



# Apostle Roderick Hughey

February 19, 1970 - March 27, 2024

Apostle Roderick Lamar Hughey, Sr was born on February 19, 1970, in Atlanta, GA to Veola Hughey of Buena Vista, GA. From a young age, Roderick was always a vivacious spirit who loved being at the center of the action. Full of ambition, it was obvious that he had superior athleticism, and the gift of leadership, which would prove vital all throughout his life. At East Hall High School in Gainesville, GA, Roderick was well known for his eclectic style and lively presence, which he flaunted in confidence as a Varsity Basketball and Football player for the East Hall Vikings.

After high school he went on to play basketball at Piedmont College in Demorest, GA. While there, he continued his journey of education and athletics, which ultimately led him back to east Hall to join the athletic department as a Community Coach. He also coached and refereed for several youth leagues and provided mentorship to a countless number of athletes in Gwinnett, Hall, and surrounding counties. Pursuant to the call of God on his life, Apostle furthered his education in Biblical Theology and continued to pursue that call until death.

Roderick began serving in ministry at an early age and gave his life to Christ in 1990. He began his pastoral ministry in 1996. Apostle Hughey was well known for his charismatic teaching style and prolific revelations of biblical text and was graced to minister across the United States in many churches and various denominations by leading retreats and seminars, teaching, and preaching. As a licensed and ordained Pastor, Roderick served and planted many ministries, such as Roderick Hughey Ministries, Deliverance Outreach Ministries, The Hope Center of Elberton. He was the Founder & Senior Pastor of The Community Church of Atlanta, Gainesville, GA, and served as Apostle of Church of Life Deliverance Tabernacle, Lula, GA. Apostle Hughey partnered with the dReam Church of Atlanta, Decatur, GA, in 2019 under the leadership of Bishop William H, Murphy, III.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, Apostle Hughey served as Chaplain for the City of Gainesville Police Department, Founder & CEO of Gainesville United, Inc., President of Interdenominational Black Ministers Association, and was an active liaison for several

campaigns seeking to bridge the gaps of justice and uplift those marginalized and/or oppressed in our society. He was also a co-host of The Martha Zoller Show on WDUN AM/FM Radio. As a Hall County native, Apostle Hughey was intentional and passionate about serving and giving back to his fellow men. His personal and ministry motto was “Reaching Out, to Reach Within” as he believed to embrace lost souls in any capacity, it “takes US” to “reach “US”. Roderick shared his innovation and dedication to hard work and entrepreneurship as owner of Hughey Business Solutions and Roderick Hughey Cleaning Agency.

In 2018, Roderick was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Velmeka England, and together they built a family and a life filled with love and laughter. To this union was

born one daughter, Gailayah Sime Hughey and he received his stepson, Jordan England, as his own.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Viola Hughey, two uncles, Robert Lee Hughey and Jimmy Lee Hughey and leaves the following to cherish his precious memories: His devoted wife, Pastor Velmeka England Hughey, Buford, GA; Ten children: Keldrick Coleman (Tarika), Covington, GA, Wesley Hughey, Lula, GA, Roderica Hughey, Lawrenceville, GA, Haley Goss, Gainesville, GA, Shiheim Hughey, Gainesville, GA, Xavier Hughey, Atlanta, GA, Roderick Hughey Jr., Stockbridge, GA, Broderick Hughey, Decatur, GA, Jordan England, Buford, GA, and Gailayah Hughey, Buford, GA; Nine grandchildren: Kassidy Coleman, Jordyn Moon, Harmony Sanders, Journee Garrett, Jaley Garrett, Shiheim “SJ” Hughey, Jr., Joy Garrett, Krue Coleman, and Trevion “TJ” Garrett; Parents, Willie and Veola Hughey Thomas, Lula, GA; Father, Tyrone (Sandra) Williams; Brother, Tyrone Williams, Jr; Two Sisters, Tiffany Williams and Kristi Williams; One Aunt, Maria Lewis, A special mother, Ruth Ann Morse, Lula, GA; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family, and special friends.

Rod Hughey will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. His warmth, wisdom, and the joy he brought to every gathering will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

St John Baptist church  
757 E E Butler Pkwy  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 532-0511

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ *I love you!!!*



VHughey - February 21, 2025 at 10:16 PM

VH

“ *Missing you tremendously . . . Velmeka & Gail*



Velmeka Hughey - September 24, 2024 at 07:54 AM

VT

“ *Roderick, I will always love you, and I thank God for his holy teachings. I gave you back to Jesus Christ the day you were born. I am so grateful to call you my son. I remember the quality times that we spent together in prayer and Church services. I held you as tightly as I could, but Our Lord Jesus Christ had a better plan for you. I think about you daily. I realize no more pain, but while you rest with Jesus Christ . You were a loving person and definitely had the love of God. You made a difference in people lives that wanted Jesus Christ to lead them. We had times where we talked about life in general and knew we would see Jesus Christ when he called our name. I saw you standing, and you were made whole. I give God all the Glory and Praise. Can't nobody do you like Jesus. You definitely left a Legacy behind for others to see Jesus Christ as the better way. Regardless to this old natural man, the spiritual man is now alive forever and ever. Hallelujah to Our Risen Lord and King. Not a day went by that I fail to pray for you and your family. Praying is an attribute of Jesus Christ. A Sold Out Vessel for God, Your Mother: Veola Hughey Thomas .*

Veola Hughey Thomas - June 27, 2024 at 01:02 AM

VH

“ *Baby, I still cannot believe you are gone! I will ALWAYS love you! Gail and I miss you every day, but we thank God for your rest in Him. Today we light a candle and thank God for our memories!*



Vel Hughey - April 12, 2024 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ *Shawna Sims lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Shawna Sims - April 06, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LI

“ *Larry Ingram lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Larry Ingram - April 05, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Deborah Collins - April 05, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DT

“ *Deon Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Deon Turner - April 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM

EF

“ *Our prayers are with you during time of loss and sorrow. We will always love you Veola and pray for the family. Eddie Forehand.*

Eddie Forehand - April 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

CA

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hughey family*



Carolyn Ates - April 05, 2024 at 10:35 AM

AG

“ *Alisa Grayson lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Alisa Grayson - April 05, 2024 at 09:21 AM

JD

“ *Joe Dix lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



joe dix - April 04, 2024 at 09:17 PM

LF

“ *Lawrence Thorpe And Family lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Lawrence Thorpe and Family - April 04, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LF

*What a gift to the world ,from our Lord and Savior Amen* ❤️🙏

Lawrence Thorpe and Family - April 04, 2024 at 08:40 PM

DH

“ *Debora Hughey/Sarah/Tyrone/Tokin/Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.*



Debora Hughey/Sarah/Tyrone/Tokin/Family - April 04, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TM

“ *Toya L Morrison lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Toya L Morrison - April 04, 2024 at 03:09 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Deborah Mack - April 04, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JB

“ *We all loved Rod he was a great man! I have known him for years! We have been in many church services together and Praised the Lord! He will be missed but heaven is sweeter! Praying for all the family and especially his precious Mother Sis Veola, a beautiful friend of mine for many years that I love so much! God bless and keep you all!*

Jana Bragg - April 04, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ *Jamie Millsap lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Jamie Millsap - April 04, 2024 at 11:02 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Star Johnson - April 04, 2024 at 07:30 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Star Johnson - April 04, 2024 at 07:29 AM

FH

“ *Fidel Jacqueline Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Fidel Jacqueline Hopkins - April 04, 2024 at 12:05 AM

SM

“ *Praying comfort and strength for the family.*



Shelia McAllister - April 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Kimberly sims - April 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM

BC

“ *Billy & Candace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.*



**Billy & Candace** - April 03, 2024 at 06:47 PM

MA

“ *Marion, AL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.*



**Marion, AL** - April 03, 2024 at 01:10 PM

TJ

“ *Toni Johnson lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



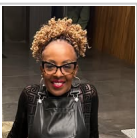
**Toni Johnson** - April 03, 2024 at 10:29 AM

TJ

“ *Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Toni Johnson** - April 03, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Dorothy Bolden** - April 02, 2024 at 11:42 PM

MF

“ Michael and Monica Hubert and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



Michael and Monica Hubert and Family - April 02, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ Kimbler Hunter Pena sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Kimbler Hunter Pena - April 02, 2024 at 05:54 PM

ES

“ Elaine Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Elaine Sims - April 02, 2024 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ Candice Mize sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Candice Mize - April 01, 2024 at 11:14 PM

CH

“ Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Candace Hudson - April 01, 2024 at 10:07 PM

CM

“ Veola & Family,

*Father God I pray for the Family, our circle of family and friends who are grieving, they're hurting for many reason and I ask you to help them through this season of loss. I reach out to you Father of Compassion and the source of every comfort asking you to touch them with your love. Help them find joy in you, for it's your joy that will give them strength. Help them to trust you as their God of hope. Fill them God with you joy, peace and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name I Pray Amen.*

Love,  
Curtis & Mariah

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**Curtis & Mariah** - April 01, 2024 at 07:10 PM

VT

*Thank you both for your love and prayers. I know Rod loved you so much. Rod is resting in the peace and love of God.*

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**Veola Thomas** - April 02, 2024 at 10:03 PM

DW

“ Donna , Teresa , Elizabeth Westbrooks purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



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**Donna , Teresa , Elizabeth Westbrooks** - April 01, 2024 at 03:17 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



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**Star Johnson** - April 01, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



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**Star Johnson** - April 01, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



Star Johnson - April 01, 2024 at 02:56 PM

SR

“ *SHARON REDMON-FRANK sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



SHARON REDMON-FRANK - April 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SR

*Extending Sincere Sympathy and sending my Love to his family. Viola, thank you for sharing him with us during his high school years. We loved picking him up and having dinner with him. When he came by to visit me at work, he called me Mom Sharon. I loved discussing what he wanted in knowledge and I loved him. Rod always showed me his genuine kindness and respect.*

SHARON REDMON-FRANK - April 01, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.*



April 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

MH

“ *Mother Alma Hofler and Shenita Hofler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.*



Mother Alma Hofler and Shenita Hofler - April 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MH

“ Mother Alma Hofler and Shenita Hofler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Roderick Hughey.

Mother Alma Hofler and Shenita Hofler - April 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

EM

“ Erica Butler McKinney & Robert McKinney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



Erica Butler McKinney & Robert McKinney - April 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

EM

“ Erica Butler McKinney & Robert McKinney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apostle Roderick Hughey.

Erica Butler McKinney & Robert McKinney - April 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SW

“ Apostle Hughey was always so friendly and ready to lend a helping hand any way he could. He was a warrior for God and he loved his community. Prayers of peace, strength and comfort for his family, friends and all who were blessed to know him.



Sharon Williams - April 01, 2024 at 09:05 AM

MZ

“ Rod and Vel were family. Lin and I are saddened at his loss but know he had the most glorious Easter in the hands of Jesus.

Martha Zoller - March 31, 2024 at 07:38 PM

JW

“ Jimmy Wilson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



Jimmy Wilson - March 31, 2024 at 07:20 PM

J(

“ It is with an extremely sad heart that I heard about Rod's passing. He and I became good friends when he was a teenager and I was a green rookie firefighter for Hall Co. We played a lot of pick-up basketball games at Lula Park, he being the 6'3" teen BB stud, myself the 5'8" white guy (always seemed to work out better for him!) Our friendship was definitely of mutual respect and we never had a discussion to go south. When he became a Pastor, I remember thinking, Nah! No way. But after I had thought about it for a few days, it actually made sense. I already knew his heart somewhat, and I knew it was one for the Lord. I will always regret that even though I've lived around Lula my whole life, I never ran back into him. I didn't even know he had become Zollers right hand man. Been missing you for 30+, Rod. Just a lot sadder knowing you're not on this earth. You were already missed, Roderick! Jimmy Wilson HCFR (ret)

Jimmy Wilson HCFR (ret) - March 31, 2024 at 06:34 PM

NA

“ Nathan Ann sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Nathan Ann - March 31, 2024 at 05:59 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - March 31, 2024 at 03:25 PM

DW

“ David Wiley lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



David wiley - March 30, 2024 at 07:13 PM

VH

*Apostle I'm gonna miss you so dearly much we the Hofler FAMILY words can't express how we feels but a part of our heart went with you we stayed faithful to the end we will always keep your memories alive we love you but GOD LOVED YOU MORE YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS DONE.LOVE NARDO & SEREATHA HOFLEH GOD HAS GAINED A SPECIAL ANGEL APOSTLE RODERICK HUGHEY*

Vincent &SEREATHA Hofler - March 31, 2024 at 06:55 AM

TJ

“ There is not enough words to express the sense of loss that I'm feeling since my dear cousin, road dawg, friend passed away. How I'm missing him dearly!!! The memories that we shared together will forever live on. From the time spent as we grew up during the summers when visiting Aunt France to the times throughout our adulthood. You were so special in my life!!! As we always said when we saw each other "Here I Go!!!"  
My sincere condolences to Cousin Veola, Vel, and his childrens. Rod proudly confessed that he was a Mama's Boy. (Smile). Praying GOD's comfort for our family during this time of bereavement.

Thomas Jackson - March 30, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



March 30, 2024 at 01:27 PM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Toni Johnson - March 30, 2024 at 12:23 PM

CW

“ Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



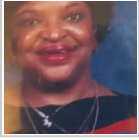
Catherine Wilmont - March 29, 2024 at 11:19 PM

FH

“ Fidel & Jacqueline Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Fidel & Jacqueline Hopkins - March 29, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



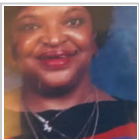
Regina Harris - March 29, 2024 at 06:40 PM

TP

“ Deepest condolences and sympathy to the Hughey Family during this period in time 🙏🙏🙏



Theresa Puryear - March 29, 2024 at 06:39 PM



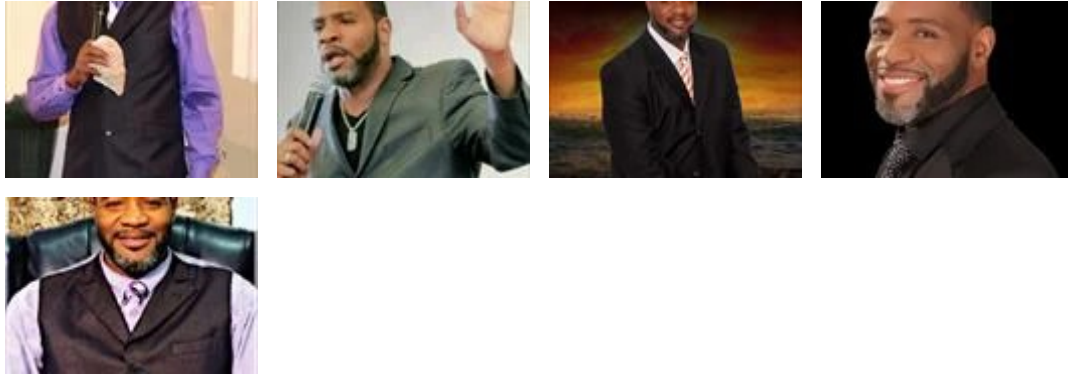
“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Regina Harris - March 29, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Laura Bailey - March 29, 2024 at 04:13 PM

VH

*I will always love you, Roderick!*

Vel Hughey - April 12, 2024 at 02:35 PM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Toni Johnson - March 29, 2024 at 02:58 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - March 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

RR

“ My sincerest condolences to the family during this time of bereavement....Rev Roper



Rev. Christopher Roper - March 29, 2024 at 01:36 PM

NA

“ *Nathan Ann sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Nathan Ann** - March 29, 2024 at 01:02 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Lisa Holmes** - March 29, 2024 at 11:15 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Holmes lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Lisa Holmes** - March 29, 2024 at 11:14 AM

LH

*I thank God for this man of God he was a good pastor to me and he will be missed by a lot of people*

**Lisa Holmes** - March 29, 2024 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ *Jamie Millsap sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



**Jamie Millsap** - March 29, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JM

*My condolences and prayers go out to the entire family.*

**Jamie Millsap** - March 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM

GY

“ Grover E & Janice C Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Grover E & Janice C Young - March 29, 2024 at 10:20 AM

Mary Moore

“ Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Mary Moore - March 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Apostle Roderick Hughey.



March 29, 2024 at 08:59 AM

ML

“ Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Marion Lott - March 28, 2024 at 10:35 PM

KS

“ Kimberly Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Kimberly sims - March 28, 2024 at 10:31 PM

NF

“ *NIKIYA FEW sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



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**NIKIYA FEW** - March 28, 2024 at 10:00 PM

JM

“ *Praying for the family* 🙏



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**Joyce Mitchell** - March 28, 2024 at 09:30 PM

KB

“ *Prayers of comfort and condolences to the family*

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**Kimberly Bryant** - March 28, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CB

“ *Christine Burrowes lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



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**Christine Burrowes** - March 28, 2024 at 06:51 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



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**Daphne Brownlee** - March 28, 2024 at 05:44 PM

DM

*Prayers for comfort and strength.*

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**Deborah Mack** - April 04, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TJ

“ Tiffany Thomas Jones lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Tiffany Thomas Jones - March 28, 2024 at 02:42 PM

TJ

I have know Rod since we were at Lula Elementary School together. He was always a great friend and has done great things with his life. He will be greatly missed.

Tiffany Thomas Jones - March 28, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LH

“ Lisa Holmes lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Lisa Holmes - March 28, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LH

I thank God for him and his family he was a good apostle to me and my family and may God bless you all. Our prayers and condolence go out to the family and friends of this lovely soul and may he rest in peace in the hands of the Lord amen.

Lisa Holmes - March 28, 2024 at 02:16 PM

SB

“ Sonja Butler lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



Sonja Butler - March 28, 2024 at 02:05 PM

AC

“ April Coleman lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey



April Coleman - March 28, 2024 at 01:25 PM

AC

“ *April Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Apostle Roderick Hughey*



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**April Coleman** - March 28, 2024 at 01:24 PM