



Thomas G. Hicks

January 22, 1922 - May 8, 2020

Thomas George Hicks, a lifelong Early/Nemaha resident passed away Friday, May 8, 2020 after a fruitful life of 98 years.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Early Union Cemetery. The family invites friends to come and join them for the service. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas was born on January 22, 1922 to Frank and Tillie Hicks, the youngest of their 4 children. Thomas graduated high school in Nemaha in 1939 and went to work on the family farm. In 1945 he was drafted, and proudly served in the United States Navy. He recalled his time in the service as some of the most exciting times in his life. He returned home and eventually took over the family farm. His vegetable gardens were a source of great excitement. Pride and joy were gained by planting, growing, traveling and delivering free vegetables to all of his friends, family and neighbors. He was a decades long participant in the afternoon card game at Hazel's Cafe in Nemaha.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Marlowe and Dale and his sister Beulah Westcott.

He is survived by his nieces Bonnie (Westcott) Currie of Schaller, Janet

(Westcott) Zulfer of Omaha, NE and Sheryl (Westcott) Mertz of Early and by many grandnieces and grandnephews as well numerous great grand nieces and nephews. Also longtime friends Gary and Candy Nees and many others.

He was a warm, caring and kind man and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Early Union Cemetery

Early, IA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Early Union Cemetery
Early, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Ted Hicks. My dad was Milton Hicks. Tom was his cousin. I knew Tom well while growing up in the 1950s. My dad, his brother Russ, Tom, and another cousin, Dean Hicks, bought farm machinery such as bailers and combines, and worked together during harvest time. I helped too, so I was around all of them a lot. I knew Tom as "Tommy," and still think of him with that name. I liked him a lot. I think everybody did. He was good humored and had an easy going way about him. In later years after moving to New York City, I always made a point of seeing Tom during trips back to Iowa. I knew that he came to Hazel's Cafe in Nemaha every day at 3:00pm, and would visit with him then. My cousin Kathy Wimer (formerly Isaacs) told me when Tom had moved to Methodist Manor in Storm Lake. I'd always ask about him when we spoke on the phone. As far as I know, Tommy was the last of my dad's generation to die, which feels a little weird. But he had a long life with people who loved him, and I'll miss him a lot.

Ted Hicks - May 24, 2020 at 02:42 PM



Dear Ted, I have only learned of Tom's passing through this today. I remember playing cards with him at Hazel's back when I was a mere 17 years old as an exchange student in Nemaha. I remember this group of old men (they were already old in 1994 to be honest) as one of the most generous and pleasant people I have ever met. It meant the world to me then, it brought perspective to me that I never thought I would gain in the middle of these corn fields. The picture of Tom here as part of the Navy and him having passed on 8 May, which Germans remember as the day the 2nd world war ended, is more than fitting. He, and all of these men that served, told me many many stories about those days and I could feel how hard it was for them - and how rewarding it was for me. Next time when I am in Nemaha and Early, I will leave a flower behind for Tom. And a deck of cards.

Kai Moenkedieck - October 29, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ Mike Schmitt Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Hicks



Mike Schmitt family - May 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Sandy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Hicks



Sandy Robinson - May 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM