



Richard W. Hicks, Sr.

September 30, 1926 - July 8, 2012

COLEBROOK, NH-- Mr. Richard W. Hicks, Sr., 85, prominent Colebrook businessman, died peacefully in his sleep at home on Sunday, July 8, 2012, surrounded by his wife Olive and their four children.

Richard was born in Colebrook, NH, on September 30, 1926, to the late Parker A. Hicks, Sr. and Theresa (Clark) Hicks. He attended Colebrook schools and was a 1944 graduate of Colebrook Academy. He went on to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a radioman on a ship based out of Pearl Harbor. He returned to Colebrook to marry his high school sweetheart, Olive Keach, in 1946 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. The Hicks' had recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Richard worked in the family business, P.A. Hicks & Sons, becoming sole proprietor of the lumber yard and hardware store in 1966. One of his proudest accomplishments was in constructing Colebrook's original rest area. He also started the Hick's Memorial business.

Richard and Olive raised four children: Alison, Katherine, Richard, Jr., and David. When their children were young, they enjoyed spending the summers at their camp on Lake Wallace, Vt., where their father shared his love of swimming, boating, and waterskiing with all of his children.

Richard was a self-educated man who was involved in numerous civic and political endeavors. He proudly served as a Democratic County Commissioner for Coos County, and he was on the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Colebrook for many years. He was also a life-long member of the American Legion, Post #62, serving as commander.

He had many interests that were pursued over his lifetime. He was a master bridge player who participated in many state tournaments, and he taught bridge lessons to numerous adult students. Up until the last year of his life, Richard enjoyed a stimulating bridge game. He, and a group of fellow businessmen, founded the John Gault Investment Club, and for many years, he enjoyed investing in, and following, the stock market. Richard was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing at the Colebrook Country Club and The Balsams where he was a member. Another life-long passion was his love of reading. Often he could be found reading several books simultaneously.

With their children grown, Richard and Olive purchased a home in Port Charlotte, Fla., where they spent their winters. While there, he pursued his hobbies of oil painting, playing the organ, boating on Florida's inter-coastal waterways, and caring for his citrus trees. His favorite tree was a prolific grapefruit tree that produced hundreds of grapefruits that he would ship north to his Colebrook friends. Another interest he had was his antique cars. He owned a 1930 Tudor and a 1928 Ford pick-up. He and Olive could be seen driving their vintage autos in parades and on Colebrook's back roads.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Olive, of Colebrook; his four children, Alison Hicks Sweatt and husband Van of Durham, Katherine Hicks Tremblay and husband Gabriel of Wolfeboro, Richard Hicks, Jr. and wife Joni of Colebrook, and David Hicks, Sr. and wife Cindy of Colebrook; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Parker A. Hicks, Jr., in 2011.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, from 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. An Episcopal funeral Mass will be held at St. Stephen's Church in Colebrook on Thursday, July 12, at 11 a.m., with The Rev. Marlyn Neary as celebrant. Interment will immediately follow with military honors at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Hicks may be made to one's choice of the Colebrook Public Library, P.O. Box 58, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Northwoods Home Health & Hospice, 120 Main St., Suite 5, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Parsons Street, NH Route 26
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ It saddens me to see the familiar faces of Colebrook's yesteryear passing on.
Of course as a well known figure from the days of my youth as we shopped in town, I only knew him as the shop keeper who played the organ. He left a wonderful legacy in his family who now operate the store with the same zest he did. My sympathy to the family and extended family.

Cindy Roy Hood##imported-begin##Cindy Hood##imported-end##

July 26, 2012 at 07:08 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mark and Sherrel Sandoe##imported-end##

July 23, 2012 at 04:59 PM



“ YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR FAMILIES THOUGHTS. YOU WILL MISSED VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS.##imported-begin##NANCY PURRINGTON##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 01:13 PM



“ I'll miss hearing, "Hi, Charlie. How you doing?" and seeing that grin of his. He called me Charlie for at least 30 years-told me I look more and more like my Dad as I get older. Richard said what he thought-I admired that about him-and he always said it with a smile (at least to me!). Olive, Dick, Joni, David, Cindy, Kathy, Gabe, Alison, Van and families, you are in my thoughts.
Sincerely, Rosey###imported-begin###Rosemary Mulliken###imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 11:28 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all.
Sue and Fred###imported-begin###Sue Miller###imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 07:06 PM



“ David and Cindy, please accept our condolences on the passing of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family. Dan and Kathy###imported-begin###Dan and Kathy Gosselin###imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 04:08 PM



“ Hi Dick and Joni
I was saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. I would like like to wish you and your family my deepest sympathy. You are all in my prayers.

Love, Judy###imported-begin###Judy Brooks###imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 08:01 AM



“ I wish to offer my sympathy to everyone in your time of sorrow. He will be remembered!##imported-begin##Robert Noyes##imported-end##

July 15, 2012 at 10:09 AM



“ Richard was a very friendly, outgoing and cheerful man. We enjoyed doing business with him and seeing him on the street. We will miss him but he will not be forgotten. He will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mike & Joeng Divney##imported-end##

July 14, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ Dear Olive and family,
Sorry to hear of your lost.I have many memories of school days.It is a comfort to know that he is in a better place.
Love Real & Lucille Port Charlotte, Fl.##imported-begin##Real & Lucille Bouthillier##imported-end##

July 13, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ We were sorry to learn of Richard's death. He certainly played a significant role in making Colebrook a better place to live. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Pat and Les Klinefelter##imported-end##

July 13, 2012 at 07:58 AM



“ Our sincere condolences and sympathy in this time of sorrow##imported-begin##Charles Jarvis and Miyo Lewis Jr.##imported-end##

July 12, 2012 at 06:58 PM



“ Our condolences to the family members of Richard Hicks.##imported-begin##Frank and Tomoko Julian##imported-end##

July 12, 2012 at 11:15 AM



“ My most sincere sympathy goes out to all of you. I will never forget how well Richard treated me in my dawning years in business. I was always respectful - and thankfull - for that. He achieved a lot in life.

My heart goes out to his family.##imported-begin##Haze Smith##imported-end##

July 12, 2012 at 06:16 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Hicks family on your loss.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

July 12, 2012 at 02:07 AM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to your dad when I would come to the store and he would help me. His loss is great to the community and I hope your memories sustain your family during this time.##imported-begin##Lisa Meffert##imported-end##

July 11, 2012 at 12:03 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Robert and Cindy Bissonnette##imported-end##

July 11, 2012 at 09:35 AM



“ My sincere condolences to your family. He was a great man.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 10:20 PM



“ All our condolences to all the family. My husband Andre said he was a very good man. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Francine & Andre Champagne##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 08:53 PM



“ Aunt Olive and the entire Family,
My love and support to you from CA. I'm so sorry I am not there with you. I share in the sorrow of your loss and send blessings of hope and peace.
Love, Catie##imported-begin##Catie Sullivan##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 05:45 PM



“ Olive, Dick & Joni, David & Cindy, Andy and all other family members - many thoughts and prayers for you all at this sad time. Richard was definitely a "local icon" who'll never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 06:05 AM



“ To the Hicks family,
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you at your time of loss. We will miss Richard. Please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you all.##imported-begin##Sheila Parkhurst and Cathy Felch##imported-end##

July 09, 2012 at 09:24 PM



“ I'm so sorry, everyone. Carry on as best you can. I'll see you all later this week. Peace to all.

Dan##imported-begin##Dan Parker Hicks##imported-end##

July 09, 2012 at 06:03 PM