



Darrell H. Hicks

October 12, 1934 - February 7, 2013

Darrell H. Hicks, lost his courageous battle with mesothelioma on February 7, 2013, surrounded by the family he loved. Darrell was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, on October 12, 1934 to Harold and Charlene Hicks. He attended local schools and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1953. On July 11, 1953, he married Margie Kendall. While growing up, he worked with his dad in the painting business learning the trade from the ground up from an excellent teacher. Following his marriage, he and Margie moved to Cheyenne, where he became employed at the Frontier Refinery. After about 10 years, they moved back to Fort Collins, where Darrell started Hicks Painting and Decorating. He worked as an independent contractor for almost twenty years. He then went to work at Colorado State University at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital as their painting maintenance technician. Following the death of his wife in 2001, he retired from his job and began to enjoy his retirement. At his 50th High School reunion, he met Betty Wicklund, who would become his Significant Other for the remainder of his life. He spent the winters in Texas with Betty Wicklund and his "Texas family" and the summers in Colorado. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Margie, and his grandson, Alan Hicks. He is survived by his son, Sean Sandy of Greeley; his daughter Paula Hicks of Pueblo and his son, Jeff, who lives in Fort Collins, and a sister, Deanna Hicks also of Fort Collins. He is survived by three grandchildren – Stephanie Hicks of Denver, Bradly Givens of Fort Collins, and Alissa Garcia Randy of Colorado Springs. Also surviving are great

grandchildren Isaiah Lucero, Jordyn Gonzalez, Samari Garcia, of Colorado Springs; Stetson Dinkel of Laporte, Colorado, and Randy, Kalieana and Isaiah Garcia of Pueblo, Colorado. Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 12 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment with military honors will be held at Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

KM

“*Darell, came with Dr. Jim to the Adult Education Center in Little Rock, AR, for my GED graduation. They took a picture of me graduating since then I started going to college. I graduated from Governors State University with a masters degree. I talked with Darell on the CB, enjoyed meals with him and Jim, we traveled to Memphis, TN,. I left Little Rock, AR in 98, and returned to the Chicago area.*

Darrell, I love you good bye until we meet again.

Kenneth Morris

Ken Morris - April 01, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CV

“*We are very sorry about Darrell passed away.He's in our memories wonderful, Happy, Funny Man. We all Love and Prayer for You Darrell. RIP... Christine Nga, Chuc Vu's Family in Florida.*

Christine Nga & Chuc Vu - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“*to my cousins and families...i hope you are all doing ok in this hard time. think of Margie all the time and remember such a kind aunt. love and peace be with you...*

janice - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Deanna and Family There are getting to be fewer and fewer of us FCHS old timer graduates so it is always so sad to read of anothers passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time in the loss of Darrell, your loved one. Regards, Jerry and Donna Schott

Jerry Schott - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I will miss your quiet,sweet presence. I am blessed to have met you.

Keitra Simmons - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ When Darrell came in to my Mom, Betty's life 10 years ago it was like God's breath of fresh air blowing thru our family. He was fun, fit and a joy to have around. I will miss his witty, dry, funny sense of humor and all the fun times our family had with him. He was a wonderful companion to my mother and for that I am very thankful! Will miss you Darrell... Love , Sandy

Sandy Westman - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Sean, Paula, Jeff and families -- We are so sorry for your loss. Both your parents were wonderful people and we have great memories of all the years we lived next door. They were special people and they will be missed. Karen Lipp, Kelly Lipp de Haas, & Tracy Lipp Nicolls

Karen, Kelly, Tracy - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My Dear Darrell, you have been with me for 10 years, we have done so many beautiful things and I loved every minute of it! You loved the English Garden in Florida, now you are playing in God's Garden in Heaven, one day soon I will join you, until than rest in peace and know that I love You!! Your Yellow Rose of TX, Ms. Betty*

Betty Wicklund - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ *Rest in peace, Darrell, knowing that you touched many lives. We will miss your dry sense of humor and are so thankful you came into our lives through Betty. God bless you, friend. Love, Greg, Karla, A.J., Shannon and Christal*

Karla Vesey - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Darrell, I miss you knocking on my door and sharing a cup of coffee with me. I miss you dearly and am certain you are relaxing in heaven. Love Gerry*

Gerry Jungmeyer - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *I never met any of you kids, but do know Betty, and want to tell you all, how much we will miss Darrell. Of course he was not only a part of the best ever graduating class of F.C.H.S., but a good friend to all who knew him. Thoughts and Prayers; Virg N Jeanne Harper*

Virgil & Jeanne Harper - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VM

“*Darrell fit right in with the folks in Pflugerville and it was always a joy to see him and Betty at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Darrell, although very quiet, was so kind and supportive...lending a helping hand and friendly smile frequently. He was quite helpful assisting the Heritage House Museum Partners decorate for their annual Holiday Home Tour and he enjoyed attending community events. May he rest in peace and may God bless the family as they say goodbye to a beloved man and patriot.*

Vernagene Mott - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM