



## Laurie Preston Dicks Sr

October 30, 1930 - November 8, 2016

Mr. Laurie Preston Dicks Sr., 86, a longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2016, at Infinity Hospice Care. Deacon Dicks, as he was known by family and friends of the church, was a member of Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. He was a devout Christian and was a spiritual leader in his church.

Born on 30 October 1930, to Willie and Hattie Lee Dicks of Elko, South Carolina. Laurie was the 10th of 14 children.

Mr. Laurie P. Dicks Sr., entered the military service, where he served 27 years through the Korean and Vietnam wars in the United States Army from 1953-1955, and the United States Air Force from 1955-1979, where he earned the ranks of Private First Class, and into the Top Three Ranks of Master Sergeant, respectively.

He retired in 1979 from active duty in the United States Air Force, where he was the Superintendent of Maintenance Analysis in the field of Aerospace Weapons Systems. While performing service to his country and caring for his family, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Maryland. He continued working, as a civilian, until he retired from Anteon systems in 1999.

A loving and very involved father, Laurie coached his sons in little league and American Legion baseball throughout military assignments both in the United States and abroad.

Laurie is survived by his wife Autrie Nell Dicks of 61 years, his eldest son, Laurie Preston Dicks Jr.; his second son, Michael Dicks; his only daughter, Karen Regina Dicks-Crump; and his third son, Derrick Orlando Dicks of Las Vegas, Nevada. Laurie is also survived by 6 grandchildren: Laurie P. Aaron Dicks III, Kevin Crump, Kaleb Crump, Andrea Dicks, Latoya Cole, Preston Joseph Dicks, and 17 great-grandchildren.