



## ESTUS HOOD JR.

January 9, 1931 - August 31, 2014

Estus Hood Jr., 83, of Kankakee, died Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Friday, September 5, 2014 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Services at 11:00 A.M. at Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church. Pastor Lori K. Holmes will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Estus Hood Jr. was born on January 9, 1931 in Copiah County, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, the son of the late Estus Hood Sr. and Elvira Myles Hood. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Miller Spring Missionary Baptist Church in Crystal Springs, MS.

Mr. Hood completed elementary school at Lowes Chapel, Utica, MS. His high school graduation was from Utica Institute, Utica, MS. He graduated from Jackson State University, Jackson, MS and then completed Graduate Schools of Washburn College, Topeka, KS, Ohio University Athens, OH, State University of New York, New York, NY and, Lane College Jackson, TN.

While at Jackson State he met and fell in love with Eddie Mae Davis of Hattiesburg, MS. On December 22, 1952, he and the love of his life were married. This union was blessed with four children, Tyrone Antonio Hood (deceased), Estus Hood III, Arthur Leon Hood and Deborah Laquita Hood.

Estus was an educator, teaching and coaching at several schools. He began his professional teaching career in Vicksburg, MS at Bowman High School, from 1956-1960; Holtzclaw High School, Crystal Springs, MS, from 1960-1963; Duck Hill High School, Duck Hill, MS from 1963-1964; McLaurin High School, Florence, MS-1964-1970-he received the Highland Conference Coach of the Year Award in 1966 and St. Anne High School, St. Anne, IL from 1970 until he retired in 1993. In addition to his teaching experience, he worked at Sears Roebuck and Company and retired after 20 years of service.

In August of 1970, the family relocated to Kankakee, IL where they united with Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church. Estus served faithfully throughout the years at Caldwell until his health failed. He served as Chairman of the Trustee Board, member of the Men's Club, member of the Chancellor Choir and Boy Scout Leader. Estus was a member of several civic and social organizations, including Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., and he served as President of the Kankakee Retired Teachers Association. Estus was always ready willing and able to utilize his knowledge and skills for the good of the organization. Additionally, he served his country in the United States Army and after four years of service he was honorably discharged.

God saw that Estus was getting weary on this journey and on August 31, 2014 at 1:40 pm at Riverside Hospital he softly whispered in his ear, "Come on home, my good and faithful servant. You have run the race. You have finished the course. Now take your rest. Your work on earth is done. Well done."

Preceding him in his transition were his mother, father, one son, Tyrone, one brother, Morris, and three sisters, Minnie Ruth, Ella Mae and Bertha.

Estus leaves rejoicing in the memories of his life, his beloved wife, Eddie Mae, of Kankakee, IL; two sons and one daughter, Estus III (Diane) of Carbondale,

IL, Arthur (Sherri) of Teaneck, NJ, and Deborah (Raphael) of Boston, MA. His memory will be cherished by twelve grandchildren, Ramone and Raphael, Atlanta, GA, Brandon, Indianapolis, IN, Jasmine, Manhattan, NY, Quiana, Atlanta, GA, Crystal, Teaneck, NJ, Elexsia, Los Angeles, CA, Estus IV, San Antonio, TX, Evan, Tucson, AZ, Alana, Taniel and Raphael, Boston, MA. He leaves three sisters, Arthur LaPearl Clayton, Carthage, MS, Patricia Hood Hall (Dr. Lewis Hall), Pass Christian, MS, and Helen Delores Hood (Charles), Chicago, IL; four brothers-in-law, Nathaniel (Ethel Rae), Edward, Lonnie (Thyra) Tommy (Dee Dee); three sisters-in-law, Minnie Merle, Mildred and Delores, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I the issue is one thing that not sufficient individuals are speaking intelligently about. I am very completely happy that I stumbled across this in my search for one thing regarding this.  
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**oakley outlet** - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Youre so cool! I dont suppose Ive learn something like this before. So good to find any individual with some original ideas on this subject. realy thanks for starting this up.  
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**Michael Kors Purses Sale** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I had the priviledge of having Mr. hood as my Algebra Instructor my freshman year (1982). I will never forget the words, "you are not leaving my class until I know you understand". Thank you Mr. Hood for not only being an incredible teacher but you were

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**Lavetta Miller** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ My sincere sympathy to the Hood's family. Mr. Hood was my landlord for over nineteen years and many times when he would stopped by to check on the house, he would talk to my children about life and offered good sound advice to them. We had the utmost

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**Ethel Lee** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *May God continue to bless and keep you safe in his arm.*

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**Anthony Family** - September 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *We give God the highest praise! To the Hood Family: We celebrate the life of Mr. Estus Hood, in Boston, Ma. May God Bless you, and keep you!*

*With Love,*

*Robert, Carrie, Brandon, Tre, Angelica, and Jaycee Woodson of Hyde Park/Boston, Mass.*

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**Robert & Carrie Woodson and Family** - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *I had the honor and privilege of having Mr. Hood as my high school algebra teacher. The compassion that he showed all of his students was unmeasured. He was truly an inspiration to us all and through him, we are all better students, parents, community lea*

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**Ken Crite** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Sorry to hear about Mr Hood. He was one of my teachers at St. Anne. What a wonderful man he was. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.*

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**Donita Brace Buhler** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Please accept my sincere condolence.*

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**Nickey Yates, Tallahassee, FL** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I had the honor of having Mr. Hood as an algebra teacher at St. Anne Community High School. He was a very hard but good teacher. He actually got me to understand and love math! Prayers being sent to the family during this difficult time and to you Mr. Hood

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**Donna Fox** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ My deepest condolences! Mr. Hood was one of my favorite educators while attending St. Anne. God be with your family.

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**Resa** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To the family, sorry for your loss. Mr. Hood was one of my first teachers at St. Anne High School in 1970 as a freshman. He also coached me in basketball that year. He was one of the people I met I still use his words, be yourself, don't follow, let p

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**John Taylor** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Mrs Hood, our colleague Deborah Hood Brown, and all other members of the family please accept the condolences from the st

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**Robin Harris** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ TO MY SISTER-IN-LAW DEBORAH & MRS. HOOD: MAY I SEND TO YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME AND SAY THAT MY THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN WITH YOU SINCE I HEARD OF THE DEATH OF "BIG HOOD." HE WAS GREATLY ADMIRER BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO HAVE MET HIM. YOU M

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**BROTHER -IN-LAW RUSTY L. BROWN, II** - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Cleo and I had the honor of having Mr. Hood as our algebra teacher at St. Anne Community High School. Yes he was hard but he was fair. Mr. Hood also taught and coached my father Greg Crite and he would always say. Ms. Crite I know your dad :) Rest in Pe

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**Cleo & Keyania Johnson** - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM