



Rev. Harold Lee Hicks

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The Reverend Harold Lee Hicks, age 87, passed from this life to the Church Triumphant on April 30, 2022 following a season of declining health. Born in rural Culpeper, Virginia in 1934, Harold was a brother to Vernelle, Jim, Sonny, and Tommy. He began preaching on the South Culpeper Circuit in 1955. Harold was ordained as a United Methodist minister in 1961 and served 7 additional United Methodist Churches: Fairmont, Richmond; Louisburg Circuit; Macedonia, Raleigh; First Church, Lynchburg; Trinity, Poquoson; Belmont, Richmond; and Pender, Fairfax where he served from 1981 to 2001. He retired from the United Methodist Church in 2001 with 46 years of service.

Preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Myrtle Hicks, his wife of 60 years, Catherine, and two brothers, Sonny and Tommy, Harold is survived by his children, daughter Scarlett and her husband David, son Lee, and grandchildren Raleigh, Matthew and his fiancée Sydney, and Madison. In addition to his family, Harold's passion was his church congregation. A 1966 newspaper article announcing his appointment to First Church, Lynchburg, was headlined "The Church is His Hobby," and this was true throughout his long career. In addition to his daily work in the church office, most evenings involved prayer meetings, Bible studies, committee meetings,

and social events centered around the church. In addition to growing the spiritual life of his congregants, Harold often led his team to build and expand the physical facilities of the churches he served. He wanted the church to be a place of hope for the surrounding community. Together with his congregation, Harold was instrumental in establishing Pender as the "The Church with a Heart for Missions." One of his favorite partnerships was with the Rev. Frank Peoples in Philippi, West Virginia. Many members from Pender would travel to Philippi each summer to work on construction projects benefitting the local community.

Harold and his wife, Catherine were amazing hosts who entertained hundreds of church members, friends, and neighbors at countless holiday celebrations and open houses throughout the years. Following his mother's example, Harold was an accomplished cook, known for his chicken salad, corn chowder, squash casserole, and chocolate chip cookies. He rarely left his pulpit on a Sunday except for an annual vacation. In 1966, he and Catherine fell in love with the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains. For the next 45 years, they and their children and grandchildren spent many idyllic summer weeks at Lake Junaluska in the western North Carolina Smokies.

Words cannot describe how much he will be missed.

The family will receive visitors at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas on Friday, May 6 at 10:00am, followed by a service celebrating Harold's life at 11:00am, with Rev. Rudy Tucker officiating. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia later in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Harold's memory may be made to the Faith Promise Mission Program at Pender United Methodist Church in Fairfax.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

822 Sperryville Pike
Culpeper, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

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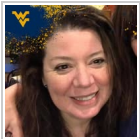
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Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out that Rev. Hicks has died and missed the service today. He was a great preacher and a caring pastor. My sincere condolences to his family.

Dave Dicker - May 06, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ We always loved seeing him out in the yard and would be delighted when we shared anything from our garden. Especially when I sent one of the kids with them! He will be missed but I know that your mom has been waiting for him. I'm the presence of the Lord, I know they're rejoicing! You are all in our prayers. Please let us know how we can help you.

Julie Bailey - May 06, 2022 at 02:02 PM

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“ Scarlett, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Sending you lots of love. May your happy memories sustain you through these difficult times

Susan Ewing - May 04, 2022 at 10:03 AM

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“ Scarlett, David, and your children, and Lee, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Bo passing. I am sure Aunt Kitty was there to meet him. Uncle Bo was always teasing me about something every time I would see him. He was always joking with me. I can see his smile. You were a good and faithful servant, Uncle Bo.

Debbie Hicks Gillis - May 03, 2022 at 10:02 PM