



Joshua Hughes

April 15, 1936 - April 1, 2020

Joshua was born the second of eight children to the late James and Annie Hughes on April 15, 1936, in Laurel, MS. He enlisted in the US Army after graduating from Oak Park High School and enjoyed assignments in Japan and Thailand before marrying the love of his life, Norma Lowe on June 29, 1964. They lived in Colorado Springs, CO and Washington, DC and had two children – Devlon and Dina before he was called up to serve in the Vietnam War. Upon his return from the war, Joshua transitioned from engineering to settle in as an Army Recruiter in Washington, DC and Kansas City, MO, where he would spend the balance of his 27 year career, earning an Associates Degree and retiring as a Sergeant Major, the highest rank of an enlisted soldier.

Joshua rededicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ after the war and the family chose Kendall Baptist Church as their church home. He held many offices including Chairman of the Deacon Board. Joshua would spend many days post retirement helping Kendall's members in need. He was a model for all who knew him and experienced the selfless way he served people. He was designated a Deacon Emeritus and a faithful member until his death.

Joshua led the family in his love of sports. His love of the Dallas Cowboys was clear as indicated by his collection of hats. He bowled in weekly leagues and enjoyed it as his weekly recreation. His stories about his love of sports always sparked great conversations at family gatherings. He treasured his family and even though Dementia changed him, he always sensed the love of family. In

spite of it all, he cherished and spoke lovingly of his wife, saying how much he loved her and that she was the “boss.”

He leaves to celebrate his life: his wife, Norma Hughes; daughter, Dina Abercrombie (Robert); grandchildren Esi and Abeku Abercrombie; Sisters Dorothy Jones, Frankie Robinson and Jean Wheeler; Brothers Charles and Calvin. Joshua is predeceased in death by his son Devlon and brothers Edmund and Jimmie.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
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Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joshua Hughes, Please Click the Link below.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 09, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *Joshua Hughes*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - April 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Dolly and I feel privileged to have known this very special man Joshua Hughes.. Despite the loss of his physical presence, we know that God has assigned him to watch over you all throughout your life. At this difficult time in your life, we pray that God will grant you the peace that you need to get through this. Sincere love and condolences to all!”*

Perry lowe - April 11, 2020 at 07:24 AM

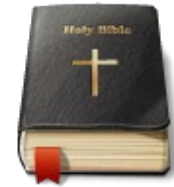
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“ Deacon Joshua was a kind and considerate man. He would do anything for you. Even if you were a stranger, it didn't matter to him, he would assist you anyway he could. He was truly a remarkable man and I used to tell and Norms, he one in a million! He will truly be missed. Sending my condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Ernestine Pullen - April 10, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - April 09, 2020 at 05:41 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 07, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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I lost contact with my good friend Josh after I retired and left the D.C. area in 1983. I'm just learning of his passing today. I too loved Josh and echo the sentiment of others that praised his devotion to his wife and family. Josh and I had lots of fun together. He was my boss, and tried his best to keep me from trouble ... he was successful most of the time. Josh was the best man at my wedding, helped me land a critical job, and was someone I could count on --- Always!

All the best to the Hughes family,

*A Soul Mate of Josh
Val Atkinson*

Val Atkinson - May 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM