



Earl V. Hackney Jr.

March 2, 1950 - May 30, 2026

Mr. Earl V. Hackney made his transition on May 30, 2026. Please encourage the family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Celebration

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl V. Hackney Jr.*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 20 at 12:21 PM

HA

Beautiful Tribute to the life and legacy of Mr.Hackney. Thank you for providing the opportunity to stream. I enjoyed hearing the stories of family.

Hazelee - June 20 at 02:02 PM

NJ

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Hackney family.*

Alonzo & Nothia Julian



Nothia Murphy - Julian - Yesterday at 08:23 AM

RI

“ *To Dana and family,
The loss of a father (who is also a husband and a grand father) is definitely a hard trial to endure. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds at this time. May you rest in the assurance that he is with THE FATHER now!
Love the Savage Family.*

Richelle - June 20 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ *Dear Dana and Family,
I was deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Although I never had the privilege of meeting your father, it's clear from the love and respect others have for him that he was a remarkable man. My heartfelt condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Michael Marzella and Karen Rager*

Michael Marzella - June 20 at 12:28 PM

KR

“ Dear Dana and Family,

I have known you, Dana, for nearly 20 years, and throughout that time, you shared so many wonderful stories about your dad. One memory that always makes me smile is when I began volunteering as a puppy raiser and trainer for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We spent time talking about how we could get your dad involved because he was retired and loved dogs so much. I remember us practicing exactly what we were going to say to convince him!



Thank you for sharing your treasured memories and stories about growing up with your father. It was clear from everything you shared that he was an amazing dad who loved his family deeply.

May God bless his soul and bring comfort and peace to your family during this difficult time.

With love and sympathy,

Karen Rager and Michael Marzella

Karen Rager - June 20 at 12:25 PM

HA

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Hackney Family.

Hazelee - June 20 at 12:18 PM

DW

“ *Dear Dana and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Your dad was truly one of those special people who brought joy wherever he went. He had a laugh that was so genuine and contagious that if you heard it, you couldn't help but smile too. You always knew he was enjoying himself, and his cheerful spirit had a way of making everyone around him feel happier.

I hope the wonderful memories of his laughter, kindness, and the happiness he shared with so many will bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace, strength, and comfort as you remember and celebrate a life so well lived.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dana White*

Dana White - June 20 at 12:08 PM

DP

“ I'd like to offer my condolences to the Hackney Family at this time of sorrow on behalf of the Paul Family.

Mr. Earl Hackney was an inspirational gentleman who had the ability to see humor in all things. With that ability came one of the best laughs I've ever seen and heard. In fact one didn't even have to know what he was laughing at to begin laughing along with him by simply hearing his laughter.

My wife was watching some of the videos and when I heard that laugh from the other room I had to join in with him.

Enjoy the memories of Mr. Hackney and his spirit of humor and may it bring you peace in the days ahead.

Darryl Paul - June 20 at 11:56 AM

WR

“ It is with deep sadness that I extend my sympathy to the Hackney family. Although I did not know him personally, I felt connected to him through his sister, Yvonne, who spoke of him often and with such love, respect, and admiration.

May you find peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead, and may it help to know that others share in your sorrow and hold your family close in thought and prayer.

*With deepest sympathy,
Windon Ringer*

Windon Ringer - June 20 at 09:47 AM

BR

“ *Earl Hackney had an infectious smile ---a bellowing laugh and a kind spirit .I remember attending the Worldwide Church of God and our families intertwined- I will always thank the Lord for allowing our paths to cross! We believe to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! And that gives us great comfort at times like these ! The Littles - Griffin Linda Little and BELINDA Robinson -*

Belinda Robinson - June 20 at 08:01 AM

TT

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of the late Earl Hackney Jr. Praying for the entire family at this difficult time. 🙏*

Love, Trynda & Wilhelmina Thomas



Trynda Thomas - June 19 at 11:25 PM

PM

“ *Hi Family, you all have always been in our prayers and especially now in the passing of your husband and you guys' Dad. Mike, and I talked about missing his infectious and jovial laughs and beaming smile. He was and is a dear heart that always made everyone feel apart of his family. We know he is always with you all and watching out for you. With ❤️ Paula and Mike Robinson.*



Paula Myers - June 19 at 11:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl V. Hackney Jr..



