



I love you Poppy with all my heart - Tyce

I just want you to know I love you and you are healed now in Heaven. - Ariana

My comforter, protector and hero. You are everything to me. The love and bond that we have is eternal. I can never thank you enough for choosing to be my dad. You are the best and I love you forever. . .LaTausha

My dad was a great man who helped everyone, never asking for anything in return. He will forever be missed by family and others who knew him. - John A.

Pallbearers

Michael Dean
Kenneth Hicks
Chris Hicks

Reiko Knight
John A. Hicks
Louis Hicks

Honorary Pallbearers

Tyce Knight
Gilbert Hicks
Dr. Mark Hicks

Alfred Hicks
Lowell Hicks
Brent Wade

J.W. Gaulding

Honorary Flower Bearers

Shy Knight
Michelle Gaulding
Karen Cross

Ariana Knight
LaTausha Hicks
Renee Knight-Reid

Acknowledgment

The family of John LaRue Hicks expresses their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

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"We Care"

Celebrating The Life of John Hilden DeLane Hicks



*Sunrise
February 7, 1935*

*Sunset
August 24, 2019*

*Graveside Services
Saturday, August 31, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.*

Clearview Cemetery

Okemah, Oklahoma

Reverend Michael Hicks - Officiating

Obituary

John Hilden Delane Hicks was born February 7, 1935 in Clearview, Oklahoma. He was the seventh of fourteen children born to Chester Arthur Hicks (1885-1955) and Jessie Mae Hunt Hicks (1900-1991). He attended Rock Creek Elementary School in Okfuskee County. The Hicks family later moved to Bearden, where John graduated from Boley High School.

John later moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His love for cowboys and westerns was undeniable. He gave himself the middle name LaRue, after Lash Larue, a popular motion picture cowboy star of the 1940's-1950's. He had a voice that could belt out any Hank Williams song ever recorded. He was a country man at heart, filled with many stories to keep you laughing and entertained. John was an avid domino player and bowler. He was a hard working man working for Western Electric, he owned his own Bar-B-Que business at one point and later became a self-employed parking lot owner.

At the age of 22, John met Leona M. Barnes of Lawton, Oklahoma and married July 5, 1957. Out of their union two children were born, Sharon K. Hicks-Dean and John A. Hicks. John and Leona lived together for many years before amicably parting ways in 1970.

In 1976, John met and married Sherri Winston of Holdenville, Oklahoma. To this union no children were born. John was a devoted husband until Sherri preceded him in death in October 2010.

John accepted Christ at an early age. He praised his heavenly Father daily and he was prepared for the day the Lord would call him home to His heavenly kingdom. In the last years leading up to his passing, John spent his days in the loving care of his daughter Sharon Dean and son-in-law Michael. He looked forward to his daily entertainment from his great grandchildren Ariana and Tyce Knight.

On August 24th, the Lord spoke to John and told him it was time. He passed peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family.

John leaves behind to cherish his memories, his daughters, Sharon Hicks (Michael) Dean, LaTausha Hicks and son John A. Hicks; granddaughter Shaeshia (Reiko) Knight and grandson Kyson Ashford Hicks; two great grandchildren, Ariana and Tyce Knight; as well as a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and relatives near and far.



Release Me

Release me, let me go.

*I have so many things to see and do.
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love and you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile, if grieve you must
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories with in your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
and if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home".*

Order of Service

Opening Prayer Minister Michael R. Hicks
Testimony Minister Michael R. Hicks
Scripture Minister Michael R. Hicks
Scripture Deacon Paul Hicks
Song Reginald Knighton
Song Darrell Cross
Eulogy Minister Michael R. Hicks

To A Special Dad:

A smile for all and a heart of gold, one of the best this world could hold.

Never selfish, always kind, a beautiful memory left behind.

Words can't express how I feel. . .

I will miss our morning coffee and your corny jokes.

I thank God for blessing Michael and I to take care of you!

*Keep singing on in heaven Pops you have earned your wings,
for a job very well done, thank you for everything!*

Daddy you're always in my heart, fly high in the skies.

I know you are watching over us, God bless you and I love you!

- S.K.D. aka "Nanny Lou"

*A limb has fallen from our family tree. . . John LaRue Hicks, better
known as Poppy to me.*

A golden heart has stopped beating,

Hard working hands are at rest.

It broke my heart to see you go, but I know God only takes the best.

I keep hearing Poppy say, "Grieve not for me!"

Remember the best times, the laughter, and all of Hank Williams songs.

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"The good life I lived while I was strong!"

*I hear you Poppy, loud and clear. Thank you for all that you've taught
me throughout my 39 years. . .*

*Thank you for showing us what true strength and courage to fight looks
like. . .*

Until we meet again. . . I love you Popalops.

- Shaeshia