



## David Joe Hicks

July 17, 1939 - August 24, 2021

David Joe Hicks, 82, passed into his next life on Tuesday evening, August 24th, at home and at peace while surrounded and supported with love by his family. They know he is finding woods and trails to explore, lakes and rivers to paddle, snowy slopes, and undoubtedly his own workshop to make improvements along his way.

Dave was born on July 17, 1939 in St. Louis, MO to John Ellis Hicks and Elizabeth Caroline Clark Hicks. He married Judith Myra Faris on June 24, 1961 at Torch Lake, MI following a seven year courtship that began in high school.

In 1963 he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (now the Missouri University of Science & Technology) in Rolla, MO. His decades-long career in engineering began in Traverse City with Parsons Corp., then the world's largest manufacturer of helicopter rotor blades.

Dave brought his expertise and enthusiasm to a long list of volunteer causes and organizations, including the GT Ski Club, North American VASA, the North Country Trail, TART Trails, Habitat for Humanity and Mission Trips for Hurricane Recovery. He was also a valued helper for friends with challenging projects, large and small.

But even with so much to occupy his time, Dave always put his family first, and loved enjoying time spent and fun activities with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Dave embodied the "we can do this" spirit of his growing community, and without fuss or fanfare worked to make things better than how he found them.

Dave was preceded in death by his brother Bruce and is survived by his wife Judy, their three children, Don (Gretchen) Hicks, Diane (Eric) Hines, and Sharon (Mark) DeMeester, and grandchildren Heidi and Ben Hicks, Rachel and Stuart Miller, and Zach, Sam, and Anna DeMeester.

For those who wish to make a memorial contribution, Dave suggested Habitat for Humanity or your local Humane Society.

Visitation was held, August 29th from 4-7 pm at Reynolds Jonkhoff funeral home in Traverse City, MI.

Anyone touched by Dave is welcomed Sunday, October 17, 2021 noon-4pm at The Lodge at Hickory Hills Recreation Area, 2000 Randolph Street, Traverse City, MI

# Events

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**AUG 29** **Visitation for Family and Friends** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ Video Tribute



**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - August 29, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of David Joe Hicks. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website

**Send Flowers** - August 27, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Sending thoughts to you, Judy, and family. Galen

**galen krupka** - August 28, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ I remember Barb (Gilmore) saying such wonderful things about Dave, her brother in law. He was her "go to" person when she bought her house by the college. Bless your family Judy. Cathy Griffin

**Cathy Griffin** - August 28, 2021 at 01:01 PM

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“ Hi Judy, I only talked with Dave about 6 times in my life. In 40 or 50 years. What a guy. I was wondering if he was ever sad. He was smiling and talking and listening and smiling and talking, smiling and listening.....and repeating this. What a lesson in life I learned from his personality. Best regards, Pat Noland

**Patrick Noland** - October 04, 2021 at 07:37 PM

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“ I worked with Dave at Wayne Wire Cloth Products in Kalkaska, he was one of the nicest men I fever worked, always so pleasant. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Betty Blake

**Betty Blake** - August 30, 2021 at 03:49 PM

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“ Dave a good Man who gave more than he took.  
He will be missed.  
Dennis and Nancy Murray

**Dennis Murray** - August 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM

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“ I have so many memories of Mr. Hicks at First Congregational, in your home, playing cards...he was funny and such a nice man. Judy, Don, Diane and Sharon, I send love and prayers with my most sincere condolences. May he rest peacefully.

**Liz Larson** - August 27, 2021 at 11:44 PM