June 19 at 09:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earl V. Hackney Jr..

June 19 at 09:20 PM



“ To the family of Earl Hackney. I would like to send my deepest condolences for your loss. God bless you.
Danielle Dunn

Danielle Dunn - June 19 at 11:18 AM



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June 18 at 07:57 PM



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LD

“ To Pat and the Hackney Family, my deepest condolences for your loss. Earl had a smile that would light up a room and a laugh full of joy! I will miss him. May his soul rest in paradise.

Leighton Duncan - June 18 at 06:48 PM

AW

“ My condolences and hugs to the entire Hackney family. I never met Earl in person, but had conversations with him over the phone. I remember him trying to size me up and determine if I was being truthful or was covering up for my roommate? I was always telling him Dana was studying at the library late at night. For the record, Dana did study at the medical library at night!

-Andrea Weed, Dana's roommate at UVM

Andrea Weed - June 18 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ Well Sugar Lump, you have always been been one of the roots to this family. There are so many great memories I have that I can't start to describe one. We go way back to child hood. But to let you know that if I've knew back then you was just a couple years older than me, I probably would have gave you a run for your money. You were my big brother my cousin and for a time my dad. I'm going to miss you but forever love you.

Mozella Hackney - June 18 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ I didn't know Earl personally but as a member of the Vermont posse and longtime friend of Bobby, Tammy & Dannis I want to share thoughts and feelings of respect, peace and love with the entire Hackney family. 'Nuff Love from Papa Jay, Mama Lisa and the Strausser family.



Jay Strausser - June 18 at 12:15 PM

JH

“ Uncle Earl,
You contained multitudes. You wore so many hats and provided a shining example of a life well lived. You carried yourself with a kind of dignity that presented as playful; a firmness that was also gentle because we all knew it was rooted in loving kindness.
One of my most cherished memories was when we came to visit as children and you challenged us to a staring contest. We should've known the game was rigged! How could we keep a straight face when you shocked us by removing your dentures? None of us knew up to that point that you even wore false teeth.
And another time when you showed us the “Rough Francis Room” which you had painted in cosmic swirls of galaxies and planets- a tribute to God's creation and to your beloved brother David. You were so proud of your brothers when they achieved acclaim and recognition for their music, and as the eldest your influence was and still is palpable. I hear your laugh echoed in all of us Hackneys; a laugh that has reached farther and touched the hearts of so many more people than any of us could've ever imagined.
Aunt Pat, Kristara, Dana, Dorian, Earl, Ali, Caleb, Marshall, Nadia we love you and are with you always. God bless our family.

-Julian

Julian Hackney - June 18 at 10:12 AM

AH

“ *Mr.Hackney will be remembered with a smile I grew up next door to Dana and we became good childhood friends. Our whole family was close when we were neighbors. We grew up but never so far apart that we couldn't come back together I've loved this family for over 40 years my prayers are with you all today and everyday.*

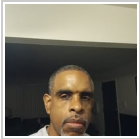
Angela Horton - June 18 at 05:48 AM

LM

“ *Lucinda Mills purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Earl V. Hackney Jr..*



Lucinda Mills - June 18 at 12:06 AM



“ *My Dear Big Brother Earl, I literally have a lot to say but my fondest memories of Earl was when I was between 5 and 8 years old, Earl would get a group of us and take us down to the Fox Theater to watch Kung Fu movies, those literally were the best times it was then that I became a Jim Kelly fan, as well as Bruce Lee and Sonny Chiba and still watch those movies to this day, bringing it up to speed to this day from my "Life's Adventures" Earl was very pivotable with giving great advice that I even carry this day, I'm going to truly miss him as well as his "Iconic Laugh" lol one thing is for sure when he did that laugh it didn't matter whatever mood you were in it made you either laugh or gave you comfort.*

Reggie Hackney - June 17 at 01:46 PM

DB

“ Dr. Yvetta Stokes & Sylvia Brown purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Earl V. Hackney Jr..



