



## WILLIAM HUGHES JR.

December 28, 1941 - August 14, 2016

William Hughes Jr., 74, of Pembroke Township, IL, died Sunday, August 14, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 11:00 A.M. at Lax Mortuary. Pastor Ronald Walker will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

William Hughes Jr. was born December 28, 1941 in Chicago, IL to the union of Velma and William Hughes Sr.

William graduated from Dunbar Vocational High School in 1959, and was gifted in the field of architectural drafting. He worked as an engineer at Shapiro Developmental Center and retired after 28 years of service. He was the first African-American male to be employed as an engineer at Shapiro.

William was baptized into the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1965. Prior to his illness, he was an active member of the Ephesus SDA Church in Hopkins Park, IL. He loved to give Bible Studies, and possessed the gift of music in song. He was elected as the minister of music for his church. William grew in his relationship with Jesus and claimed Jesus as his only hope of salvation.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida and Robert Mingo of Kankakee, IL and Loretta and Ed Belton of Vallejo, CA; one

uncle, John and Delores Moore of Alsip, IL, and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, his church family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Barbara Tinsley.

William now rests in Jesus, awaiting that Great Day of the coming of the LORD.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May God continue to comfort you all throughout this most difficult time.*

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**Morris family** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Hughes family, I will always remember our conversations and spirituality Bro. Hughes bestowed. I will continue to, as he always tell me "slow it down". May he rest in peace !!!!*

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**Jacque Sneed and Family** - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to you and yours!*

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**Phyllis C McNeal** - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Hughes and Belton families, praying with and for all of you for strength and encouragement. Looking forward to that great getting up morning!*

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**Frances Lane** - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God gave Bro. Hughes a blessed gift of music ministry which he shared as often as he could. His messages in song will always be remembered as well as his love for God, his family, and his church. Our prayers and love to the family.*

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**Michael & Rita Morris** - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM