



## Elmira Henrietta Hicks

January 11, 1937 - August 8, 2020

On Aug. 8th, 2020, Elmira Henrietta Hicks (nee Churchill) was called home to be with the Lord while in Sherman Hospital.

Elmira was born on Jan. 11th, 1937, and raised in Humbolt Park in Chicago, the daughter of Elmer and Elizabeth Churchill, nee McCarty. She was the 1st of four girls born (Linda, Melissa, and Leona) and also a brother Jim from her father's first marriage. She attended Catholic schools for her education as well as played accordion competitively. Elmira had 5 children from her first marriage. She married her husband James Hicks on August 9th, 1966, and added a sixth child in 1967. In 1970 they moved from Chicago to Hampshire and resided there until her passing. Elmira worked for 20 plus years at St Joseph's Hospital as a CNA in the OB Ward and as a unit clerk on the 3rd floor until her retirement to watch grandchildren. While not working or taking care of kids, Elmira learned to can vegetables and jar jelly and jam winning several blue ribbons for her jelly at the Kane County Fair. She also learned to sew and was known to make quilts and blankets for her grandkids. Elmira was active at St Charles Borromeo Church having served as a Eucharistic Minister, CCD teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, door monitor for CCD, and making Baptismal gowns. A favorite occurrence for her was seeing kids she had taught CCD for come up and talk to her having grown up. She was very independent until the end enjoying time with friends on the Hampshire Township Senior Bus going to the store or playing bingo or CLR for dimes.

Elmira is survived by her sisters Melissa, Leona (Joe) Pena as well as her children Rick, Denise (Ralph), Steve (Nam Hui), Tom, and James (Deanna) as well as 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James; her son, Brian; and her sister, Linda.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM Saturday, Aug. 15 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 – 8 pm at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St., Hampshire. Social distancing will be followed and masks are required.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Elmira's name may be made to St. Judes, St. Charles

Borromeo Church, an animal rescue, or a charity of one's choice as mom would be proud if people or causes were aided in her name.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home  
284 Park St.  
Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847) 683-2711  
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Elmira was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. I loved hearing stories of when she was younger, I could talk to her for hours. She will be very missed by everyone.*

Marisol - August 18, 2020 at 02:03 PM

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*Thank you for your kind words. Tom, Myra's son.*

Tom Hicks - August 19, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MW

“ *I worked with Myra at St. Joe for years. She will be missed by friends & family. The last time we met at the Rose Garden, we exchanged hugs. I'll hold onto that hug until I see her again. Mickey Wilke*

MICKEY WILKE - August 17, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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*Thanks Mickey. Mom always talked fondly about you. It wasn't long ago she wished you two could meet again. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Myra's son Tom*

Tom Hicks - August 19, 2020 at 09:04 PM



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



August 12, 2020 at 04:01 PM

CK

“ *I so enjoyed having Myra on the bus to the many events with the township. One of the many stories she would share was “Queen for a Day” how she was on a game show and won a washer and dryer! She still shared her enthusiasm of winning many years later. I will miss my friend Myra God bless your soul. 🙏*

Connie von Keudell - August 10, 2020 at 09:55 PM

BA

*I had the Great Pleasure of meeting Myra while driving our Seniors to Events . The first day We met , we discovered how we grew up near each other in Chicago and that we were actually at Riverview Park and the Roller Rink at the same time, on many occasions .*

*Myra was an absolute delight to be around, I Loved to hear all her wonderful stories, and she Absolutely lit up every time she talked about her children, we found that we had a lot in common.*

*I will miss her dearly !*

*God Bless you my dear Friend.*

*Thanks for some Great walks down Memory Lane!*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara** - August 10, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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*Thanks Connie, thanks Barbara, her son Tom*

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**Tom Hicks** - August 13, 2020 at 01:39 PM



*This is an amusing story of an an amazing lady. My daughter worked at Sue's Beauty Shop where Myra got her hair done. When her son ( our grandson) made his 1st Communion, Myra gave him a card. His Mother encouraged him to write her a Thank you note for her kindness. But this 2nd grader said" It was just a card" and his Mother said " you can still thank her" So he wrote " Dear Mrs. Hicks, Thanks for nothing " my daughter handed this card to Myra without reading it first. Myra burst into laughter until tears were running down her cheeks. You see this was a very low time for Myra because it was soon after Jim had died and she was very sad. My daughter was mortified, but Myra was elated. She said" I needed that!" It was a story she and I shared many times over. Rest in peace Myra, you were one of a kind and beloved by many ! Judy*

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**Judy Gehringer** - August 15, 2020 at 07:32 PM