Dr. Yvetta Stokes & Sylvia Brown - June 17 at 01:11 PM

JE

“ Uncle Early always knew how to fill the room with such joy and laughter, and even more, he knew how to light one up too. One of the many memories of uncle Earl I have was him showing me his blue light galaxy room which always looks so bright and amazing. Know one had a room quite like uncle earl did and he took pride in making it his hangout spot and blessed he got to share with me. I will also always remember him showing me the old school games like need for speed which helped grow my love for, playing games, having fun, and enjoying life.

Thank you for it all Uncle Earl 🙏
Love you
Your Nephew Jehric

Jehric - June 16 at 09:45 AM

RA

“ To the family of Earl Hackney Jr.
Sending my deepest condolences to you all and praying peace, comfort and strength for the family. 🙏🙏🙏
Love Robin ❤️

Robin Alexander - June 16 at 08:36 AM

BH

“ *Ghost Collector LA*

His laughter was so full and radiant. I couldn't help but laugh with him every time I watched the movie.

Bobby Hackney - June 16 at 07:09 AM

BH

“ *Peter Wolf*

*From:
peter@wolf1.com
To:
lbjericho@aol.com*

Sun, May 31 at 1:08 PM

Hey Brother,

So sorry to hear about Earl, my positive vibes to you and your entire family 💜

Peter

Bobby Hackney - June 16 at 06:53 AM

BH

“ Dan Koretzky

From:
dank@dragcity.com
To:
lbjericho@aol.com

Mon, Jun 1 at 1:56 PM

I am so sorry for your loss, Bobby....

Bobby Hackney - June 16 at 06:52 AM

BH

“ *Sorry Bobby. My condolences on Earl's passing. He had the greatest laugh I think I have ever heard. Pure joy. 🙏*

Scott Mosier
Occasional Giant Beard Inc.
samogbinc@gmail.com

Bobby Hackney - June 16 at 06:51 AM

BH

“ *Hi Bobby,*

I commented on your IG post as well, but wanted to send my condolences here as well. Even with the minimal time I got to spend with Earl personally, his spirit was infectious and so glad the world got to hear him laugh the greatest laugh of all time.

Best,
Matt

Bobby Hackney - June 16 at 06:49 AM

HS

“ Thank You Earl for being my Brother in Law. You will be in my heart forever. Thank You for always being there for my husband David and your brother through all of his trials and tribulations. It meant a lot to him. Now you will be joining him in Paradise, if you haven't already.

I will always remember that laugh, you calling me Hilda, and the Skoal Bandit days!

Love You Earl

Heidi Simpson - June 16 at 01:32 AM

YV

“ My big brother was a constant source of inspiration and guidance. As the first of us to enter the corporate world, he helped me navigate unfamiliar challenges and opportunities, offering advice, encouragement, and perspective every step of the way. His example motivated me to pursue my own goals with confidence and determination.



My fondest memory is from when he worked at US Tobacco and hired me as his “Inventory Manager”. At the time, I was convinced I was destined for greatness because he entrusted me with the important responsibility of ensuring his inventory reconciled with his sales numbers. It may have seemed like a small task, but to me it was a tremendous vote of confidence and a chance to learn firsthand about accountability and business operations. As it turns out, that was also my very first official job, a milestone made even more special because it came from someone I admired so much. The position also came with some incredible perks. One of my favorites was getting rides to school in his company car, a replica of the iconic NASCAR race car known as the Skoal Bandit. I thought I was living the dream. Every time he pulled into the school parking lot I felt like a celebrity, and I was undoubtedly the envy of all my friends. Looking back, those rides are among the memories that still make me smile.

While I will deeply miss my big brother, I am grateful for the lasting impact he had on my life. He helped to raise me, inspired me, mentored me, and showed me what it means to lead with integrity and purpose. I will honor his memory by continuing the legacy he built and by working every day to make him proud.

Yvonne - June 15 at 06:23 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dana Paul - June 15 at 04:28 AM

MA

Dear Earl, first and foremost, My condolences to Pat, Dana and Lil Earl ☐ 🏠 100 🥺 🕊️. I want to thank you sincerely for the opportunity you gave me and for welcoming me into the family with such warmth. I cherish the many beautiful memories we've shared and the conversations we've had over the years. I will always remember you for your joyful smile and the laughter you brought into our lives.

Your hard work and dedication in keeping the family united, just as you and Pat did, I truly appreciated you guys. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for simply being yourself.

Love you always, and I will carry your memory with me forever. memories.

Michael Alston - June 20 at 01:03 PM

DP

“ My Daddy was a lover of music in all its forms. From classical and country to heavy metal, jazz, pop, rap, reggae, and rock 'n' roll, he appreciated the beauty and artistry found in every genre. Music brought him joy, inspiration, and connection.



One of Daddy's lifelong dreams was to learn how to play the piano. After retiring and finding a little more time for himself, he turned that dream into reality by taking piano lessons. Watching him pursue a goal he had carried for so many years was inspiring.

Thank you, Daddy, for always leading by example and showing us that dreams do not have an expiration date. Your life reminded us that it is never too late to learn, grow, and expand our horizons. Your love of life, music, and personal growth will continue to inspire us for years to come. I look forward to you sharing the new sounds you discover in heaven. Your loving Daughter Dana ❤️🎹🎵

Dana Paul - June 15 at 04:12 AM

AB

“ To the family and loved ones of Earl Hackney Jr.,

May you feel surrounded by love, comfort, and peace as you honor Earl's life and legacy. Isaiah 43:2 reminds us:

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned.”

May you know that even in this moment you do not walk alone. The love Earl shared, the memories created, and the joy he brought remain as a lasting presence in your hearts.

May strength carry you, love surround you, and cherished memories bring you moments of peace and even laughter in the days ahead.

I will forever remember his warm smile and his laughter that transformed anyone in his presence.

With love and prayers. Anicia and the Blake Family.

Anicia Blake - June 14 at 01:35 AM

DP

Thank you we appreciate your support.

Dana Paul - June 15 at 06:19 PM

TH

“ *Earl my brother
First Thank you for welcoming me into the family.
I will always remember how you light up the room with your joy and
laughter.
I remember calling you shorty and allowing you to call me “Bama
Rama” the nickname my daddy gave me, That was a bonding
moment.💙
My last memory is visiting you last April, and while Bobby played the
guitar we all sang along with you one of your favorite songs... Wake
Up Everybody.
That day is with me forever.*

*Love you Earl
Rest In Paradise.
Tam*

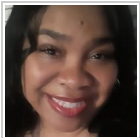
Tammy Hackney - June 13 at 10:24 PM

BH

“ *1 file added to the album EARL*

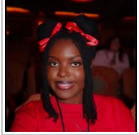


Bobby Dean Hackney - June 12 at 07:42 PM



“ *Daddy, I’m so grateful to have had you in my life. You have poured
so much into me and given me so much insight on life. I Love you
forever! You will be missed but your legacy will continue!*

Dorian Hackney - June 11 at 07:46 PM



“ To my Papa,

I will miss your laughter and wide smile. You were truly joy personified. Until we meet again. I love you - Princess Nadia :)



Nadia Paul - June 03 at 08:54 PM

LP

To Dana, Nadia and the Hackney Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts, love and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love you, Lesa Porter

Lesa Porter - June 03 at 09:49 PM

MH

Ok Lump I'm really going to miss that laugh when I be talking to you and I say Sugar Lump you will bust out. I'm going to miss you with every fiber in me. You were the rock of the family. As a kid you will fuss and walk in the great Hackney way. You were there no matter what we was going through, we could always count on you. And even though you "I guess at rest" because you are there with David and the rest of the family. You my first cousin are at peace. And I will always love and miss you.

Mozella Hackney - June 07 at 07:06 PM

DC

“ *I am so sorry for your families loss! Mrs Hackney - sending you hugs and prayers. He was a great guy!*

Diane Clare - June 03 at 08:23 PM

DP

Thank you Diane for the hugs and prayers.

Dana Paul - June 15 at 06:21 PM

TN

Hello, I have many good memories of Earl, and I often see his mother, Majora. She went to visit his mom in Florida for a family reunion, and I remember wearing my hearing aid to hear Earl's loud voice. I'm real deaf, but he always had the biggest smile on his face and was a funny man. Earl was my mother's nephew, and I'm his cousin. I miss his face expression, laugh, voice, and smile. I'm praying for the Hackney family. Love, cousin Tina 🙏🙏🙏

Tina Noland - June 18 at 12:57 PM