

## *He Is Gone*

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will not come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he is gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he wants:  
Smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

—Evelyn Robinson



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### **TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.**

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## *Acknowledgment*

The family of Melvin Hykes wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

—The Hykes Family

### **REPAST:**

Wildewood Christian Church  
6900 N. Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

## *Homegoing Celebration for Melvin Hykes, Sr.*

**SUNRISE**

June 26, 1961

**SUNSET**

March 8, 2020



### **SERVICES**

Friday, March 13, 2020 — 2:30 p.m.

### **EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

2801 N. Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Minister JoAnn Hunt  
Officiating



## Obituary

Melvin Hykes was born on June 26, 1961 to Willie Ella Hykes (deceased) and Austin Wells in Robinsonville, MS. He was the oldest of two sons by his mother.

Melvin grew up in Los Angeles, CA where he attended Locke High School. He was an aspiring baseball player throughout his high school years. He played the position of short stop. He graduated from Locke in 1979.

Melvin later relocated to Oklahoma City, OK to be near his mother. He worked mostly in construction until his health failed.

Melvin loved spending time with his family and looked forward to family reunions and other family gatherings. He often talked about moving back to California, a place near and dear to his heart.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three sons: Melvin Hykes, Jr. of California, Marcel Hykes of Arizona, and Decota Hykes of Tulsa, OK; one daughter, Ashlie Ayana of California; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Rickie Phillips of Marietta, OK; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading  
Old and New Testament . . . . . Bro. Calvin Webb, *Uncle*

Prayer . . . . . Rev. James Reed

Musical Selection

Resolutions/  
Acknowledgement . . . . . Mrs. Rhonda Anthony, *Cousin*

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Words of Comfort . . . . . Minister JoAnn Hunt

Video Tribute

Music Selection

Parting View . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

