



## William Ardy Hicks

September 28, 1944 - December 23, 2023

William Ardy Hicks, age 79 of Cosby, passed away Saturday, December 23, 2023.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He was a graduate of ETSU and received his Masters in Education from UT.

A retired educator, he loved farming and being outside. He owned and operated a Christmas tree farm for many years and shared wonderful memories with families who came to pick trees from him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Newell and Mary Ella Hicks.

He is survived by his wife Diana S. Hicks of Cosby; two daughters Miriam Hicks of Cosby and Hannah (Matthew) Ivey of Strawberry Plains; one granddaughter Daphne Buckner of Nashville; and sister Sandra Hicks of Waynesville, NC.

Graveside Service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023 in Union Cemetery with Dr. Rich Lloyd officiating. Burial will follow.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ My deepest condolences to the Hicks family. Having known Bill and Diana for over forty years the memories are many and some join the ranks of so tales. Bill will always be dear in memory to me for the many wonderful visits which included walks on the farm, shared meals in the home and love of nature. To this day I still use some of Bill's recipes. Diana and family, my love and prayers are with you.

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**Elizabeth Watson** - January 25, 2024 at 06:16 AM

RW

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Early in my teaching career Bill was a mentor who modeled the importance of kindness and empathy for the needs of students. About fifty years later I still recall how calmly he dealt with the trials of classroom difficulties. So sorry for your loss

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**Randy Winter** - January 17, 2024 at 10:30 PM

AD

“ I've only known Bill for 3 years since 2020 when he signed me up to sell at the Newport Farmers Market but he & Diana welcomed me to their home & farm where I now have precious memories of picking vegetables, making muscadine jam, pickles & sauerkraut. We shared a love of cooking & eating & I loved to hear him tell me of the good old days of his growing up right there on the land he lived on. He was interesting & funny & kind & loved his family & his kitty Sylvester. The world has lost a wonderful human being & I have lost a dear, sweet friend.

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**Anna Dorroh** - December 30, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KM

“ Sending thoughts and prayers for the family. I worked with Bill at CCHS, enjoyed our visits. Keith Moyers

Keith Moyers - December 29, 2023 at 09:10 AM

JW

“ I remember walking through the trees and visiting the old house with Bill. There was also a particular time we shattered a tall mirror in your basement (sorry about that). Much love to you, Diana!

Jordan Woods-Robinson - December 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KS

“ I hated to read that Bill had passed away! Although we hadn't visited in quite some time, he was my teaching buddy! Loved eating his popcorn in the hallway as we chatted between classes as we “hall monitored!” He, Glenn Anders, Dorothy Gregg, and Linda McElhaney took me “under their wings” when I first started teaching! He was a good man and cared about his students. I think he was pretty fond of his family, also!! Thinking of all of you!!  
Karen Smith

Karen Smith - December 27, 2023 at 09:51 PM

SM

“ Diana, Hannah and Miriam - our hearts are broken for you all. Bill was such an amazing person and will be so terribly missed by all of us blessed to have known him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers! Much love.

Scott & Dawn Morgan - December 27, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Ardy Hicks.*



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December 27, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *From Sharon Erwin-Smart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Ardy Hicks.*

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**From Sharon Erwin-Smart** - December 27, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Jane High lit a candle in memory of William Hicks*



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**Jane Edwards High** - December 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *My prayers for your family for peace and comfort. Bill was responsible for my love of biology, leading to my becoming a nurse. He leaves a host of former students that he taught with patience and dedication. He was one of the BEST.*

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**Margaret Ball Shelton** - December 27, 2023 at 01:00 PM

CS

“ Diana and family, Patti and I are so sorry for your loss. I taught with Bill at CCHS and later always enjoyed our visits to the Hicks farm. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers!!  
Charlie & Patti Seehorn

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**charlie seehorn** - December 27, 2023 at 11:41 AM

RS

“ I am sorry, Diana. Chatting with Bill was always enjoyable. He was informed and thoughtful, and always had good ideas no matter the topic of conversation. Blessings to you.

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**Ray Snader** - December 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM

KS

“ Diana, Kathy Smith at the Community Center. So very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you honey 🙏

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**Kathy Smith** - December 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM

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“ Nancy Owens lit a candle in memory of William Hicks



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**Nancy Matthews Owens** - December 27, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SO

“ Many many prayers for the Hicks family. I am so sorry to read Bill Hicks had passed away. “Mr. Hicks” was my Biology teacher at CCHS. He was a wonderful educator, and he taught us in a way that made it very interesting. We all loved his class! He was such a good man..... always smiling and such a gentleman. God be with this family and give them comfort and strength in the days ahead. Rest In Peace Mr. Hicks



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**Susie O'Dell** - December 26, 2023 at 08:03 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to you all in the loss of Bill. He was a pleasure to work with at CCHS.

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**Duay O'Neil** - December 26, 2023 at 05:38 PM

JR

“ Diana and daughters, I am so sorry to hear of Bill 's passing.Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you.Love,June Russell



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**June Holt Russell** - December 26, 2023 at 03:56 PM