



## Elzora Hicks

February 17, 1920 - March 5, 2011

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2011 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Pastor Doug Bassatt will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. for a family hour. Ms. Elzora Hicks passed away at home on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the age of 91 years. She was born February 17, 1920 in Council Bluff, IA to Augusta and Lonzio Williams. Elzora was a very loving woman whose joy was her family. She loved to read, travel, do crossword puzzles and watch the Sy Fy channel. Some activities became harder to enjoy in later years but were still her passion. Elzora married Carl DeGroat in high school. That marriage produced two sons, Carleton Edward DeGroat and Celester Raymond DeGroat. Some 15 years later, she married Herbert Hicks of Arkansas, and that marriage produced Augusta Marie Hicks Woods and Elaine Renee Hicks. During her life, she had been a long time member of Christ Community Church. She owned and operated her own beauty shop. After years of ownership, she went on to work in sales for two major department stores, Arlans and Montgomery Ward. She continued to pursue her education, graduating from Saginaw Business College. She then worked as secretary for the Saginaw County Community Action Committee, then clerk typist for the Saginaw Police Department. She was promoted to secretary to the Saginaw Police Chief, from which she retired some 30 years ago. Elzora leaves to cherish her memory, four children, Carleton DeGroat of

Lansing, MI, Celester DeGroat of Saginaw, MI, Augusta (Dwight) Woods of Atlanta, GA and Elaine Hicks of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren, Denise DeGroat, Celester DeGroat, Jr., Cynthia Bradley, Cathy Hayes, Bilal Harris, Marleyna Green and Brittney DeGroat, all of Saginaw, MI and Jasmine Woods of Atlanta, GA; seven great-grandchildren, Deonte DeGroat, Deathony DeGroat, both of Saginaw, MI, Stephen Glass, Chelaine Carey of Detroit, MI, Raymonte DeGroat of Iowa, Kee-Shawn DeGroat and RayQuan DeGroat, both of Lansing, MI, and Norma DeGroat of Compton, CA; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and four cousins, Trudy (Randy) Keoshian, Brandon Smith and Evan Keoshian, all of Detroit, MI and Leonard Galloway of Madison, IL. We give special thanks to Primary Home Care and Heartland Hospice Care for all of their services and support and our very special thanks to Debra Norman of Primary Home Care, who also became a friend, and to Pastor Doug Bassatt for spiritual comfort. To view Ms. Hick's funeral service, please click on the link below: <http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/203177>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elzora Hicks*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Mr. DeGroat,*

*Please accept my sincere condolences in the death of your mother. I've known your family all of my life growing up in Mount Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church. I want to apologize for not being able to make any of the services, but know that you are in my prayers. May God continue to comfort you and give you peace knowing that you were faithful in the care of your mother during her time of need.*

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**Debra Cork** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *To Elaine, Augusta and the family of Elzora Hicks, I send my deepest sympathy and prayers. May God give you peace and strength at this time.*

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**JoAnne Herring** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Augusta and Elaine, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My prayer for you and your family is that God will continue to give you strength in the coming days and months. Your mom is healed on the other side and feels no more pain. I pray your pain will lessen as time passes by. God be with you.*

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**Pamela Monroe (Stephens)** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *i am very sorry for you and elanie and your family lost.*

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**constance billings** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My heart felt sympathy goes out to this family in it's entirety. Your mom and grandma has lived a life that was full, she has lived a long and prosperous life, at 91 years, the Lord saw fit for Mrs. Hicks to go on home to "glory". May God continue to (smile) upon your family and remember; to keep him 1st in your lives and oneday when the Lord has called us home we'll see Mrs. Hicks again (smile). Celester and Denise i'm sorry that i'm only hearing this now but, I love you guys and I miss you. My prayers go out to your family.*

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**Doloris L. Mixon** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM