



Mr. John David Hicks

June 17, 1945 - May 30, 2026

John David Hicks, 80, of Pilot Point, Texas, passed away on May 30, 2026.

Born on June 17, 1945, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to William Harold Hicks and Catherine Maurine Hicks, John was a lifelong learner dedicated to the care and service of others. He graduated from Hall High School in Little Rock in 1963 and went on to attend Baylor University, graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. His experience at Baylor shaped much of his life and blessed him with a large circle of lifelong friends.

Committed to helping others, John earned a Masters of Social Work from the University of Arkansas in 1970 and a Masters of Health Care Administration from Washington University in 1974. He also served his country in the Army National Guard of Arkansas during this time.

With his educational foundation, John built a long and distinguished career as a hospital administrator, leading and improving healthcare facilities across the country, including hospitals in Dallas, Texas; Topeka, Kansas; Tupelo, Mississippi; Phoenix, Arizona; and Amarillo, Texas. Following his retirement, John chose to settle near family and grandchildren in Pilot Point, Texas, a place that perfectly suited his deep passion for working with horses and enjoying the equestrian community.

John was a proud and enthusiastic Baylor Bear, supporting Baylor sports, especially the football and women's basketball teams. Above all else, he was a devoted family man. He shared 55 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Nancy Hicks, building a lifetime of memories together. He possessed a deep faith, spending countless peaceful hours reading and studying God's Word. John also had a profound appreciation for nature; he loved boating, working with horses, and planting oak trees, leaving behind a living legacy that will grow for generations to come.

John was happiest when surrounded by the people he loved, and nothing brought him more joy than taking family and friends out on the water. Boating was his true passion, creating a backdrop for countless days filled with laughter, storytelling, and deep connection.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Hicks; his children, Alisa Buchanan and husband Coby, Logan Hicks and wife Jennifer , and Leanna Ford and husband Casey; his seven cherished grandchildren, Will Buchanan, John Buchanan, Grant Hicks, Luke Hicks, Jace Ford, Elaina Ford, and Avery Ford; and his brothers, Joe Hicks and Bill Hicks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Maurine Hicks, and his sister, Catherine Lee.

A memorial service celebrating John's life, faith, and legacy will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. at Midway Church located at 9540 US-377, Pilot Point, TX, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Midway Church - Missions.

Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Devon Calverley and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Midway Church
9540 US-377
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Tribute Wall

LT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Linda Turner*

Linda Turner - June 12 at 10:41 PM

BN

“ *It's hard to come by a man of great character these days. A man that you can look at and say one day I aspire to be like that. A good genuine and decent man more importantly, a man of God. I will miss John while I finish my days here on this earth but I also know the days coming where I will see him again and I look forward to it NANCY if there's anything you ever need, you've got my number. I love you we all love you and we're all here for you and for your family.*

Blake Nalls

Blake Nalls - June 11 at 12:01 PM

RN

“ *To my wonderful friend John. You are greatly miss, but I have comfort knowing where you are. I would like to say it's been a honor to take care of your property and pilot point. You left a beautiful legacy for Nancy and your loving family. I have been servicing your property from the beginning to see where it started to where it is today. I am very blessed and thankful to you. This is not goodbye. We will see each other again on the other side!
Love, Ronnie and Mandy Nalls...*

Ronnie Nalls - June 09 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ I loved helping Mr. Hicks when he came into D&L to get fertilizer and rye grass seed. I'm sure he has the most beautiful pastures in town. He will be greatly missed. With my sincere condolences,
Janet at D&L

Janet Bird - June 05 at 09:08 PM

MS

“ John was *THE* best boss I've ever had. The many years we worked together at Baylor University Medical Center were absolutely incredible and I have him to thank for teaching me some of the best business practices one could learn. I send my heartfelt condolences to Nancy and the Hicks family. I will always hold my time with John at BUMC as some of the most valuable I've ever spent. God bless the Hicks family. Marsha L Stewart

Marsha Stewart - June 05 at 04:16 PM

BW

“ Dear Nancy and the family, so sorry about John. Thinking of you.
Love, Byron Woosley

Byron Woosley - June 04 at 01:02 PM

KA

Our prayers for all of you! Hard days, but precious memories! ❤️
Love, Stan and Kae Rae Austin

Kae Rae and Stan Austin - June 08 at 04:40 PM

BN

“ Growing up at Pulaski Heights Baptist together, John and I were best pals. My first memory of him was one Sunday night at church when he and I snuck away from our kiddie class (we were 4-5 years old and his adventurous spirit was showing up early). We climbed up the stairs to the balcony in the sanctuary and quietly (maybe) made our way down to the railing. His Father was preaching, and when he caught sight of us looking down at the congregation, he paused his message, long enough for John to holler, "Don't worry, Daddy - we'll be quiet!". I don't remember who laughed and who didn't, but pretty quickly my Daddy showed up and took us back to where we belonged.

John and I had some really awesome times together. We played in the dirt, rode bikes, climbed the local water tower, played sports together, spent nights at each others' homes - my family even drove him and his Mother to Maine one summer to see (I think) his Sister. I have relived those memories many times. He was an special man, and obviously lived a very special life, thankfully as a child of God. Rest well, John, and enjoy your new home - we will see you later.

Bill Nunnally

Bill Nunnally - June 03 at 10:48 PM

SW

Thank you for sharing that, Bill. My little sister Gloria was also in your Sunday school class, and I remember all of you well. Even knew John at Baylor. Sue Harris Wright

Sue Harris Wright - June 14 at 02:33 PM

KA

“ These days are so hard ... we remember! You all will miss him so much! He was loved BIG and no doubt you all have sweet memories to think on! Please know we will be praying for peace and comfort for your hurting hearts! Sending hugs to you. Stan & Kae Rae Austin ♥

kae Rae & Stan Austin - June 03 at 10:41 PM

DC

“ Oh Nancy and family! Our hearts hurt with you. John leaves a big footprint to fill in this world, but is celebrating his heavenly birthday with the Lord. Through Him, you will see John again. May you experience His peace and comfort in the days to come.
Love, Jack and Darla Carthel

Darla Carthel - June 03 at 08:23 PM

JG

Sweet Aunt Nancy & precious cousins - we are devastated at this great loss while celebrating heaven's gain. Uncle John's big smile, his great laugh, his love of people (& the amusement he found in observing them 😂), & his stories will continue to make us smile, too. May your joy be in all of the wonderful memories you've shared, in knowing he is healthy & whole in a perfect place with his Savior that loves him so, & in his tremendous legacy that is each of you.
We love you,
Gene & Janie Gibson
& the Gibson Gang

Janie Gibson - June 04 at 02:49 PM

CH

John Hicks was a true servant leader and could have written a book about proper executive leadership. He had a big impact on my professional life and I will never forget him. Peace and comfort to his family.

Collin Hays - June 08 at 04:06 PM