



George Edwin Hicks

March 1, 1919 - February 29, 2016

George Edwin Hicks, age 97, of Murphysboro passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, February 29, 2016.

He was born to Rufus and Myrta (Livingston) Hicks on March 1, 1919 in Farmersville, Illinois.

He married Audrey Lou Duty on June 20, 1948. Together they shared 47 years of marriage. She preceded him in death on December 22, 1995.

George graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1939.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in 1942 serving in the European Theatre during World War II and the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1952 as a Master Sargent.

After returning from the war, he worked for Brubaker Truitt in Hillsboro, Illinois as the Parts Manager and Ken Goby Chevrolet in Newman, Illinois as Parts & Service Manager. In 1968 he went to work for the University of Illinois Housing Division and retired in 1984.

In December of 1993, George and Audrey moved from Newman to Murphysboro to be close to family.

He loved working outdoors in his garden and watching birds. He made lifelong friends wherever he lived and always had candy bars in his pocket to share. He had a good sense of humor, always had a good joke to tell and loved being with his family. He was a dedicated St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed his weekly RFD TV shows. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 127 in Murphysboro.

George is survived by his children, John (Cindy) Hicks of Herrin, IL and Marilyn (Bruce) Kramer of Keystone, CO; grandchildren, Cassie (Rob) Nelson of Parker, CO; Marissa (Jerry Tidwell Jr.) Kramer of McKinney, TX; Hannah (Scott) Brown of Winooski, VT and Danielle (Chris) Pantoja of Austin, TX; Amelia Hicks of Herrin, IL; great-grandchild, John Michael Nelson of Parker, CO; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Ray Hicks, Eileen Speakman and Amber L. Coady.

Funeral Services will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with full military honors accorded.

Memorials can be made to Celtic Hospice or to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Thank you to Annie, Bobbi and the Dialysis Nurses for their care and support.

As George always said "Good Stuff Maynard."

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Tribute Wall



“ *George Edwin Hicks*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bill & Claudia Brown purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of George Edwin Hicks.*



Bill & Claudia Brown - March 03, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ *Scott purchased the Fairest of All for the family of George Edwin Hicks.*



Scott - March 03, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ *Toni Rickenberg lit a candle in memory of George Edwin Hicks*




Toni Rickenberg - March 03, 2016 at 01:52 PM

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Thinking of a great man today. Prayers for strength and peace for those who loved him ❤️ He will be missed 😞

Toni Rickenberg - March 03, 2016 at 01:54 PM

 Bobbi Chaney

“ *Bobbi Chaney lit a candle in memory of George Edwin Hicks*



Bobbi Chaney - March 03, 2016 at 01:11 PM

 Bobbi Chaney

“ *Oh my dear sweet papa. I miss you so much but i know the time had come. I know you were ready and at peace. Thank you for the last years I was able to spend with you! We shared Many of laughs and stories, I remember the time I took you fishing, you caught that tiny fish. I have many of memories of you that I am so happy to have. Rest well my sweet papa. You lived your life! Love you papa forever and always!*

Bobbi Chaney - March 03, 2016 at 01:11 PM

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“ *John and Rosemary purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George Edwin Hicks.*



John and Rosemary - March 02, 2016 at 01:47 PM