

## Bill Hicks

April 24, 1932 - July 28, 2019

Billy Eldon Hicks, 87 years old, of Corsicana Texas left to be with his sweet Kay, the evening of July 28, 2019. It's what he always talked about: missing "his Sweet Kay." He was born April 24, 1932 in Boliver, Texas to Albert Eugene Hicks and Charley Cletus (Smith) Hicks.

Bill grew up in Ponder, Texas where he graduated from Ponder High School. He was an exemplary basketball A- team starter who often led Ponder's victories. His basketball day memories are those moments one could watch his eyes light up and his wide smile uncover his true passion for sports.

He was drafted into the Army where he served in the Korean War. He was a heavy artillery man, part of a three-man bazooka team and eventually a military police. Bill graduated from Tyler Junior College on the GI bill, and then went on to North Texas State where he received his Bachelor's in history. He was always set on becoming a lawyer, but family and life led him to become a teacher, and what a lover of education he became! He taught in Mesquite and eventually moved to Corsicana, Texas where he taught history, became a counselor, and principal. After receiving his Master's degree from East Texas Commerce, Bill Hicks entered CISD administration. Bill retired from Corsicana ISD after 30+ years of service...but continued to drive a school bus even after his retirement because in his words, "Hell, they needed drivers!"

Bill was an integral part of Corsicana High School's history. He was a peace maker who held students and teachers to the highest standards through tough love and genuine unending compassion.

Billy Eldon Hicks is preceded in death by his wife Janice Kay Hicks, his mother, Charley Cletis (Smith) Hicks, and his father, Albert Eugene Hicks; siblings, John Hicks, Wilson Hicks, Charley Hicks and Imogene Hicks and nephew, John Frank Hicks.

Bill is survived by his sister Ann Ennis and husband Bill Ennis, sisters-in-law: Martha Hicks, Sue Hicks, Joan Hicks, his children: Charlie and Trish Hicks, Marji and Mark Joyner, Anna and Steve Maples, Todd and Jaimie Hicks. His grandchildren: Britt Betts, Tanya Betts, Will Johnson, Tori Plemons Johnson, Lee Trammell, Waylon Trammell, Kaelin Hicks, Macy Hicks; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 5 from 10:00- 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Corsicana, Texas; service will follow 11:00-12:00; burial will follow at Resthaven.

Pall bearers will be Lee Trammell, Waylon Trammell, William Johnson, Randall Trammell, Cary Hicks, Bain Ennis. Honorary pallbearers are Britt Betts, Bryce Betts, Kirby Hicks, Sam Hicks.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5400 West State Highway 31  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 872-2191

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
320 North 15TH Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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320 North 15TH Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill Hicks



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 01, 2019 at 04:34 PM



*Amazing life; amazing man!!*

Anna Hicks-Maples - August 01, 2019 at 07:40 PM



*It's long but sweet.*

Marjorie Joyner - August 01, 2019 at 08:17 PM



*I did not have the pleasure of knowing this remarkable man for very long but I will remember him for a longer time.*

Dorothy Jean Ward - August 03, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Bill Hicks

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

TF

“ *The Charley Hicks Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bill Hicks.*



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**The Charley Hicks Family** - August 03, 2019 at 10:28 AM

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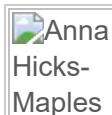
“ *Bill was a beloved principal at Drane. Bill and Kay's leadership at Drane greatly contributed to the Drane tradition of family that continued with many other staff that followed thru the years. After these many years, what I remember and cherish about Bill was his humanity. He had the courage and innate trait to treat all at Drane with respect and grace. Bill and Kay wanted the students to gain knowledge of the academics and importantly self-discipline. To all at Drane Bill gave us his leadership and his friendship. Many of us were at Drane for many years and experienced many of the ups and downs of life. No matter the circumstance, Bill Hicks was there to give you his wisdom, friendship and most importantly his compassion. I have known few like Bill who could so greatly share his great humanity with all the people he came to know. I pray that Bill's family know how much he was loved by his teachers and how many lives of Corsicana students he impacted in his long CISD career.*

*David Fondren*

*DRANE 1974 - 2006*

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**David Fondren** - August 02, 2019 at 10:35 AM



*Thank you, David. Pop will be greatly missed.*

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**Anna Hicks-Maples** - August 02, 2019 at 12:59 PM

YA

“ *Your friends at Horizon Academy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bill Hicks.*



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**Your friends at Horizon Academy** - August 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM



Marjorie Joyner

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Marjorie Joyner** - August 02, 2019 at 09:46 AM



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



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August 02, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 01, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Mr. Bill Hicks was dearly loved as our high school counselor back in the day -class of '72. He was a positive light in our lives.*

Susan Smith - August 01, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *He was my principal and years later he still remember me as one of his favorite students. And I love him as a true man of his words !*

Myron Williams - August 01, 2019 at 05:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill Hicks.*



July 31, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Judy Brown lit a candle in memory of Bill Hicks*



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**Judy Brown** - July 31, 2019 at 12:49 PM

LD

“ *There are no words to say how much you and Kay have meant to Bill and I. It just wouldn't do but for us to get married at the Hicks'. You and Kay made sure our wedding was beautiful, and you made sure all the guest was welcome. You came to every Livestock show that Mark participated in and was his biggest fan. You named his goat Molly, and you enjoyed every second. Our swim parties, our dinner dates we always enjoyed each others company. Thank you for your love, and your faithful friendship to our family. We will see you again some sweet day. We love you.*

*Bill & Lavon Denson  
Mark and Ryan*

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**Lavon Denson** - July 31, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *I have many great memories of Mr. Hicks from my days at CHS. He's now up there with the "Big Counselor" in the sky.*



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**Marinelle Szenasy** - July 31, 2019 at 10:32 AM

KR

“ *Kayla Reed lit a candle in memory of Bill Hicks*



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**kayla Reed** - July 31, 2019 at 02:26 AM

ZB

“ *Bill Hicks was unique. I am happy he was my friend! He would do anything for a friend! My prayers for all the family! God Bless! Zoe Branch*

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**Zoe Branch** - July 30, 2019 at 10:57 PM

JD

“ *Bill Hicks, Tom Wilson, Robert Corley, all are gone. It seems like yesterday that those three along with Richard Cutrer, Bob McElroy, and myself were off playing golf somewhere every week. Great fun times. . Rest in peace brothers, there will be another day to play. Jimmy Dawson*

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**Jimmy Dawson** - July 29, 2019 at 08:46 PM

NH

“ *Nora Vasquez Hilburn lit a candle in memory of Bill Hicks*



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**Nora Vasquez Hilburn** - July 29, 2019 at 08:07 PM

JJ

“ Charlie, Margie, and Anna your dad influenced many people. If not for him I would still be taking ninth grade science. The world lost a good man.

Jerry johnson - July 29, 2019 at 07:34 PM

MT

“ Bill gave the best bear hugs of anyone I know. He was such a great friend and co-worker. Even though I haven't seen him in a while, I am sure going to miss him any way. I just know there is a wonderful reunion going on in Heaven, as his beloved Kay was there to greet him with open arms.

Marsha Bonner Taylor - July 29, 2019 at 02:56 PM

MT

“ Marsha Bonner Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bill Hicks



Marsha Bonner Taylor - July 29, 2019 at 02:51 PM