



Dr. Myrtle E. Hightower

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Dr. Myrtle Hightower, was born in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, March 11th, on a farm, to loving parents along with four brothers & sisters. She learned early to remain positive and to be kind to others.

Dr. Hightower, graduated from high school at the tender age of 15 and enrolled in Langston

University, where she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She would

later graduate with a degree in English.

Dr. Hightower went on to earn a Master of Teaching degree from Northeastern State University

and a PhD from the University of Cincinnati. Her credentials include a teacher, as well as library certification.

Dr. Hightower held many positions in education in Oklahoma including Dean of Women at her

Alma Mater Langston University. Additionally, over the course of 30 years, Dr. Hightower served

McKinney and Plano Independent School District. In 1997, she retired from education.

She served on many communities and boards throughout the state and has been honored with

numerous awards. To name a few, she was selected as one of Plano's 100 Heros, a Collin

College Living Legend and a recipient of the Texas Hero for Children Award in



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Austin, Texas.

In 2010, the PISD School Board officially renamed the John and Myrtle Hightower Elementary

School in recognition of her commitment to education. Dr. Hightower served as a committee

member for the Plano Library Foundation, the Plano Housing Board, and the Plano Board of

Adjustment, among many others.

In 2020, during a powerful tribute, Dr. Hightower received Plano's Key to the City by former

Mayor Harry LaRosiliere. To highlight her numerous diversity and Community Service Awards,

Plano ISD extended a 2023 Lifetime Diversity Award for her invaluable contributions to

education, children and communities.

Dr. Hightower is survived by her two children, Bessie Coffey & Johnnie Burnside; (9) grandchildren, (15)

great-grandchildren and host of family and friends.



Events


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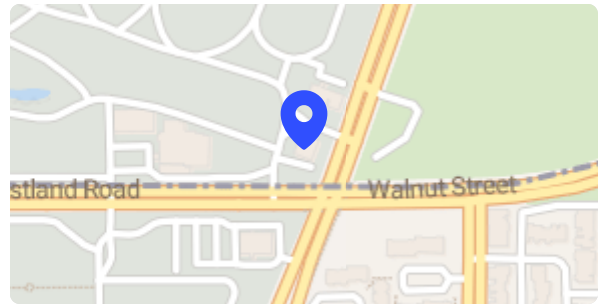
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Calling Hours

 **Friday**, November 8, 2024

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Memorial Chapel at Restland Memorial Park**
13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243

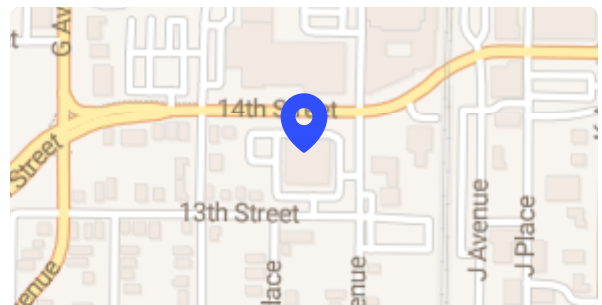


Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, November 9, 2024

 11:00 AM CT

 **Shiloh Missonary Baptist Church**
920 14th St, Plano TX 75074





Tribute Wall

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Donna Fenton posted:

We can only support the accolades that have been given in memory of Dr. Myrtle Hightower. She was a teacher, counselor and mentor to so many in and out of the classroom. She enhanced the lives of so many by her input on so many boards and committees. We salute her memory and devotion. Plano Retired Teachers Association

November 21 at 9:27 PM



Nathan Hicks shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



November 8 at 10:11 PM



From Patricia Humphress Bolton sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hightower family.



November 6 at 5:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Hightower family.



November 6 at 4:29 PM



Hightower Elementary School & Pta sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Hightower family.



November 5 at 5:12 PM



Pinkie Hicks posted:

Dr. Hightower, was always mom to me and my family. She was always at the head of the table in the Hicks home. We will miss her place at the table, RIP mom. I got you always :pray::skin-tone-4::pray::skin-tone-4::pray::skin-tone-4:

November 5 at 1:33 AM



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November 8 at 10:11 PM







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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Myrtle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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