



### Flower Attendants

Pierce Jones  
Jonathan Pittman

### Pall Bearers

Isaac Martin  
Walter Hughes  
Gripon Boags  
Anthony Hughes  
Henry Harper, Jr.  
Clayborn Harper  
James Parker

### Acknowledgements

Our gratitude is extended to everyone who loved, encouraged, and brought joy to Loretta during good times and life's challenges. By touching her life, you have given us comfort for today and for the days ahead.

The Family

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## Homegoing Celebration

*Sunrise*  
10/17/1944



*Sunset*  
11/14/2022

*Ms. Loretta Hughes*

Monday, November 21, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel  
727 North Patterson Avenue  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Pastor Jordan Kelly, Officiating

## *Her Legacy*

Loretta Hughes was born in New York, NY on October 17, 1944 to the late James Edward and Mary Francis Hughes. She completed her mission and departed this life at the age of 78 on Monday, November 14, 2022 at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

She attended the local schools in New York City until the family moved to Winston-Salem, NC, which was her father's ancestral home. Loretta attended Carver Crest Elementary and graduated from John W. Paisley High School. She returned to New York City and attended the Fashion Institute of Technology. After a year, she transferred to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design. Loretta started her career as a dressmaking editor with Simplicity Pattern Company in New York City. After two years, she joined Sears, Roebuck and Company in the executive office, working with their catalogue fashion team in New York City. Loretta moved to Chicago, Illinois when Sears relocated their headquarters. She lived in Chicago for several years. When Sears closed their offices there, she returned to Winston-Salem. Always a caring person, she took a hiatus from work to care for her father who was ill. Years later, she joined and later retired from Hanes Brands as a material planner.

Loretta was always active with her church, Winston-Salem First Church and the Legacy Group there. She loved volunteering with community groups, some of which included Newborns in Need, Inc., Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Cancer Services. Loretta had no children of her own, but loved children she encountered. When children were in her presence, she naturally nurtured, encouraged and protected them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward Hughes and Jerry Hughes, and an aunt, Minnie L. Hughes.

She is survived by her sister, Catherine (Grippon) Boags of Charleston, SC; brothers: Walter Hughes and Louis Hughes of New York, NY; nieces: Kimberly Mitchell of New York City, Laura Hughes of Myrtle Beach, SC and Erica Boags (Ryan) Cavanaugh of St. Petersburg, FL; nephews: Louis Hughes, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, SC, Stephen Boags of Columbia, South America and Anthony Hughes of New York, NY; several great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Shelly Hughes of Myrtle Beach, SC and special neighbors: Pam Robertson, Debra Mack, and LaToya Mack; and many other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

Clergy and Family

### **Family Visitation**

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Joyce Henson

### **Congregation**

### **The Holy Scripture**

*Old Testament*      Psalm 23      Minister

*New Testament*      John 14: 1-6      Minister

**Selection**      "His Eye is on the Sparrow"\*

### **Remarks**

Friends and Family      Debra Mack  
Helen Pierce Jones

**Selection**      "Amazing Grace"\*

### **Eulogy**

Pastor Jordan Kelly  
Winston-Salem First Church

### **Recessional**

### **Interment**

New Evergreen Cemetery  
2124 New Walkertown Road  
Winston-Salem, NC

\*Recorded Music



## *Loretta Hughes...a Profile in Courage*

“My mission in life is not merely to survive,  
but to thrive; and to do so with some passion,  
some compassion, some humor, and some style.”

Dr. Maya Angelou



## **The Final Fight**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full. I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.





## Forever in Our Hearts



### Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles  
when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering  
softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave  
when life is done.*

~Helen Lowrie Marshall

## In Her Memory



*Donations in Loretta's name  
can be made to any of her favorite causes:*

### ***Newborns in Need***

3323 Transou Road  
Pfafftown, NC 27040

### ***Cancer Services, Inc.***

3175 Maplewood Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

### ***Winston-Salem First Church***

3730 University Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

