



Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks

September 27, 1939 - December 15, 2024

With deep love and gratitude for their mother, the children of Lee Spencer Hicks announce her passing on December 15, 2024, in Kingwood, Texas. At the age of 85, Lee went to be with the Lord and her late husband, Wade Hampton Hicks, III, and now that they are together, a joint memorial service to celebrate both lives will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, SC.

Born and raised in Winter Haven, Florida, Lee was the daughter of Culver Otis Spencer, a prominent orange grove owner, and her gracious Southern mother, Mary Hopper Spencer. A graduate of Florida State University, Lee majored in education and was a proud member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Her devotion to Florida State football remained a lifelong passion, which rivaled only that of her husband, Wade, and his devotion to everything Clemson University.

After college, Lee taught school in Atlanta, where she met and married Wade Hampton Hicks III, a civil engineer and surveyor. Their life together took them ultimately to Hartsville, South Carolina, where they raised their two children, Kimberly Lee Dixon and Wade Hampton Hicks IV, and operated the beloved family business, Hicks Garden & Gifts.

In Hartsville, Lee became an integral part of the community. A faithful and active member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as a deacon, elder,

Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, and chair of the cooking circle -- renowned for her high standards and warm meals prepared for those in need.

Lee was a gracious hostess, an avid reader, and a member of numerous civic and social organizations, including the Civitan Club, Pine Lake Garden Club, Bridge Club, Investments Unlimited, and The Thursday Study Club, where she served as president and shared scholarly presentations, the last being on the Seminole Indian Tribe.

Her devotion to Hartsville was evident in every effort, and her service was recognized when she was named one of the founding board members of the Byerly Foundation. Lee exemplified the best of Southern grace, hospitality, and kindness, always balancing dignity with a keen sense of humor and warmth.

Lee's memory is inseparable from that of her late husband, Wade Hampton Hicks III, who passed away before her. Together, they built a life of joy, community service, and deep love for their family and friends. Their cherished retreat in Hendersonville, North Carolina, offered a place of rest and fellowship for many.

Wade and Lee loved their family and, in recent years, enjoyed being closer to children and grandchildren in Texas, where they were able to celebrate many holidays and milestones, including the birth of two great-grandchildren. They are survived by their daughter, Kimberly Dixon and husband Bailey; Wade Hicks IV and wife Nicole; grandchildren Lauren Prasatik (husband Justin), James Bailey Dixon, Rain Hicks, and Maya Hicks; and great grandchildren Connor and Kaylee Ann Prasatik.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of

Hartsville, 213 W. Home Ave. Hartsville, SC 29550, or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks*



Amy Blackburn - June 24, 2025 at 03:45 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks*



Dave Thompson - June 24, 2025 at 07:56 AM

RD

“ *Kim, Lots of great memories of your mom and dad. Love and prayers for you and the entire family.*
Renee Cooley Douglas

Renee Douglas - June 24, 2025 at 05:15 AM

BW

“ *Budgy And Nancy Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks*



Budgy and Nancy Wilhelm - June 23, 2025 at 06:26 PM

GO

“ Grady L O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Grady L O'Neal - June 23, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CG

“ Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Connee Gamble Grantham - June 23, 2025 at 10:33 AM

LG

“ Lyndal And Michele Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Lyndal and Michele Gibson - June 23, 2025 at 09:23 AM

DG

“ Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Deborah Gandy - June 14, 2025 at 07:43 AM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Ron Wall - June 14, 2025 at 07:29 AM

BM

“ Mrs. Hicks was a great 3rd grade teacher! I know she and my mother spent many wonderful years together at Thomas Hart and at First Presbyterian and now are together once again in the presence of the Lord.

Barbara Roseveare Miller - June 14, 2025 at 12:39 AM

RS

“ Ron & Sherron Skipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Ron & Sherron Skipper - June 13, 2025 at 10:47 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Spencer Hicks



Rebecca Skinner - June 13, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AW

“ Wade and Lee. Two of my most precious friends . Mission trips with Wade and our handwork groups with Lee. BLESS our precious Lee and Wade. ❤️



Anna Williams - June 13, 2025 at 02:16 PM

PC

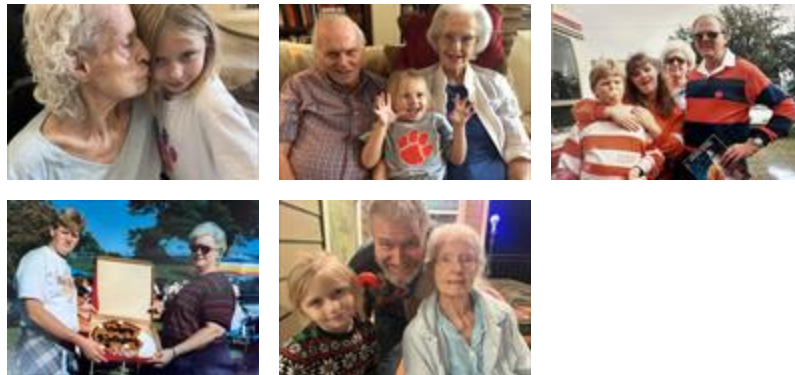
“ Paul Cannarella



Paul v Cannarella - June 13, 2025 at 01:41 PM

WH

“ Just some pictures over the years of mom and dad! Especially ones with their grandchildren



Wade Hicks - June 13, 2025 at 01:40 PM