



# Deacon Robert Harris Hill

January 19, 1948 - February 23, 2025

Deacon Robert Harris Hill was born January 19, 1948 in Tignall, Georgia to the late Emory and Eldora (Heard) Hill. He departed this life surrounded by his family at his residence in Gainesville, Georgia on Sunday, February 23, 2025, following an extended illness.

## Early Life

Robert received his education from Hart County High School in Georgia. From humble beginnings working on farms in Elbert and Hart County, Georgia, he learned many skills from planting crops to fixing and building things. In the 1960s, Robert and his family made the move to Gainesville, Georgia. He and his brother, Tom had worked together at the popular restaurant, L & K. Robert later became friends with Julius Stephens, who then introduced him to his cousin, Betty Jo Stephens. They were smitten with each other and married on August 19, 1967. As time went on, they grew their family of four children.

## Life's Work

Robert accepted Christ early in life. He became a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia in the 1970s, and eventually, became a deacon. He served on the Deacon Board for 46 years during the late Reverend Mack Clark, the late Reverend C. C. Cloud, and Reverend Rodney Lackey Sr. Robert always had a fervent and zealous spirit when it came to serving others. He was always helping someone in need, offering quiet acts of kindness and goodness. Unquestionably, he was self-sacrificing and never seeking anything in return. Furthermore, he was very active in the Veterans Outreach Ministry and food pantry mission for many years.

In the late 1960s, Robert started his career in synthetic and textile manufacturing at Chicopee Johnson & Johnson. He was a dependable, diligent worker and never missed a day. Soon, he became supervisor and received numerous awards and accolades over his 30-year career. During the late 1980s, he went on to work for Synthetic Industries. Finally,

he was employed with Lumite, Inc. before his retirement in 2010.

## Later Life and Legacy

After retirement, Robert and Betty had lived quietly together for 57 years. Over the years, Robert kept busy and enjoyed being in his garden growing crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. He had a wonderful green thumb and could grow okra stalks as high as 10 feet high. Additionally, he had a talent for building things. For instance, he built a sturdy ramp out of wood on the side of his porch. Whenever one of his children called him, he knew how to fix it. Moreover, many never knew about his musical abilities, that he could play the guitar and piano by ear. There were also other ways Robert remained active as well. One memorable moment is when he and his sister, Cornelia ran in the Peachtree Road Race in 2017.

Robert was a great provider for his family. He was a loving, loyal, and devoted father, not only to his family, but was like a father to many. Robert and Betty were doting grandparents. They treasured visits from their granddaughter, Christiarra, whom they loved as if she were their own daughter. Their grandchildren were their most valued blessings.

Robert was a fun-loving soul, he loved to laugh, and enjoyed spending time with family, his sisters, and friends. Betty Jo's sisters and brothers affectionately referred to him as "our brother." Those who knew him will never forget his sense of humor, light-hearted spirit and infectious smile. He would leave you with a joke that had you laughing for days.

He faced his crisis with dignity and bravery because he had strong faith and trusted the hand of God in every situation.

Finally, Robert was our example of how we are supposed to love; unconditionally. He will be reunited with his wife, Betty Jo (Stephens) Hill, who recently passed on November 21, 2024; his oldest daughter: Stephanie Laverne Hill; his parents: Emory and Eldora (Heard) Hill; his two brothers: Tom Hill and Fred Hill; two sisters: Charity Lou (Hill) Clark and Euniceteen Hill.

Left to cherish the memories, and carry on his living legacy are his son: Christopher Rodrick (Cindy) Hill, Winder, Georgia; two daughters: Sybil Rachel (Johnny) Mize, Oakwood, Georgia, Andrea Nicole (Charles) Terry, Flowery Branch, Georgia. Grandchildren: Christiarra R. Hill, Des Moines, Iowa, Christopher (Breanna) Tafao, San

Francisco, California, Charles J. Terry (CJ), Flowery Branch, Georgia, Aria Hill, Winder, Georgia. Great-Grandchildren: Olivia Rae Price, Des Moines, Iowa; Gabriel Alexander Hill, Des Moines, Iowa, Meleane Tafao, San Francisco, California, Painuulasi Tafao, San Francisco, California. Two sisters: Earnestine (Hill) Bonds and Cornelia (Hill) Martin; Special niece and nephews: Brenda Hill, Ludell Hill, and Bill Clark; A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2030 MEMORIAL PARK ROAD  
GAINESVILLE, GA 30504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 2. 2:00 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>

## Receiving Friends

MAR 2. 6:00 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>

## Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1010 Mill Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
<http://antiochbaptistgainesville.com>

# Tribute Wall

GY

“ Grover E & Janice C Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Grover E & Janice C Young - March 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM

MM

“ Michael Montague sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Michael Montague - March 16, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Deborah Collins - March 04, 2025 at 06:44 PM

DC

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Deborah Collins - March 04, 2025 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ Deon Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Deon Turner - March 03, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LS

“ To the family my deepest condolences and prayers for the loss of your love one.  
Lorraine Shields



Lorraine Shields - March 03, 2025 at 07:43 AM

SB

“ To the Family of Deacon Robert Hill  
Just remember earth have no sorrow that HEAVEN CAN NOT HEAL! You have our DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
Love Deacon and Deaconess J. T. Borders Jr (Sandra)



Sandra M. Borders - March 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Star Johnson - March 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Star Johnson - March 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill



Star Johnson - March 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DS

“ *Deon S. Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Deon S. Turner** - March 01, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ *Shryl Shields lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Shryl Shields** - February 28, 2025 at 01:54 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Regina Harris** - February 26, 2025 at 08:27 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Star Johnson** - February 26, 2025 at 02:51 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Star Johnson** - February 26, 2025 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Joyce Mitchell** - February 26, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TJ

“ *Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Toni Johnson** - February 26, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ *MS. C. ELAINE SIMS sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**MS. C. ELAINE SIMS** - February 26, 2025 at 09:57 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Mary Moore** - February 25, 2025 at 09:42 PM

ML

“ *Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Marion Lott** - February 25, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *My Condolences to the wonderful family. Sorry for you all loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts..*



Kimbler Hunter Pena - February 25, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Kimbler Hunter Pena lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



Kimbler Hunter Pena - February 25, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Elisa Bonds- Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



Elisa Bonds- Ratliff - February 25, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *April Coleman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



April Coleman - February 25, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *April Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



April Coleman - February 25, 2025 at 03:50 PM

CN

“ *Charline Niles sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Charline Niles** - February 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM

BF

“ *Bertha Martin & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Bertha Martin & family** - February 25, 2025 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the Hill family. Robert meant so much to me!!*



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**Sylvia M Milner** - February 25, 2025 at 02:16 PM

AT



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**Andrea Hill Terry** - September 04, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ *Cornell Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



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**Cornell Hendrix** - February 25, 2025 at 02:10 PM

ST

“ *Sharanda Trammell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Robert Harris Hill*



Sharanda Trammell - February 25, 2025 at 01:23 PM

JS

“ *To the family I send heartfelt condolences. Robert was visibly a man of God, gentle with a servant's spirit that comes from the Lord. Symbol, Chris, and Andrea may you always have an abundance of all the Lord's loving grace and mercy.*



Jeraldine Sewell - February 25, 2025 at 10:18 AM

TR

*My condolences to the Hill family, so sorry for your loss Robert, was such a kind gentleman, I am grateful to have known him. His spirit was like gentle giant, going to miss you my friend! .*

Thomas Rucker - February 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM

AT

*Thank you for your kind words!my dad was awesome!*

Andrea Hill Terry - September 04, 2025 at 06:35 PM