



Norman Reginald Hodges

April 13, 1954 - February 16, 2022

OBITUARY FOR NORMAN HODGES

Norman Hodges transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest on Wednesday morning, February 16, 2022. He was born April 13, 1954, in Los Angeles, California to his parents, Melba and Norman Hodges, Sr. One of four siblings, he was raised in Compton, California and graduated from Compton High School. He attended Compton Junior College and the University of Maryland to further his education. Affectionately, known as “Norm and later, Pastor Norm”, he was a devoted family man and loved his wife and son. They were joined in holy matrimony, with a Christmas theme wedding 37 years ago at Howard University School of Divinity Chapel. Their only son, David, was born in 1989. In addition to their son, David, they also raised Alexandra as their own daughter in their home for ten years, who lost her parents, and helped her achieve her dream of achieving a college education this past December.

Norm was a “Master Auto Detailer,” in the industry and conducted business with all cultures. He founded his first business in 1990, Manifest Auto, a hand car wash, with one bucket, a mop, and putting his right hand on a photo copier that generated a flyer which read “hand car wash, the difference you can see.” This humble beginning was at the corner of 3rd and M Streets, NE, Washington, DC. Over the years, Norm expanded his auto detailing business to as many as 7 locations at one time and added a diversity of cleaning services for commercial vehicles, accounts with CNN for its news trucks, tour

buses to include septic tank emptying services, boat and yacht cleaning at local marinas, residential pool cleaning, and construction site contracts for new building window cleaning. Because of giftedness with his hands, love for auto detailing, and abilities to provide outstanding customer service, workplace parking garages became available for him to set up auto detail locations with property management companies; Boston Properties, Heitman, and Equity Offices in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. In the summer of 1993, he opened a downtown location at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson. He serviced the attorneys at Steptoe for over 20 years. Norm always felt that one of his crowning achievements was the last location he set up at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW next door to Whole Foods, on the campus of George Washington University. During the life of his business, he hired over 300 ex-offenders, giving them a second chance.

While partnering with Gospel Rescue Ministries, a recovery ministry for the addicted and homeless men, he personally conducted over 610 mid-week Bible studies, 500 8am Sunday morning services, and served as the Volunteer Homeless Men's Coordinator in the evenings to help them restore their lives. For many years at Gospel Rescue Ministries, he and his wife hosted a Christmas Morning Breakfast for homeless men and GRM clients, Annual Christmas Eve Dinner for Fulton House of Hope women in recovery, and New Year's Eve Service for homeless men and clients of GRM who could not attend traditional Watch Night Services in the city. Pastor Norm personally led over 1700 men to the Lord.

Those who will forever cherish memories of his life are his beloved and devoted wife, Ellis, his son, David, daughter, Alexandra, brother, Reginald Hodges, cousin, Curren Price, wife, Del Price, brother-in-law, Ben Jones, sister-in-law, Pola Jones, mother-in-law, Dr. Vanilla Wilson, beloved dog, Bentley, and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Ave
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Holy Church Of Deliverance
5900 Chillum Place NE
Washington, DC 20011

Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Reginald Hodges*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Remembering your family in heartfelt prayer.
Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers,
because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - April 07, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of
prayer. With caring thoughts.*

Evans family - April 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Dinia lit a candle in memory of Norman
Reginald Hodges*



Dinia - March 11, 2022 at 11:54 PM

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“ *Louis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Norman Reginald Hodges*



Louis Johnson - March 02, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *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 - February 24, 2022 at 06:38 PM

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Ellis please know that I am praying for you and your family.

Joan Watson - May 26, 2022 at 10:01 PM