



## Billye Jane Hicks

July 26, 1933 - January 13, 2021

On July 26, 1933, Billye Jane Peace entered the world and the arms of her parents, Lena and Will Peace of Dallas, TX. Being more mature in age, they were ecstatic upon her birth and fondly called her by her middle name. Though Jane was the only child of their marriage, she became the younger sibling to 2 half-sisters and an aunt to a beloved nephew. Jane grew up to be a lively and bright student involved in a host of school activities. She was most proud of becoming her high school's majorette, a huge honor (something her children heard about often!).

Jane attended Texas College in Tyler, TX after graduating from high school, and there she met the love of her life, Louis David Hicks. Both were very committed to each other, their studies, their respective sorority/fraternity, becoming teachers and creating a family.

Billye Jane, a loving mother, was supportive, kind and never minced words. Her sense of humor was witty and quick. Those strong maternal skills and savviness for teaching made her stellar in the classroom while teaching reading and later, American History. Billye Jane was passionate and fiercely committed to the students she served through her spirited and engaging teaching style for more than 40 years. She wasn't simply a great teacher, but a mentor and advocate for her students.

At home, Billye Jane adored entertaining. One would find a host of guests surrounding her from friends from around the world to the high school football team. She was known for serving the latest and most popular food novelties and drinks. Billye Jane made life fun. It was easy to be drawn to her, to be embraced by her.

Her legacy is fitting because it surpasses her immediate family. The students she educated through the years keep her spirit alive and relevant. For this, we are all grateful and better for it.

Billye Jane leaves behind her children: Louis David Hicks, Jr., Byron Hicks, Elena Dawn Hicks Delwyn Hicks (Crystal). Grandchildren: Sidney Hicks Jr., and Christopher Hicks (their mother Connie) and beloved nephew, Britt Ronald Thompson (Joanne)

She peacefully left this life January 13, 2021 and was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Louis David Hicks, Sr., children: Sidney Nathaniel Hicks (Connie) and Billy Hicks.

A public visitation for Billye Jane Hicks will be Sunday January 24, 2021 from 1pm-7pm and family will be present from 4pm-7pm at the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Billye Jane Hicks*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billye Jane Hicks.*



January 28, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ *Pamesha Brown lit a candle in memory of Billye Jane Hicks*



**Pamesha Brown** - January 25, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Bobby And Malissa Shults lit a candle in memory of Billye Jane Hicks*



**Bobby and Malissa Shults** - January 24, 2021 at 04:18 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Shults lit a candle in memory of Billye Jane Hicks*



Melissa Shults - January 24, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - January 24, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Billye Jane Hicks.*



January 22, 2021 at 01:55 PM

RH

“ *Mrs. Hicks was one of my favorite teachers I loved and respected her.*

Rhonda Rice Hickman - January 22, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Billye Jane Hicks.



January 21, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billye Jane Hicks.



January 20, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ More than a Teacher of History, Mrs. Hicks taught ME LIFE. Whether it were at school, or in our neighborhood, she always was TEACHING. And I admired her for that. I thank you SO MUCH for helping to raise me in our Village on South First Street, and for showing me TOUGH LOVE as only YOU could. I will always cherish the good and wonderful times you shared with me and my Family. Condolences to Elena, DD, Louis, and Byron. Peace and Blessings.

Richard C Barteo - January 19, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Morgana Horton Terry lit a candle in memory of Billye Jane Hicks



Morgana Horton Terry - January 19, 2021 at 09:38 AM

KC

“ *Mrs. Billy Jane I will forever cherish all our memories and talks... You made work for me enjoyable. Caring and learning from you has been a pleasure... You will truly be missed and know that u hold a special place in my heart always and forever...*

Kaela Coleman - January 18, 2021 at 06:59 PM

 Cheryl Thorne-Fielder

“ *Grateful Grateful Grateful For YOU, Mrs Hicks #BillyeJane you were one of the Best, Realest Down to Earth Educators, I experienced, Thank You Hicks Kidults for sharing her with Us, she tried her best to tone my tactlessness\* down , while at the same time telling me to Keep it Real and Voice My Opinion.....Although only for a short time, You were very necessary in My LIFE....Rest Well Probably the BEST Dressed Angel up there.....*



