

Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III

June 18, 1936 - January 18, 2022

Wade Hampton Hicks, III, 85, of Hartsville, SC, passed away in Kingwood, TX, on January 18, 2022. Born in Hartsville on June 18, 1936, Wade was the son of the late Thelma Miley Hicks and the late Wade Hampton Hicks, Jr. He was married to his beloved wife of 57 years, Lee Spencer Hicks.

He was a 1954 graduate of Hartsville High School where he made life-long friends who maintained their closeness by annual reunions. While in school he was an active Boy Scout, achieving the highest level of Eagle. Following graduation, he entered Clemson College (now University) majoring in Civil Engineering. Wade was also a member of the student cadet corp at Clemson, known by his nickname "Spider" and played the baritone as a member of the Clemson University Marching Band. As a lifetime IPTAY member, he continued to attend football games, reunions and participated in Alumni Marching Band parades.

After graduation in 1958 from Clemson, he was employed with the North Carolina Division of the Bureau of Public Roads until he returned to Hartsville in 1968 as the third generation to run W. H. Hicks & Son. During his ownership, the business expanded from an animal feed and garden seed store to a premiere lawn and garden center, Hicks' Garden & Gifts.

Wade loved his family and enjoyed being closer to his children and grandchildren and was able to celebrate the birth of two great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Lee; his daughter, Kimberly Dixon and her husband Bailey, his son, Wade Hicks IV and his wife Nicole; his grandchildren Lauren and Bailey, Rain and Maya; and his great-grandchildren Connor and Kaylee Ann.

As a local businessman, Wade was involved civically to improve the city of Hartsville and the lives in his community. He was President of the Hartsville Civitan Club, first receiving Civitan of the Year in 1971. He also loved being a part of the Hartsville Community Players and took the stage in several plays and musicals. He took so much pleasure in his B and

F Club membership and wore many hats at the First Presbyterian Church, from serving in leadership to going on missionary trips to build homes in Mexico and in New Orleans.

During his retirement, he served on the Kalmia Gardens Board of Directors and became a part of Black Creek Arts, where he focused on his watercolor paintings. Wade enjoyed traveling with Lee to other countries, learning the languages before he went (German, French, Portuguese and Spanish). He entertained many people with his wonderful personality, friendliness, and limericks, but he had a special fondness for his grandchildren who called him Big Daddy. If he could have left us with a parting limerick he would have, but he also was known for his wise advice and would tell us “Don’t ever wear out your welcome; don’t ever forget where you came from. Always be humble and kind to people, and, if possible, leave them with a laugh.”

Due to Covid, Wade will remain in his temporary home of Kingwood, TX, until the family can return to Hartsville for a celebration of life with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to: First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, 213 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, or to Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, or to the charity of your choice.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home are caring for the family.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

Tribute Wall



“ Jay Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Jay Benson - January 27, 2022 at 09:51 AM

RS

“ Lee and family, we are praying for you during this difficult time. Friends are a special blessing from God and our hearts are sad with yours. Rest In Peace Wade.



Ron & Sherron Skipper - January 24, 2022 at 09:22 AM

KC

“ Kimberly and famly, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed shopping at W H Hicks and always remember your Dad there with a smile. Know your Dad and the family business left an impact on Hartsville. Praying for you during this difficult time. Kim Braynt Clanton

Kim Bryant Clanton - January 22, 2022 at 11:11 PM

BG

“ One thing is for sure ..." Wade Hampton was a classic ".I always enjoyed working with Lee and Wade on their various home improvement projects and hearing Wade's final summary of each endeavor.Never a dull moment. Always fun working with friends.
Bobby Goodson

Bobby Goodson - January 22, 2022 at 06:05 PM

LG

“ Lou Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Lou Gardner - January 22, 2022 at 09:46 AM

LG

Lee, Kim, Sending love and sympathy to you.

