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Obituary: Hadley Fergus Hicks



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Beloved husband and father, Hadley Fergus Hicks, 83, longtime resident of Sterling, Kansas, went home to be with his Savior on June 21, 2016. Hadley was born in Bisbee, Arizona, on April 1, 1933, to Hadley Hugh Hicks and Margaret Fergus Hicks.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Mike Hicks of Inman, Kansas.

Hadley graduated from Bisbee High School in 1952, where he was a star athlete. He was on the All American High School Football and Track teams (1951-1952) and the school retired his #20 football jersey when he graduated. He was the Governor of Arizona Boys State in 1951. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Arizona State University where he also played baseball. In 1958, he played on a rookie team for the Chicago Cubs in Pulaski, Virginia. He later earned a Master's Degree from the University of Montana and served on the board of the Arizona Athletic Hall of Fame. He was an outstanding teacher and a coach for his entire career, which included positions in Carmel, California, Prescott, Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Sterling College.

He retired in 2013 from the Sterling Public Schools. He authored two books: "The B Shines Brighter: The Bisbee High School Legacy," about his childhood in Bisbee and "So You Wanna be a Legend. So Did I," about teaching, coaching, and life. He was a member of Faith Bible Church in Lyons, Kansas.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Nancy Hicks of Sterling, Kansas; sister, Quila Rider of Show Low, Arizona; and brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Linda Hicks of Bisbee, Arizona; daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Dennis McDonald of Camp Verde,



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Arizona; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Lori Hicks of Camp Verde, Arizona; daughter-in-law, Jean Hicks of Camp Verde, Arizona; daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Scott Randolph of Sterling, Kansas; and son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Miekka Stecker of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael and Taylor Hicks of Camp Verde, Arizona, Jason McDonald and wife Camille of Paris, France, Megan McDonald of Camp Verde, Arizona, Joanna Street and husband Kiefer of Pineville, North Carolina, Luke Hicks and wife Breanna of Camp Verde, Arizona, Elizabeth Hicks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Harrison, Addisyn, Jolie, and Quentin Randolph of Sterling, Kansas and Annika, Adrie, Dylan, Ethan, Bennett and Evan Stecker of Spirit Lake, Iowa; and great grandchildren, Nolan, Rylan, and Rae Lynn Hicks of Camp Verde, Arizona and Calvin Street of Pineville, North Carolina.

There will be a private graveside ceremony for the family with military honors at the Sterling Community Cemetery. A memorial service, open to friends and family, will be at 2 p.m. July 2, 2016, at Faith Bible Church in Lyons, Kansas, with Pastor Phil Green officiating. The Hadley Hicks "Can Do" Athletic Award has been established at Prescott High School. Donations may be mailed to Prescott High School Athletic Dept., 1050 Ruth St., Prescott, AZ 86301.



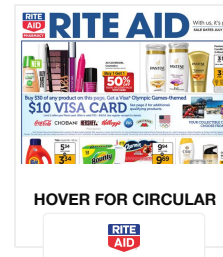
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