev. Ernest McGowen  
 Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church

Prayer ..... Rev. Allen M. Mayes

Hymn ..... *"Blessed Assurance"*

Resolutions

A Special Memorial Tribute from the  
 Groveton High School Ex-students Association



Expressions

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Lois E. Gray

"A Tribute to a Friend" ..... Mrs. Dorothy Redus Robinson

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Hymn ..... *"How Great Thou Art"*

Eulogy ..... Rev. Robert E. Johnson

Recessional ..... *"When We All Get to Heaven"*



## Obituary

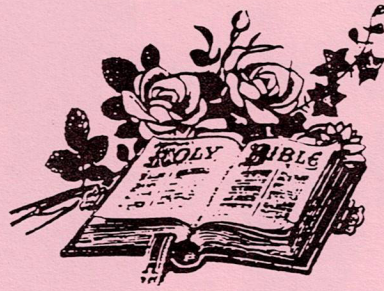


**Lula Mae O'Neil Hicks** was the sixth of seven children born to William and Andie O'Neil in Fodice, Texas on November 16, 1908. She entered eternal rest on Wednesday, February 16, 1994.

"Mae," as she was affectionately called, was the product of a home environment that symbolized Christian love and a zeal for educational excellence. She was christened at infancy in the White Rock Methodist Church and maintained an active affiliation in the Methodist Church throughout her lifetime. She held membership in Mallalieu Methodist Church and was a pioneer member of Union Memorial United Methodist Church until her death. Her most valued talent, an alto voice, was joyously shared at each church and she also served as announcing clerk at each church.

Mrs. Hicks attended elementary school in Fodice, Texas and completed her high school education at Wiley College Laboratory School. She pursued her higher education at Mary Allen College in Crockett, Texas; Prairie View A & M College, and Houston College for Negroes. She received a Masters Degree in Education from Texas Southern University.

"Mae" spent most of her life teaching and guiding young people to fuller and richer lives. Her influential motivation inspired many young people to reach for educational excellence. Forty years were dedicated to the teaching profession in the following public schools of Texas: Woodlake, Texas; Lovelady, Texas; Ritters Lake Community and Groveton, Texas. "Mae" so loved educating children that fifteen years of substitute post-retirement teaching were rendered to the Houston Independent School District.



She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hicks; sisters Marjorie Hadnott, Beulah Taylor, La Verne Wooten; brothers Melvin, Franzie and William Norman O'Neil.

Left to treasure her precious memory are: a daughter, Velma Livingston Bigsby and husband Edwin Maurice; a son, Newman Livingston and wife Joyce; a sister, Focella Davis of Oakland, California; four grandchildren, Kathy Sue Bigsby Brooks and husband Richard, Reginald Alan Livingston, Edwin Maurice Bigsby, Jr., Sandra Michelle Livingston; many nieces and nephews, as well as other relatives and friends.





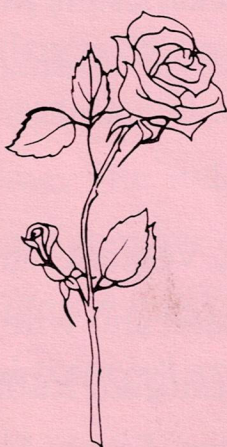
# *A Concise Pictorial Chronology*



*of the life of*

*Lula Mae O'Neil Hicks,*

*A Gentle - Strong Presence Among Us ... :*



*21 Nieces and Nephews*

*28 Great Nieces and Nephews*

*25 Great, great Nieces and Nephews*

*14 Great, great, great Nieces and Nephews*  
*(The 6th generation of O'Neils)*

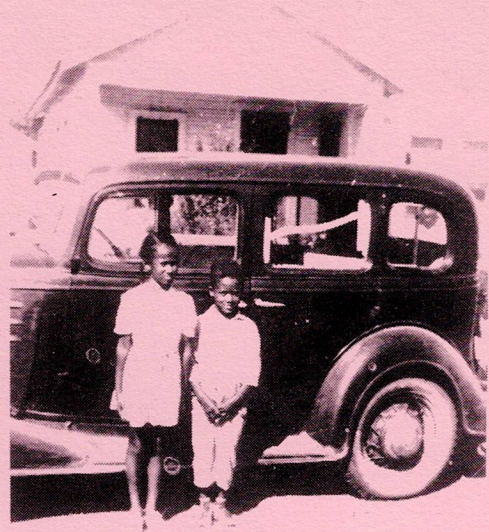


*Aunt Mae was (is) a pervasive and  
Far-reaching, positive influence in her space and time.*

*"The place to be on Sundays after church was in  
Aunt Mae's Kitchen, Dining Room, and Den."*



*With Abiding Love,  
The Nieces and Nephews*



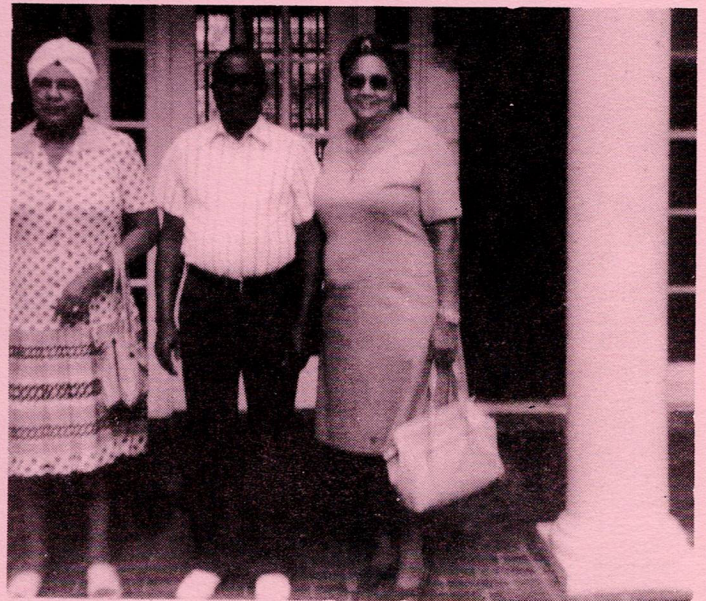
*"Early Years"*



*"Career Years"*



*"The Grands"*



*"Longtime Friends - Traveling Companions"*

## *Active Pallbearers*

Paul E. Brown  
James L. Hadnott  
William Hadnott, Jr.

Craig Jackson  
Alfred O'Neil  
F. Otis O'Neil

Harding Dudley Ross  
W.O. Taylor  
Otis C. Wooten  
Earl Wooten, III  
(Nephews)

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ernest Blackmon  
John O. Edmond  
Lawrence Gray

Nathaniel Hawthorne  
R.L. Johnson  
Ira Mathis

Bernard O'Neil  
Louis Petties

Trustees of Union Memorial United Methodist Church

## *In Gratitude*

*The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown during our time of grief. We ask your continued prayers as we face the road ahead.*



## *Interment*

Paradise North Cemetery  
Houston, Texas



*Arrangements Entrusted To*  
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