



Lelon P. Hicks III

June 16, 2022

Lelon Purcell Hicks III (affectionately known by family and friends as “Buggy”) was born on January 21, 1970, to the late Lelon Jr. and Mildred Hicks on Fort Ord Army Base in Monterey County, California.

Lelon was the middle child in a family that made sure he was immersed in the Apostolic faith from a young age. His family were active members of the Bethesda Apostolic Church in Fresno, California under the leadership of the late Bishop Henry L. Johnson. Lelon services as Bishop Johnson’s armor-bearer.

Lelon attended and graduated from Fresno High School in 1988 and joined the United States Army shortly thereafter. During his service in the Army, he received numerous accolades including a National Defense Service Medal.

Lelon married Janelle Johnson of Fresno, California and their union produced two children: Sha-Ron in 1991 and JaVonte’ in 1995. After their union ended, Lelon relocated to Phoenix, Arizona in 1997. He joined Temple of Greater Beth-El under the leadership of Bishop Gregory Newman. Lelon served as armor-bearer for Bishop Newman for 10 years. Lelon was best known at church for his impeccable style and class. He loved fashion and donned many custom-made sleeveless suits, French-cuffed shirts, and his favorite alligator shoes.

In 2002, Lelon married Stacy Cain of San Diego, California and their union produced four children: Aiden in 2006, Sydney in 2007, Andrew in 2012, and Avery in 2018. Lelon and Stacy settled in Surprise, Arizona, and worked hard raising their children while maintaining full-time jobs and obtaining their college degrees from Arizona State University.

Lelon had a love for college football (Go Buckeyes!), grilling, watching gangster movies and spending time with his family. Although the end of his life was marred with self-doubt and sorrow, he leaves behind a strong legacy that will continue on with his six children for generations to come.

Lelon passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Surprise, Arizona at the age of 52.

Lelon is preceded in death by parents: Lelon Hicks Jr., and Mildred Hicks.

Lelon leaves to cherish his memories: His wife of 20 years, Stacy Hicks; Former spouse: Janelle Dillard; Children: Sha-Ron, JaVonte', Aiden, Sydney, Andrew, and Avery; Siblings: Derek, Dion, Norchelle, David, and Helen; Uncle: Richard (Wendy) Hicks; Nieces and nephews: Brittany, Deron, Sarea, Karonn, Jarron, Olivia, Briana, David Jr., Isaiah, Ciara, Daevon, Damon, Darian, Jamison and Jonas; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A visitation and funeral service will be held starting at 1:30 pm, Friday, June 17th at Thompson Funeral Chapel; Address: 926 S Litchfield Road. Goodyear Arizona, 85338.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Bug, and family. You have my deepest condolences. I believe we're still in shock and disbelief at the news of your passing. You will never know how much you meant to me and Jeffrey. Your calls and generosity will never be forgotten. You are most definitely missed, but you will live on in our hearts. The McClay family will be praying for your family and friends. Take your rest dear heart. May God bless and keep The Hicks family. Peace.

D. McClay and family - July 04, 2022 at 01:34 PM

BD

“ Sending love and comfort to your family and many friends...

Brenda & Dante - June 20, 2022 at 06:56 PM

BC

“ My Deepest & Sincere Condolences To The Family & Friends In This Time Of Bereavement.To Be Absent From The Body Is To Be Present With The Lord 🙏🙏 God Bless The Family, You Are In My Prayers

Brenda M. Cox - June 19, 2022 at 02:58 PM

SL

“ Stacy and Family,Please accept our sincere condolences. Buggy is a long time friend and brother. We will always remember his giggles, stepping in as a groomsman, his style and hospitality. We love him and all the Hicks family. You all are in our hearts and prayers.

Solyn & Adrienne Laney - June 18, 2022 at 01:08 PM

TC

“ We are sending our Love and prayers to Stacy and your family. So sorry for your lost.

Tone & Cynthia - June 17, 2022 at 05:15 PM

HH

“ Bug, we weren't just siblings we were friends. The line between who was younger or older was often blurred as we simply focused on being there for each other. You know you could always come to me & I understand why this time you didn't... but I really wish you had. Forever in my heart.

Helen Hicks - June 16, 2022 at 10:24 PM

AC

“ Sending love, prayers of comfort, encouragement and warm thoughts to my sister Stacy and my Niece, Nephews and the entire family during this time. We love you all ❤️

Ashley, Nia and Crystal. - June 16, 2022 at 09:09 PM

CM

“ Continued prayers for the Hicks family. Stacy you are a strong woman of faith and God will see you and your family through this.

Colette Mathews - June 16, 2022 at 08:08 PM

NH

“ Brother there are no words to say how heartbreaking your death has affected me . I have so many good memories we shared. I don't know how to go on without you , you taught me so much as we were growing up . I will miss & love you forever , & will always look after your beautiful children . Until we meet again your always in my heart I LOVE YOU BUGGY 🥰😭🙏

Norchelle Hicks-Hughes - June 16, 2022 at 10:51 AM

BL

“ Love you my friend! Praying God will be your strength and comfort during this time. God bless you and all the children.

Barbara Lowe - June 16, 2022 at 09:45 AM

LR

“ Rest in peace Buggy! Love you Aunt Stacy and my little cousins! Praying that God gives you strength, courage and peace! Sending lots of hugs and kisses!

Latimia Roberson-Hill - June 16, 2022 at 09:27 AM

CH

“ Stacy continuous Prayers for you and your family during this Difficult time. Love Patrick and Cheryl

Cheryl - June 16, 2022 at 12:52 AM

MK

“ I enjoyed knowing him and he is someone I will cherish the memories of. He was fun and we laughed about the kids and life. God be with you during this difficult time.

Matt Kalcevich - June 16, 2022 at 12:45 AM

CB

“ Praying for The Hicks Family in this great loss. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Sending much love to the family.

Christel Baggett - June 15, 2022 at 10:29 PM

ND

“ Praying for the entire family during this great loss. We know that God is a comforter and he'll wrap his loving arms around you all. Love you all.

Nicole Dulaney-Millender - June 15, 2022 at 08:11 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss dear friend. I pray the peace of our Heavenly Father that surpasses all understanding during your time of grief. May your memories comfort you forever more 🧡

Michelle Beckett - June 15, 2022 at 07:44 PM

NG

“ Sending my prayers to you and the family during this difficult time! My God continue to watch over all of you.

Nicole Patten and Girls - June 15, 2022 at 07:24 PM

CC

“ Rest in peace buggy... I love you Stace and family. Praying for the family...

Chunza Cain - June 15, 2022 at 07:23 PM

WF

“ Sending our prayers to everyone!! You were such an amazing father and friend!! It was always good catching up when we saw each other around town. Love the Weavers!

Weaver Family - June 15, 2022 at 07:07 PM

KJ

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Hicks family! May God comfort you all during this difficult time! 🙏 Please remember, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Blessings

Kym Jones - June 15, 2022 at 07:00 PM

JM

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family. May the peace and comfort that only God can give strengthen you all during this time of mourning.

Jackie Major - June 15, 2022 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ Uncle, I love you and I'm so sorry. Wish things were different. Until we met again, love you

Deron McCree - June 15, 2022 at 06:50 PM

YF

“ Continued prayers to our Hicks family. Rest in peace, Buggy. We will be sure to help watch over Stacy and the children.

Yonnie & family - June 15, 2022 at 06:45 PM

AK

“ My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Hicks. Thinking of you all, and wish you moments of peace and comfort during this time.

Ashley Keesee - June 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM