



George Matthew Hill

February 6, 1931 - December 22, 2023

George Matthew was born on February 6, 1931 to the late John and Celia Hill, in Lexington, Kentucky, the middle son of seven children. George was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 22, 2023, peacefully at his home in Lexington at the age of 92.

George gave his life to the Lord when he was 6 years old, at the Star of Bethlehem Church in 1937. As a longtime member, George was promoted to the position of Church Treasurer and Trustee where he faithfully served for 40+ years. He also had two special songs that he sang at church which were, "Because He Lives" and "How Great Thou Art." He was an avid reader of the Bible and attended church service every Sunday until his health would no longer permit him to do so.

He attended Fayette County Public Schools and graduated from the original Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School with the class of 1950. After graduation, he became an employee with Ball Homes. George then branched out, opening his own home

improvement

business. This allowed him to build his own home, as well as building additions onto the

homes of his neighbors in his North End neighborhood.

George always proved himself to be an achiever. In 1951, George decided to join the

United States Air Force. Throughout his service, he was a top performer.

While stationed in

Wisconsin, he was entrusted as the Head Officer of the Bunco Club until he was reassigned to

Southeast Asia. It was at that time that George was promoted to Staff Sergeant. He oversaw the

construction of Air Force bases in Thailand, and there he met and married Lek Maharuansong.

He was able to retire in 1971 after 20 years of honorable service to his country.

After returning home to Lexington, he enrolled in business school where he earned

his associate degree and graduated at the top of his class. On Mother's Day of 1979, George

opened Lexington's first and only Black-owned florist, quaintly called Hill & Hill Florist, along

with his brother, Charles aka "Chicken," and his wife, Lek. He formed relationships with

countless churches of all denominations in the city and was featured in the local Lexington

Herald-Leader newspaper when Hill & Hill Florist was awarded, "Business Of The Year."

George prepared an infinite amount of flowers for a great number of families, weddings,

holidays and other special occasions, never turning away anyone in need.

George was renowned for his kindness, selflessness, humility and good-natured character by all who knew him or had the privilege to be in his presence. He was a huge family man and enjoyed being surrounded by his family members as much as possible. George will be especially remembered for being genuine, kind and loyal to his religion. He was a humble Man of God and a true, "one of a kind" gentleman that touched many lives and will truly be missed.

Besides his parents, George was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Lek Hill; his grandparents John & Sallie Hill (of Georgia); five of his siblings, John, Esther, Ruth, Charles and Rebecca; and his namesake grandson, Clyde Matthew Carr.

George is survived by his three daughters, Dorothy Price, Donna Smith and Ladda "April" (James Y.) Hill; six granddaughters, Victoria Hill, Chavae (Melvin) Mock, Veonca (Austin) Hill, Samantha (Darrell) Cox and Jayla Hill Young; 10 great-grandchildren, Sierra, Ashley, Talyr, Isayah, Makhalia, Alissa, Maia, Malik, Marcello and Dezeray; one brother, James Hill; five bonus granddaughters and two bonus great-grandsons; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Cemetery Details

Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6080 Danville Rd
Nicholasville, KY

Previous Events

Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Star of Bethlehem Church
609 Lagonda Avenue
Lexington, KY 40505