



## W. Michael Hughes, MD

November 12, 1954 - August 24, 2022

W. Michael Hughes, MD, age 67 died unexpectedly Wednesday, August 24, 2022. He was born November 12, 1954, the son of the late Dr. Elmo K. and Mrs. Virginia Hughes.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Donna Marlene Roberts, three sons, Dr. William Michael Hughes Jr. and wife Holly, Reverend Robert Christopher Hughes, and Stephen Peyton Hughes, three grandchildren Elijah Michael, Scarlett Elise and Easton Rhett Hughes, sister Dianne Earle and husband Barry, brother Thomas Jeffrey Hughes and wife Donna, stepmother Rachel Hughes and stepsister Vicki Chrysler. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by brother Elmo Hughes Jr. and grandson Ezra James Hughes.

Dr. Hughes was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine class of 1981 and completed his Family Medicine residency at the UofL Department of Family Medicine. During the first month of training he fell in "love at first sight" with a fellow resident, and they were married two years later. Upon completion of residency Dr. Hughes followed in the footsteps of his father, maintaining his independent solo practice at 6503 Dixie Highway where he worked until his premature retirement in 2019. Many patients from the 1950's love to recall seeing both generations of Hughes physicians there and how much they regret the office closed.

Family rituals were important to Dr. Hughes. Sitting down for the evening meal together and grilling on Sunday evenings allowed him to always remind his sons “I don’t care what you decide to do as a career but do the best you can at whatever it is.” Dinner was so important that he stepped up to learn new cooking skills and explore different recipes. He was so excited to teach his sons to fish at Lake Barkley, making many happy memories. His idea of a good family vacation was a road trip to a historical site so everyone could learn something or a relaxing beach trip. He loved scuba diving after being certified in 1994, and it was the only vacation that could get him on a plane. Patients learned that at least one winter vacation would mean new stories about the trip.

Illness and forced retirement were a difficult adjustment for him, but his new response to anyone who asked was, “I’m okay, I’m alright, God’s got a plan for me.” Always a reader of history and collector of books, he focused on reading daily devotionals, biographies, the Wall Street Journal from front to back and encouraging his family to read them too. The family would like to thank everyone who has called, sent a message, said a prayer, or stopped in for a visit since his death.

Visitation will be 10:00 – 2:00 P.M. Saturday at Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy. with funeral services at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the funeral Home. Cremation was chosen.

Memorial gifts to Beechland Baptist Church Coins for Christ.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation to Follow**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

### Funeral Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I am sorry to hear about Dr Hughes. I was a patient of Dr Elmo, Dr Michael and Dr Donna. Really miss him being my doctor. Rest In Peace and prayers for his family.

Cheri Horn - October 24, 2022 at 11:28 PM

ER

I'm 60 years old now born in 1963 and went to Dr. Elmo Hughes and Dr. Michael Hughes they were true physicians I thank God for them.

Eric - May 13, 2024 at 04:30 PM

CP

“ Chris and Janie Pitcock purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



Chris and Janie Pitcock - September 01, 2022 at 03:09 PM

NS

“ Donna and family.....Don and I wish to add our sympathy for the loss of you dear husband...our prayers are with you ...God bless. Don and Nancy Swikert

Nancy Swikert - September 01, 2022 at 05:04 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.*



August 31, 2022 at 06:54 AM



“ *Dianne, you and your family have my heart and my prayers at this trying time. I know how you will miss your brother and know your children will also miss their uncle. It was nice to read about his family values and the family fun he enjoyed. I may have only known him as a kid, but that was a true blessing. Ray*

**Raymond Roelandt** - August 30, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.*



August 30, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Dianne, I am so very sorry! My prayers are with you and your family in the passing of your dear brother. Dianne Grubbs (BSHS)*

**Dianne Grubbs** - August 30, 2022 at 09:20 AM

TL

“ So very sorry Donna for you loss, sincere love and prayers cuz.



Teresa Foley Lester - August 30, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



August 29, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



August 29, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



August 27, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DH

“ Donna and TJ Hughes. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



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**Donna and TJ Hughes.** - August 27, 2022 at 12:34 PM

RF

“ Rick and Cathy Davis and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of W. Michael Hughes, MD.



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**Rick and Cathy Davis and family** - August 27, 2022 at 08:49 AM

CP

“ Cindy Peak lit a candle in memory of W. Michael Hughes, MD



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**Cindy Peak** - August 26, 2022 at 07:03 PM