



Rev. Robert Lee Hires

August 16, 1943 - May 8, 2021

Reverend Robert L. Hires was born August 16, 1943, the second of four children born to David and Edith Hires who then resided in Live Oak, Florida. Later, the family moved to Orlando, Florida where Robert attended Holden Street Elementary School and Jones High School. He was saved at the age of 19 at Gorman Memorial Church of the Nazarene under the pastorate of Dr. Archie Williams. Shortly after being saved, Reverend Hires received his call to the ministry to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. As he answered the call, he began his training at the Nazarene Training College in Institute, West Virginia under the leadership of Dr. R.W. Cunningham. In 1967, he accepted his first pastorate in Memphis, Tennessee where he served until 1974 under District Superintendent Dr. Warren Rogers, Sr. After serving faithfully in Memphis, Reverend Hires heard the voice of God instructing him to move back to Orlando. Although he did not know why he was moving back, he worked in the church assisting Pastor Archie Williams. Through his obedience, he soon met and married his wife Betty in May of 1975. Together they raised two sons, Curtis and Cedric Allen. In 1975, the Orlando Evangel Temple Church began in their living room and later moved to a storefront. They built the church located at 1531 Mercy Drive which is now called The Heart of Mercy, where Reverend William Andrews is pastor. Reverend Hires also attended United Bible College and Theological Seminary

in Orlando and graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology. The school conferred upon him an honorary Dr. of Divinity degree in 1985. Reverend Hires and Betty retired from Evangel Temple after 28 years of service in the community. The two of them shared a life of ministry and enjoyed spreading the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ everywhere they went. Everyone who came in contact with them experienced a lasting impression upon their lives. Although retired, Reverend Hires and Betty continued to serve at Union Park Church of the Nazarene where Reverend Dennis Jones is pastor. Reverend Hires had a wit that we all enjoyed. He had a way of being humorous and serious at the same time. He will be remembered as a man of character and integrity and was loved by many. Reverend Hires was one to speak truth in love whether you liked it or not. His words of truth demonstrated how much he loved you. Reverend Hires was preceded in death by his Parents: David and Edith Hires; Siblings: Herman Hires, Mavis Thompson and Deloris Williams. Reverend Hires leaves to cherish precious memories to: his Loving Wife of 46 years, Betty M. Hires of Orlando, Florida; two loving Sons: Curtis Allen (Davida) of Atlanta, Georgia and Cedrick Allen of Atlanta, Georgia; four Grandchildren: Evan, John, Jasmine and Kaliah. Also, he leaves to cherish his memories: 11 nieces and nephews; and a host of many other cousins, extended family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park Cemetery

2700 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

El Bethel Temple @ Orlando
3000 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Robert Lee Hires*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert Lee Hires.*



May 21, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Doretha Hires Eason lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires*



Doretha Hires Eason - May 19, 2021 at 11:48 PM



Prayers and condolences go out to my Florida family and the family and loved ones of my cousin, Robert Hires.

Desiree Barnes - May 21, 2021 at 10:34 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sarah Williams - May 19, 2021 at 10:36 PM

RW

“ I remember Rev. Robert Hires when we lived on Mercy Drive. He helped our family to get settled in an apartment when we first moved to Florida. I also remember how he would take us out to eat at Wendy's after visiting the doctor. You will always be remembered for your kindness and generosity. I will miss you dearly. Rest in Heaven Uncle Robert!

Rebecca Williams - May 19, 2021 at 10:31 PM

RW

“ Rebecca Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires



Rebecca Williams - May 19, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert Lee Hires.



May 19, 2021 at 08:36 PM

FM

“ From Dr. Charles A. Tillman and Nazarene Black Min purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Robert Lee Hires.



From Dr. Charles A. Tillman and Nazarene Black Min - May 18, 2021 at 11:57 AM

WS

“ With condolences, Claude & Susan Solano purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Rev. Robert Lee Hires.



With condolences, Claude & Susan Solano - May 17, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SW

“ Sarah Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires



Sarah Williams - May 14, 2021 at 10:28 AM

SW

“ Sarah Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires



Sarah Williams - May 13, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DH

“ Betty so sorry to hear about your husband. He is in the arms of Our Lord Jesus Christ. No more pain. Blessings and hugs. Love Denise

Denise Hershman - May 13, 2021 at 10:51 AM

BH

Thank you so much Denise

Betty Hires - May 16, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DH

“ Denise Hershman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires



Denise Hershman - May 12, 2021 at 08:05 PM

DH

“ Denise Hershman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lee Hires



Denise Hershman - May 12, 2021 at 07:53 PM

VA

“ Rev,Hires it was a great honor to have met you though the of your wonderful wife and family (Betty). You always spoke a kind words than anyone would understand. Now you can rest assure in the bosom of Jesus , take your rightful place. Rest on! love Lonnie & Val Allen .

Velma Allen - May 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DH

Betty I'm so sorry to her about the passing of your Dear Husband. He's in the arms of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Free from pain. Rest In Peace Mr Hires💜

Denise Hershman - May 12, 2021 at 08:03 PM

SW

Aunt Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Robert was a great Man of God and we will cherish all of the memories made with him. May God comfort you.

Sarah Williams - May 13, 2021 at 08:39 PM

SW

My Dear Uncle Robert. I will miss you greatly! You were a Great Man of God and I will cherish all the memories made with you. Rest in Heaven!

Sarah Williams - May 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM

WR

Sis. Hires I'm very sorry for your loss, and may God comfort you and your family with his grace and mercy. May his peace abide in you in your time of bereavement. I will never forget what he taught me as a young minister, be real for God. I am praying for you and family. Love Pastor Riley

Willett Riley - May 21, 2021 at 11:23 PM