Cherl Thorne-Fielder - January 18, 2021 at 10:53 AM

KR

“ *Billye Jean was a beautiful person inside and out. She was sassy, gracious, fun loving, and full of life who will be missed! The Angels and the Lord rejoiced when she entered the gates of Heaven*

Kim Robinson - January 17, 2021 at 09:16 PM



*What a Great Lady \**

Jerry Rhodes - January 18, 2021 at 12:48 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth B. purchased the Meat & Cheese Symphony Gift Crate for the family of Billye Jane Hicks.



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**Elizabeth B.** - January 17, 2021 at 08:18 PM

BC

“ Mrs. Hicks was my teacher for Texas History at Collins Junior High School during the fall of 1968. She encouraged me in her classroom, and she inspired me to study and to do my best in my schoolwork. I had the privilege of interacting with her after I moved back to Corsicana during the spring of 2006. She was a lovely and a gracious woman, and my condolences go out to her children and grandchildren. Betsy Brown Camp

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**Betsy Brown Camp** - January 17, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LC

“ I was one of Ms.Hicks caretakers the past couple of years.She was one of my Residents who was special to me.Always made us laugh or smile. Praying for all the family.

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**Lawana Cole** - January 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM

TB

“ I will always cherish the class and charisma she exhibited at all times. Educators like her are the reason why I choose the path of education. Prayers of comfort for the family.

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**Tim Betts** - January 17, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *Marinelle Szenasy lit a candle in memory of Billye Jane Hicks*



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**Marinelle Szenasy** - January 17, 2021 at 04:46 PM

JW

“ *I remember Mrs. Billye Hicks as a gracious lady. She was a teacher who did not mind showing her empathy and love for my family during the loss of my mother. Family you have done your best, continue to honor her and your dad as you travel this road of life. you have our sympathy and love. Janet Bates and Robert Washington Family.*

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**janet bates washington** - January 16, 2021 at 08:15 PM

LO

*Billy's was a colleague and friend for several years when we both were at CHS. She was a woman of rare intelligence and great wit. Students were eager to be in her classes as she was an excellent teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.*

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**Lana Orsak** - January 17, 2021 at 08:55 PM

ZB

“ *So sorry to hear of Billye leaving us!! Sending prayers to her family. She and I taught together. She was my friend and I loved her. Rest In Peace, my friend! Zoe Mitchell Branch.*

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**Zoe Mitchell Branch** - January 16, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BF

“ *Billye was a such a great help to me when I was a first year teacher. I would not have survived without her. She was just across the adjoining door. She stepped in many a time. I would not have survived without her. Billye was a jewel.* ”

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**Bobbie Fondren** - January 15, 2021 at 08:26 PM

RW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I praise God for the many blessings and wonderful memories I and so many others have in our hearts because of Mrs. Hicks. I remember riding my motorcycle down to the house and we'd sit and visit and we'd laugh so hard our stomachs hurt. The night Mr. Hicks passed I remember us rushing down to the house and how scared I was when I saw your mom and her grief. I sat quietly in the kitchen, away from everyone, scared. The sun was rising when I felt a hand on my shoulder, turned and your mom stood there and said, "There's no need to be afraid. He is still with us just in a different way." So I say her words to all of you... she is still with us, just in a different way. She was so very proud of all of you. I will miss that beautiful smile. But even now as I write this, I can see her smiling and hear her laugh.* ”

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**Robin Wylie** - January 15, 2021 at 02:42 PM

YB

*It's been awhile since I've seen or talked with Mrs Hicks. She was a beautiful soul and a well loved teacher. My prayers to her family and loved ones. Whether you talk with someone everyday or think of them as a thought comes to mind, when they leave us there is a void. Peace and love family.*

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**Yolanda R Bluitt** - January 17, 2021 at 11:15 PM