



## John G Hicks

January 20, 1939 - May 23, 2022

John G. Hicks, 83, of Sodus Township died Sunday, May 22, 2022, at his second home on Scott Lake in Bloomingdale where he loved to go on weekends.

A gathering of friends and relatives will be held from 2 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, June 5, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Cremation has taken place. Please share messages or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

John was born on January 20, 1939 in Benton Harbor to Edward and Marie Hicks. He graduated from St. John's High School in 1958. He married his wife, Karen, and they had close to 50 years of marriage before her death in 2009. John was a master craftsman who could do about anything. He was employed at Kaywood for 30 years and then at South Haven Packing Co for 10 years before his retirement in 2009. John loved to go to Scott Lake whenever he could. He enjoyed fishing on the lake, making wine, and hosting a karaoke party every Saturday night at the lake. John was an independent caring individual who loved his family and going to the lake.

His family includes his children, Beth (James) Leitz of Sodus, Debbie (Brian) Eubanks of Benton Harbor and Gary Hicks of Eau Claire; his brothers, Edward Hicks, Jr, of Sodus, and Joseph Hicks of Sodus; his sisters, Anita Hicks of Sodus, Donna Donnellan of Benton Harbor, Nancy Lambrecht of Watervliet, Mary Anderson of Coloma, and Kathy Rozema of Walker; his grandchildren, Lauren, Jennifer, Jameson, Corey, Dylan, and Cassidy; and his great grandchildren, Henry and Amelia. He was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother, James Hicks and a grandchild, Elias Wendzel.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of friends and relatives

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
[staff@florin.net](mailto:staff@florin.net)

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Brenda Balfour lit a candle in memory of John G Hicks*



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**Brenda Balfour** - June 07 at 07:02 PM

BB

“ *I'm late, just found out today 6/6/22 that John had passed. I am sooo sorry for your loss.  
I've know John and Karen for years the campground. I lived on lower lever by Gib and Shirley and Fred and Ruth. Blanche and Greg Tischler were great friends also. I've let all of them know about John but we're all sorry we didn't know in time for memorial. Please know how sorry we all are.*

*Brenda Balfour and Lou Adams*

*Blanche Tischler*

*Gib and Shirley Strickland*

*Fred and Ruth Holzworth*

*We all used to gather at his house for Karaoke on Sat. evenings and great fun.*

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**Brenda Balfour** - June 07 at 06:58 PM

PD

“ *Uncle John was a very special guy. He was outgoing, funny, and just a pleasure to be around. A genuine man that captured the hearts of many. Always looked forward to seeing him. He made many great memories that I and many others will cherish forever! God Bless you Uncle John and condolences to all.*

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**Patrick Donnellan** - June 05 at 07:01 AM

JD

“ *We camped with John for years and he was a special person. I sang a lot of songs at his get together. He will be missed very much by a lot of people at the lake. Regards to his family. Jerome and Jackie Dirst*

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**Jerome Dirst** - June 01 at 07:41 PM

DD

“ 2 files added to the album John family pictures



Donna A Donnellan - May 28 at 09:40 AM

J3

“ Camped at the campground for around 16 years and had the chance to become friends with John as well. He told me about his daughter and son-in-law and their farm as well as many fishing stories. He was a very kind and quiet man and he always offered to help with things. My family and I will miss him as well. Prayers for John and his family.

Joe Bird lot# 33 - May 27 at 04:37 PM

SN

“ We have had the great privilege of living next door to John at Scott Lake for the past 3 years. He was such a wonderful man and neighbor. He made us feel welcome from the very first time we met. We are going to miss him so very much. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Uplifting you in our thought and prayers.

Don & Shaun Nearpass and family

Shaun Nearpass - May 27 at 12:29 PM

CG

My late husband and I camped at Scott Lake for a number of years and John was a neighbor and friend he will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to his family at this difficult time. Carmen Gustafson

Carmen Gustafson - May 27 at 01:22 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John G Hicks.



May 27 at 10:26 AM