



## Parker A. Hicks, Jr.

August 14, 1925 - November 26, 2011

COLEBROOK, NH-- Mr. Parker A. Hicks, Jr. 86, of Colebrook, NH, passed away early Saturday morning, November 26, 2011, in the hospice room of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook with his loving family by his side.

Born in Columbia, NH, on August 14, 1925, to the late Parker A. Hicks, Sr. and Theresa (Clark) Hicks, Parker was a 1943 graduate of Colebrook Academy where he was Class President and excelled in basketball and baseball. He was in the Class of 1947 at Dartmouth College and a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. His education was interrupted by World War II, during which Parker served with honor in the U.S. Army Air Corps. While training in Texas at Ellington Field, he met his wife, Janet.

After his military service, Parker returned to Colebrook as joint owner in the family business, PA Hicks and Sons Hardware Store and Lumber Yard. He eventually sold his share of the family business and joined the US Customs Service. He retired in 1987 after 17 years of government service.

Parker was a proud Colebrook resident and active community member, serving several terms as school board member and town selectman.

Well rounded in his interests, Parker had traveled throughout most of the US

including Alaska. A well-known athlete – he loved to play tennis, golf, basketball, and ski, and was renowned for his ability to drive the third hole at the Colebrook Country Club, and to sink a flat-footed three pointer without even looking at the hoop. A private pilot, he was involved with Civil Air Patrol for many years. Lover of political debate, music, literature, math, engineering, architecture and computers, one family friend said, “I never laughed so hard or thought so hard with anyone else in my life than with Parker Hicks.”

PA instilled a respect for his craft and for hard work in his children and family inspiring and supporting them each to achieve in their individual strong suits (all shared interests of his own). His daughter was one of the Navy’s first female pilots and is a Captain and Assistant Chief Pilot for Continental Airlines, his son is a NH Supreme Court Justice and another son was a presidential scholar, Harvard graduate and is Managing Director for The Principal Financial Group. Another son is involved with politics in Concord, NH.

Parker was a true craftsman with a love of building and restoring homes and businesses--often working on homes built by his grandfather, AC Hicks. Parker and his crew (most often including one or more of his kids) worked at one time or another in most of the homes in Colebrook and throughout the region.

Parker is survived by his loving wife of 63½ years, Janet (Brakel) Hicks of Colebrook, NH; his four children, Pamela Hicks Krueger of Hillsborough, NJ, Gary Ellis Hicks and wife Patty of Manchester, NH, Dan Parker Hicks and husband, Mark of Plymouth, Mass., and Michael William Hicks of Concord, NH; his three grandchildren, Catherine Krueger Sullivan, Rebecca Hicks Gallup and James Gary Hicks; his two great-grandchildren, Cole Byron Sullivan and Chloe Ann Sullivan; and a brother, Richard Hicks and wife Olive of Colebrook.

A memorial service will be held at the Monadnock Congregational Church on Sunday, December 4, 2011, at 2 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment in the church vestry at 3 p.m. An interment service with military honors will be held in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mr. Hicks' memory to the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook NH, 03576, for the benefit of their hospice room.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church  
Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ My sincere sympathy to the Hicks family and all their extended family. Pastor Harry and I met this wonderful family when we came to Colebrook in 1968, and shared many good times together with the churches, Civil Air Patrol, and the District Court. His presence will be missed, but his spirit will surely live on through your wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Carol M. Bartlett##imported-end##

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December 10, 2011 at 10:51 AM



“ Dan,  
So sorry to hear about your father. My condolences to you and your family.  
Deb##imported-begin##Deb Lawton##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 05:12 PM



“ Dear Pam and all your family. My sincere condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Cindy (Noyes) and Robert Bissonnette##imported-begin##Cindy Bissonnette##imported-end##

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December 06, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ Our prayers are with all of you as you go through your loss. We dearly loved Parker - I remember him driving by our house to see if I was baking biscuits - and of course, they were "just for him."

We have many other memories of times with Janet and also with Catie growing up.

