



## William Dunbar Hicks

June 5, 1924 - October 18, 2012

On October 18, 2012, Bill Hicks passed away in Newnan, Georgia. He was a loving, giving and humble man and the family has decided the best way to pay tribute to him, in lieu of flowers is to the Alzheimer's Foundation even though his death was not from any complications or result of Alzheimer's disease.

Bill was born in Texas on June 5, 1924. He met his wife, Elaine, in 1944 and had their first date at the Rose Bowl, January 1, 1945. They were married in May 1945 and recently celebrated sixty seven years together.

Bill was a teacher, coach and athletic director in the Anaheim Union High School District. He started his career at Anaheim High School as a part of Coach Clare Van Hoorebeck's staff in the 1950s. He coached and taught at seven different schools, ending his career at Savanna High School as the head football coach. Bill retired from the school district in 1980.

Bill also worked at Disneyland in Anaheim from the first day it opened.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elaine, his three daughters, Linda Hicks Brown, Debbie Hicks and Marcie Hicks Bayne, three grand-children, Adrienne Pressel Watroba, AF "Rick" Pressel III, Michael Turner, and five great grand-children.

Tributes in Bill's honor can be made to:

Metro Atlanta Region

41 Perimeter Center East

Suite 550

Atlanta, GA 30346 or at [www.alz.org/tributes](http://www.alz.org/tributes) or <http://bit.ly/WMmIKh>

Condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, GA (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery  
96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Dear Mrs. Hicks and Family, I just now learned of the passing of Coach Hicks. I am saddened to hear of his passing, but thankful to know that Coach went peacefully and with his beloved family at his side. Coach was my football coach in high school. I played for him at Savanna all three of my high school years. In fact, I entered Savanna as a sophomore at the same time that Coach was starting his run there as head football coach, 1966. Coach was a tremendous innovator. He installed a "Run and Shoot" offense long before anyone knew what it was. We passed, passed, passed.....It was so much fun. I have had a very rewarding and successful life, but I still consider those days with Coach Hicks some of the greatest of my life. He gave me some incredible opportunities and allowed me to maximize the athletic abilities that I had. He was GREAT to me, and I have never forgotten that. Coach Hicks was a man's man, and had a heart of gold. My parents also thought the world of him. Although all of you, his family, are mourning his passing, I hope you find great comfort and joy in knowing just how fortunate you were to have him. He left his mark. God bless Coach Hicks. Bob Canary Savanna HS '69

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**Bob Canary** - November 16, 2012 at 11:53 PM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Hicks family and also share a comforting scriptural promise that very soon death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore....Revelation 21:4

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**P. Watts** - November 04, 2012 at 06:01 PM

DH

“ *Dear Elaine: It was very sad to read in the OC Register of Bill's passing. Your location was lost to me after Katella HS. I hope you're as happy as possible after losing Bill. Perhaps you know of our loss of George Rosacker recently. Like Bill he was a special man. The world is a lesser place after the loss of two such exemplary people...Bear up, Elaine; you're in my thoughts and prayers. Dixie*

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**Don (Dixie) Howells** - October 30, 2012 at 07:26 PM

RO

“ MY deepest sympathy to the family of William Hicks on your loss of a dear love one. When our loved one die, we mourn. And we may ask: 'What has happened to them? Are they suffering? Are they watching over us? Can we help them? Will we see them again? The world's religions offer differing answers to these questions. What happens at death is no mystery to God, the creator of all things. He knows the truth, and his In his Word the Bible, he explains the condition of the dead. Its clear teaching is this: When a person dies, he ceases to exist. Death is the opposite of life. The dead do not see or hear or think. Not even one part of us survives the death of the body. We do not possess an immortal soul or spirit. The Bible at Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 6, 10- says: As for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all." It enlarged on this basic truth by saying that the dead can neither love nor hate and that " there is no work nor devising nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave." Jesus Christ spoke of a hope for the died. Jesus said: " I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercise faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11: 25) The Bible teaches that the dead will live again. (John 5:28,29) While Jesus was on earth, he showed that he is able to resurrect the dead. On one occasion, he resurrected a 12-year-old girl. How did her parents react? They " were be sides themselves with great ecstasy." (Mark 5:42) Under the rule of his Kingdom, the heavenly King Jesus Christ will resurrect untold numbers of people to life here on earth-but under peaceful and righteous conditions.(Acts 24:15; 2 Peter 3:13) Imagine the great ecstasy when the dead(William) come back to life and are reunited with their loved ones! God(Jehovah) made hope for the dead possible by sending his Son(Jesus) to die for us(John 3:16). So the resurrection tells us about Jehovah's love and undeserved kindness extended towards us humans. When the dead return to life, whom do you especially want to see? I hope these passages from God's Word the Bible will give you courage and the strength to cope.  
-2Corinthians 1:3,4.

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ROBERT - October 29, 2012 at 11:15 PM

RC

“ *Bill Hicks was my coach at Loara High School in Anaheim, and just last week I had persistent thoughts about him. That has not happened to me much in my life. He was the first coach at Loara who cared enough to know my name. I have always held him in high regard. I served as a pastor in Decatur at one time, and in fact a retired Baptist pastor in Newnan, Dr. Gene Tyre is a very good friend of mine. I wonder if anyone in the family knows Gene. Please know of my prayers for the family in this season of loss. Ron Cook, Baylor University*

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**Ron Cook** - October 28, 2012 at 09:15 PM