Lou Gardner - January 22, 2022 at 09:48 AM

AS

“ *Wade was a gentleman of the first order. He will be missed.*

Anne Wiggins Smith - January 22, 2022 at 07:41 AM

DC

“ *Lee, Freida and I offer our condolences to you and your family. Wade was a great guy.*



Danny and Freida Collins - January 22, 2022 at 07:41 AM

DK

“ *David King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



David King - January 21, 2022 at 12:29 PM

JG

“ *Jimmy A Nd Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Jimmy a nd Judy Gainey - January 20, 2022 at 08:55 PM

EB

“ *Eric Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Eric Bradshaw - January 20, 2022 at 07:26 PM

JA

“ *JIMMY ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



JIMMY ANDREWS - January 20, 2022 at 07:17 PM

MR

“ *I was so fortunate to get to know Wade through the B & F Club. He would entertain us with a limerick every meeting! Truly, a wonderful human being. I treasure those memories! He is rewarded with Everlasting Life! To the family, he was loved by many! Now he has received his just reward! Peace be with you all!*

Mike Rast - January 20, 2022 at 05:50 PM



Thank you Mike for those special words about dad. Kim

Kimberly Dixon - January 22, 2022 at 01:35 PM

SB

“ *So many fond memories of shopping in Hicks Feed. Mr. Hicks was always so helpful and courteous. Prayers for the family!*



Suzanne Skinner Beasley - January 20, 2022 at 03:57 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Rebecca Skinner - January 20, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CT

“ *Curtis And Pam Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Curtis and Pam Tyner - January 20, 2022 at 03:19 PM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. Wade was a great guy, witty, and a lot of fun. We always enjoyed our trips to Europe when you two were along. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - January 20, 2022 at 02:07 PM

MS

“ Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Mark and Scarlet Shealy - January 20, 2022 at 12:11 PM

EB

“ Eddie Beck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Eddie Beck - January 20, 2022 at 11:21 AM

LL

“ Lee Lanier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Lee Lanier - January 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM

LG

“ Lyndal Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Lyndal Gibson - January 20, 2022 at 10:43 AM

LG

Our heartfelt condolences to Lee and Hamp's family. Hamp was a dear friend, whom I've known all my life.

Lyndal and Michele Gibson

Lyndal Gibson - January 20, 2022 at 10:46 AM

BH

“ *Bil Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Bil Howle - January 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Deborah Gandy - January 20, 2022 at 09:48 AM

AB

“ *So sorry to hear of Hamp's passing, I have known him all my life. He and I were in the same Boy Scout Troop 512 for many years. Hamp was a good man, he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Archie Biggs - January 20, 2022 at 09:30 AM

PJ

“ *Pat James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Pat James - January 20, 2022 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers prayers the family and friends of Mr. Hicks*



Judy Bryant - January 20, 2022 at 09:09 AM

PG

“ Phillip Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Phillip Gandy - January 20, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



David Jordan - January 20, 2022 at 08:26 AM

SR

“ Sedell Rowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Sedell Rowe - January 20, 2022 at 08:11 AM

PC

“ Pressly Coker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Pressly Coker - January 20, 2022 at 07:59 AM

CG

“ Cathy And Jerry Guy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III



Cathy and Jerry Guy - January 20, 2022 at 07:59 AM

LE

“ *Larry Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Larry Easterling - January 20, 2022 at 07:57 AM

PC

“ *Paul And Carole Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



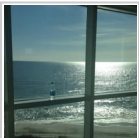
Paul and Carole Cannarella - January 20, 2022 at 07:29 AM

JG

“ *Jeff Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Jeff Galloway - January 20, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ *Bill Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Bill Stokes - January 20, 2022 at 02:56 AM

DG

“ *Don And Bess Gore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Don and Bess Gore - January 19, 2022 at 11:19 PM

TL

“ *Tru And Ed Lawton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Tru and Ed Lawton - January 19, 2022 at 10:40 PM

FL

“ *So sorry to hear this. I will praying for your family.*

Fran Langley - January 19, 2022 at 10:19 PM

KL

“ *Lee and family, hold your memories close to your heart! Prayers and Hugs, Kathy Lawhon*

Kathy Lawhon - January 19, 2022 at 08:39 PM

GO

“ *Mr Hicks was a legend in Hartsville. I truly have missed going into the feed store which he qnd Lee owned on South 4th street. He will be missed. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Grady O'Neal - January 19, 2022 at 07:41 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wade Hampton Hicks III*



Gloria Bell - January 19, 2022 at 07:29 PM

AW

“ *We will miss your wonderful humor and always your limericks. Wade was one of a kind. Loved by everyone. My love to Lee, Kim and Wade and all of his family. I know heaven is laughing. ❤️❤️*



Anna Williams - January 19, 2022 at 05:27 PM



Thank you Anna. Kim

Kimberly Dixon - January 22, 2022 at 01:38 PM



*I always enjoy going in and talking to him. He was always nice and very helpful.
Missed him and his store. Praying for his family. Mickey and Shirley Wilkes*

Mickey and Shirley Wilkes - January 22, 2022 at 11:08 PM