Love and God's peace be with all of you.##imported-begin##Larry and Priscilla Nelson##imported-end##

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December 03, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ Loving thoughts to all of the Hickses. Parker was a wonderful person and good friend to the Sutton family. Yes, he renovated our kitchen, too.##imported-begin##Lucille Sutton##imported-end##

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December 03, 2011 at 02:14 AM



“ Janet and Children,  
Please accept my sincere condolences. You must all be very proud of your wonderful husband and father.  
May he rest in peace.  
sincerely,  
Fatima##imported-begin##Fatima Polo Laperle##imported-end##

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December 02, 2011 at 10:55 PM



“ My sympathies to the family. Parker was a man full of fascinating stories. He was full of knowledge on just about anything, and yet was always eager to learn more, in my case we discussed computers and other electronics for hours on end. He made more of an impact on me than even he knew.##imported-begin##John Mansfield##imported-end##

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December 02, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ We wish the Hicks family comfort and peaceful hearts in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jan & Maureen Smith##imported-end##

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December 02, 2011 at 05:50 PM



“ Dan,  
I am so sorry for your loss. May the fond memories you and your family shared with your Dad sustain you during this difficult time.  
Andrea Hanlin  
Operations Manager  
Northeast Business Center  
Principal Financial##imported-begin##Andrea Hanlin##imported-end##

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December 02, 2011 at 03:23 PM



“ We were sorry to learn of Parker's death. We enjoyed working and talking with him and will miss him. He was a modern day "Renaissance Man", who could do anything and do it well. We're glad we got to spend some time with Parker this summer and will always remember his wit and sense of humor.##imported-begin##Patty and Les Klinefelter##imported-end##

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December 02, 2011 at 10:30 AM



“ *All our condolences to all the family##imported-begin##Francine & Andre Champagne##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ *My deepest sympanthy goes out to you and your entire family and friends.##imported-begin##Loretta McLean##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ *Dear Janet, We were so sorry to of Parker's passing. I'm so glad we got to know you two through Charlie and Sharon and that we got to go out to eat with you people. I will remember my visit with Parker while we had dinner this year. He was pretty perky that night. Our prayers are with you. George and Sally##imported-begin##George and Sally Masson##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2011 at 10:02 PM



“ *My sincere sympathies to the Hicks family members, extended family and dear close friends for the loss of a good father, good husband, friend and uniquely special grandfather and great grandfather. His gifts of special humor and gentless indicative of his generation will be sadly missed. Parker had a kind soul, and that is how he will be remembered by those of us who knew him. God Bless and love & light to the Hicks family!*

*Catherine & Samantha O'Connor  
Manassas, VA##imported-begin##Catherine O'Connor##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ Dan,  
So sorry to hear about your dad. Deepest condolences to you and the family during this sad time. We hope the memories of happier times and the support of friends will soon begin to ease your loss.  
M+D###imported-begin##Michael + Dana###imported-end##

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November 30, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ Gary - I am so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is, despite the fact that your dad lived a long and fruitful life, and served his country nobly as well. I wish you all the best during this difficult time - I'm sure he was very proud of your accomplishments.  
Hutch###imported-begin##Peter Hutchins###imported-end##

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November 29, 2011 at 01:12 PM



“ Our deepest condolences on the Hicks family loss. When I ran for selectman I would have meetings to find out what people wanted done differently and every time Parker would show up and offer his input. He really cared about this area.###imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes###imported-end##

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November 29, 2011 at 04:13 AM



“ Our thoughts go out to you, Janet, and the family on your loss. Parker was always there to give us a hand on flooring or wallpapering whenever we needed it. He was a wealth of information and we enjoyed visiting with him whenever we would meet. Dick has called him more than once to get some kind of formular or another to figure something out. He was a good Uncle and will be missed.

With sympathy,  
Dick and Joni##imported-begin##Richard & Joni Hicks##imported-end##

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November 28, 2011 at 08:11 PM



“ Richard & Olive, Dick & Joni, David & Cindy - many thoughts and prayers for you all on the loss of your brother and uncle. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

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November 28, 2011 at 04:28 PM



“ Janet, Pam, Judge, Dan & Mike -- We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a proud and dignified man and would most certainly want to be remembered that way. He did, however, always manage to crack some dry little remark and "smirk" as he walked away. We really enjoyed his humor and his wisdom. If there is anything that you need, please let us know. Jan & Phil##imported-begin##Phil and Jan (Daley) Corliss##imported-end##

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November 28, 2011 at 03:39 PM