



Robert Searcy Hughley Jr.

June 25, 1960 - February 13, 2026

Robert S. Hughley, Jr., affectionately known as “Doolum,” was born on June 25, 1960, and went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 13, 2026. From the very beginning, his life was marked by warmth, resilience, and a spirit that could light up any room. Baptized at Main Street Baptist Church, Robert’s foundation of faith remained an anchor throughout his life.

A proud graduate of Tates Creek High School, Class of 1978, Robert carried his Commodore pride with him always. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Carlos Albizu University in 2004, a testament to his determination, discipline, and belief that it is never too late to pursue your goals.

Robert had a deep love for life’s simple joys. He loved to travel, to explore new places, make new friends, express himself through fashion and found comfort and celebration in music.

Whether it was the rhythm of a favorite song or the hum of laughter among friends, music was part of the soundtrack of his life.

As a former employee of Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS), Robert

touched the lives of countless students. He was more than a staff member, he was a presence. Known for his charisma, lighthearted personality, and sharp sense of humor, he had a way of making people feel seen and valued.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Hughley, Sr. and Ernestine Hughley, and a brother, Ronald Lee Hughley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved siblings: Sylvester (Cynthia) Walker, Marvin (Bobbi) Walker, Barbara Hughley-Ray, and Donald "Bean" Hughley.

His greatest pride and enduring legacy are his children: his daughter, Shelley (Markieth) Tyler-Smith, and his son, Joshua (Destiny) Hughley. Through them, his values, laughter, and strength continue.

Robert was also blessed with a circle of loyal, lifelong friends: Keven Weathers, Darryl Jones, Ron Hargette, Vince Taylor, Paul Caise, Durrell Dunn, Lynferd Morton and Claude Weathers. Their bond was built on brotherhood, shared stories, and unwavering support.

Robert "Doolum" Hughley lived fully. He loved deeply. He laughed often. His legacy is not only in the milestones he achieved, but in the hearts he touched along the way. He will be remembered for his bright smile, his humor, his generosity, and the way he carried himself with style, authenticity and heart.

Previous Events

A celebration of life memorial

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

St John Baptist Church
511 Thurman Dr
Lexington, KY 40505-1536
(859) 294-5646

Visitation 11am-12pm

Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Thirty years ago, I was a young man trying to figure life out. I had dropped out of college, gone to barber school, and was cutting hair just trying to make ends meet. I met a lot of people during that time, but one distinguished man truly changed the direction of my life, Mr. Rob Hughley.*

In 1998 I was preparing to become a father at 25, I had no clear plan. I knew barbering wasn't my long-term path, but I didn't know what was.

One day Rob came into the shop with a newspaper and told me about something called MCSE. We sat there going through job listings, seeing how many opportunities were asking for that skill. He told me it might be something I should look into.

That conversation planted a seed that changed my life.

*Rob played a major part in the path I chose and the man I became.
Thank you Rob!*

Rest in peace, my brother. 🙏

Ron - February 22 at 03:58 AM

AT

“ *You touched so many lives — including mine. Our moms were friends so we go way back. Rest In Paradise, my brother!*

Angela Duerson Tuck - February 21 at 05:32 PM

MB

“ Robert S Doolum Hughley Jr was like a brother to me him and his entire family were and are forever great people,his parents were excellent and true to everyone they met ,he ll be missed and I just thank God for the Time we had in this life,

Mark Byrd Byrd - February 21 at 03:59 PM

SW

“ To every follower of the LORD there comes a time when the voice of God will say, "WELCOME HOME"... Take your rest "Doolum"..



Sarah I Whitney - February 21 at 12:45 PM

RC

“ I was 14 years on a city bus to Fayette Mall by myself. There were 2 girls that started picking with me and saying mean things to me. Out of the back of the bus were two male voices. Leave that girl alone! Then Doodlum and Donald walked up to my seat and introduced themselves. Told me that I was safe and not worry that I was going to ok. Told the two girls that they apparently knew to stop bullying me and never speak to me like that again. At that moment I met my Brothers for life! I love, respect and miss you much. Thanks for always looking out for my Asthmatic daughter Azaria at Bryanstation. You will always be my Family till my last breath. 🙏🙏



Robin Conner - February 21 at 08:57 AM

JB

“ My favorite memory of Mr. Hughley, was when he saw me skipping school at Wendy’s and made me go back and specifically said “get your food and head on back” I replied “yes sir” (of course with no intention of heading back initially) his immediate response to that was “ when I get back, I’m going to check to see if you’re there” lol. He was always encouraging us to do the right thing, keep a cool head, and be good. Thank you for all the constant love and support you showed us in school, you will be missed dearly and heaven has gained a real angel! Once a defender, ALWAYS a defender!



Jazmyn Burtes - February 20 at 11:37 PM

NS

“ This one here, is really hard! Doolum all I can say is, you were the epitome of what Black Excellence in a Black Man looks like. A highly respected Gentleman & Scholar. You are a Legend to all who knew. A pillar of your community. We all have lost Jewel. You will be greatly missed My Friend. Take Your Rest In Peace. We Love Doolum! 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️
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Prayers to your Family & Friends. Our Deepest Love & Sympathy Going Out To You All.



Nyetta Silverburg - February 19 at 05:11 PM

FS

“ Fannie Silverburg lit a candle in memory of Robert Searcy Hughley Jr.



Fannie Silverburg - February 19 at 04:56 PM

FS

“ *Rest In Peace My Beloved Friend. Gone But Never Ever Forgotten. We Will Love & Miss You and You Will Always Be In Our Etched In Our Hearts.*

My Deepest Condolences, Love, & Prayers Go Out To His Family & Friends.

May Your Pain Go Away, But Your Memories Stay.



Fannie Silverburg - February 19 at 04:54 PM

LF

“ *I praise God for allowing us to talk and laugh a few weeks ago! Rest well my forever friend — all the way back to those days at Constitution Elementary!*💜🕊️



Lezlie Gateskill Fishback - February 19 at 10:50 AM

LW

“ *MY MOST FOND MEMORY OF DOOLUM WAS THE WAY THAT HE CARED FOR HIS MOM (MS. TEEN) IN EVERYWAY. I WAS ABLE TO WITNESS THIS WITH MY OWN EYES. HE WILL ALWAYS HAVE MY DEEPEST "RESPECT". R.I.P. DOOLUM LINDA JONES WHITE* 🙏🙏🌟

LINDA JONES WHITE - February 19 at 09:34 AM

MA

“*Condolences and prayers to the family, I cherish the memories of Doolum and the family. Memories from High school and College are even more memorable because of Doolum, he made every event more fun and did or said something that made the event memorable. Your loss is our loss and we our memories will get us through this time of sorrow.*

*Love,
Thurston (Byrd)*

Malaby - February 18 at 02:20 PM