



Mr. Homer Benjamin Hicks, Jr.

July 6, 1924 - February 6, 2015

Mr. Homer B. Hicks, Jr., 90, passed away, on February 6, 2015, at New Vista Post Acute Care Center West in Los Angeles, CA. Homer was born in West Point, the son of the late Homer B. and Alba Lou "Miss Boo" Cook Hicks, Sr. Homer was a 1941 Graduate of West Point High School, where he was a drum major in the band. Homer was a very talented dancer from a young age. He was accomplished in both tap and ballroom styles, where he was asked to perform in West Point frequently with his cousin Jennie Erle. When his college education was interrupted by serving his country in the United States Navy, he was asked to dance at special officers' events, even as he trained as a Medic's assistant. Later, while attending Mississippi State University, he was a cheerleader and member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. After leaving the United States Navy, and completing his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1947, Homer became a Chemical Engineer for DuPont, where he worked for 35 years. However, his favorite activity later in life remained dancing. And he didn't completely retire since he went on to substitute teach math and other subjects in two high schools in Middletown, NJ where he raised his family. Needless to say, he worked hard, and smiled most when on the dance floor. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Dabbs Fisher Hicks on March 25, 1948, in Starkville, and sadly, she passed away at age 47 in 1973. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his oldest son: Benjamin Hicks.

Graveside Services will be Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. from Greenwood Cemetery with Mr. Robert F. Hicks officiating and assisted by Julia Jean Hicks. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include His Daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Hicks of Weehawken, N.J.; One Son, Robert F. Hicks (Carol Jean) of Los Angeles, CA; Two Grandchildren, which are post-graduate students: Julia Jean Hicks of Bolder, CO. and Robert Morgan "Bobby" Hicks of Bronx, NY; Niece: Jennie Earl Jaco of Rock Hill, SC; and Nephew: Merle Fraser of Columbus.

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

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“ *Our sincere sympathy in the loss of Homer. Karen Kivell Johnston, Robert Johnston Hillary Johnston Wilson, Larry Kivell and sons, David and Kelly*

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