

Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon Ross Nicholas would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love, prayers, and kind words during this time. May God bless each of you.

The Family

Special Thanks

Bishop David C. Cooper, Co-Pastor Nina Cooper

The New Hope Church Family

Otha & Zaita Caddy

Brother Michael & Elder Ellen Bellamy

Deacon Burnell Jamerson

Albuquerque Police Department Chaplains

Reverend N.D. Smith and Daniels Funeral Home

Sister Angela Woods & Elder Melissa Lott

Services Entrusted To:

Daniel Family Funeral Services

Albuquerque, New Mexico

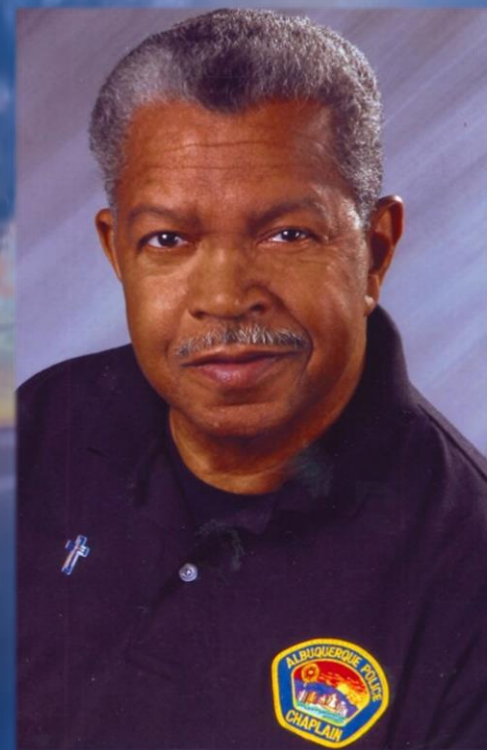
Favorite Scripture

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many [a]mansions; if it were not so, [6]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

John 14:1-4



Celebration of Life *Ross Walter Nicholas*



Sunrise

April 21, 1942

Sunset

February 2, 2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | 11:00 AM

New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church
1901 Pennsylvania Street NE | Albuquerque, NM
Bishop David C. Cooper, Senior Pastor & Officiant
Elder Nina M. Cooper, Co-Pastor

Obituary

Ross Walter Nicholas was born on April 21, 1942 in Columbia, Pennsylvania to Ross Foster Nicholas and Ann Elizabeth Nicholas. He graduated from Columbia High School and then attended Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology where he graduated in 1962. After graduation, Ross became an employee at General Electric (GE). Ross served in the United States Air Force for 20 years and retired in 1984. He then completed his career working with GE and Lockheed Martin until he retired. Upon retirement, Ross and his family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After moving to Albuquerque, Ross became a faithful member of New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church. He was often found supporting the ministry of New Hope in many capacities with excellence. Ross served faithfully as a Deacon for more than 20 years. In that capacity, he helped developed and implemented many programmatic and spiritual endeavors that advanced both church and community. Ross was a very committed member of the board of directors for New Hope Christian Academy. He gave liberally of his time helping with transportation and mentoring of students, working on the physical property, and other areas as needed. As leader of New Hope/New Life Ministry (Project Share), Ross took great joy in others joining in to feed the homeless in both body and soul. Ross also enjoyed helping to feed our church congregation on numerous occasions, he was known as great chef and by many for his banana pudding.

Ross served as a volunteer Albuquerque Police Department (APD) Chaplain for 12 years, 2007-2019. Along with his chaplain duties, he used his cooking skills with other APD Chaplains to prepare several holiday meals throughout the years for the APD police officers and employees to say "Thanks" for their service in the ABQ community.

Ross went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ross Foster Nicholas and Ann Elizabeth Nicholas and sister, Eleanor Sweeney.

Ross is survived by his wife of 41 years, Rebecca Vandergriff; brother, Barry Nicholas; sister, Eugenie Simmons and her husband, Ronnell Simmons; daughters Celianna and Alexandria; stepchildren, Ryan and Lisa; sister-in-law, Linda Karnes and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Ross also leaves a host of friends he loved dearly.

Ross loved God, loved his family and friends. He loved to serve others with the spirit of excellence. He loved his dogs and loved helping others. He loved cooking and had a passion to learn all he could about cooking. We have been blessed by God to have Ross in our lives. We have memories of our times of laughter and hope. Ross will be missed, but we rejoice because we know he is in Heaven with God.

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy & Family
Old Testament	Minister George Lyons
New Testament	Elder Ellen Bellamy
Prayer	Elder Gwen Mosley
Selection	New Hope Choir
Obituary	Elder Melissa Lott
Resolution & Acknowledgements	Sister Jackie White
Selection	Sister Zaita Caddy
Remarks & Special Presentations	
New Hope Church	Co-Pastor Nina Cooper
Deacons	Elder Stan Mosley
Police Chaplains	Deacon Burnell Jamerson
Clergy Remarks	Barbara Tegmeier
Family Videos	Pastor Richard Mansfield
Family Remarks	District Overseer L. Roy Jamerson
	Robert Poindexter, Cousin
	Nicole McKinney, Niece
Selection	New Hope Choir
Special Memories	Family Photographs
Words of Encouragement	Bishop David C. Cooper
Benediction	Bishop David C. Cooper

Private Repast by Invitation Only