



## Mary Clair Hicks

May 30, 1937 - February 12, 2018

Mary Clair Hicks age 80, passed away surrounded by family at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital on Monday, February 12, 2018. She was born in Detroit MI, on May 30, 1937 to Ninus and Virginia Cartwright (Boehle). She grew up in the city of Detroit along with her five brothers John, William, George, Charles, and David Cartwright. Their mother Virginia wanted to name all of her children after kings and queens. On February 20, 1954 Mary married Leonard Hicks in New Tazewell, Tennessee. Mary and Leonard had two daughters Brenda and Susan.

Mary was a devoted mother and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Above all else she was dedicated to family life. At the age of 18 Mary began working for BlueCross and Blue Shield of Michigan she retired as a systems analyst at the age of 53. After her retirement Mary completed the Master Gardener Program at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She went on to become President of the Troy Garden Club where she led many public gardening projects. She also traveled extensively in retirement with her husband Leonard, travelling to Australia, China, Egypt, Greece, Kenya, and many other exotic locations. Mary was an avid ballroom dancer and practiced at every opportunity.

In the later years of her life Mary was thrilled to have three great grandchildren with whom she spent most of her time. In her spare time Mary was a

voracious reader and had a great interest in history and current events. Mary was a proud patriot and an enthusiastic supporter of American Veterans.

Mary is survived by her husband, Leonard; brother, Charles (Nancy); daughters, Brenda and Susan; grandchildren, Christian, Mary, and Nathan; and great-grandchildren, Ronan, Anthony, and Mya.

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East

Clinton Twp., MI

# Previous Events

## Prayers

FEB 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Instate

FEB 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

FEB 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Clair Hicks*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Mary Clair Hicks*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Sweet memories of Mary, we were friends from childhood. Mary was a special treasure. Loved you lady ! Nancy*

**NANCY ABRIEL MARTIN** - February 15, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



February 15, 2018 at 02:22 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



February 14, 2018 at 11:26 PM

YA

“ 3 files added to the album *Mary and brothers*



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**Yvonne Alexander** - February 14, 2018 at 09:49 PM

YA

*Aunt Mary was a special part of my childhood, Christmas every year was at her house. It was a truly magical time, I will always be grateful to having such a beautiful human being in my life. Prayers for the family.*

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**Yvonne Alexander** - February 14, 2018 at 10:52 PM

JM

“ *Jody Eisenstein-Miracle and Wesley Miracle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



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**Jody Eisenstein-Miracle and Wesley Miracle** - February 14, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



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February 14, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



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February 14, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ *Mary was a wonderful human being. Always willing to try something. Only knew her a few years but she always made you feel comfortable . Was lucky to spend time with her and Leonard in Tenn. we had a great time. Rest In Peace. Prayers to all the family. Memories will help you to get through this. ❤️🙏❤️*

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**Kathryn Villa** - February 14, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *I feel fortunate to have met this lovely woman, she raised one of my most treasured friends, Brenda. My sincere condolences to Brenda, Susan, Leonard and family.*



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**Michelle Culkowski** - February 14, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Words can't describe how much my grandmother meant to me. She was the strongest, smartest, bravest, kindest, lovelyist person I've ever known. She had the most beautiful smile with a laugh that lit up the room.

*It brought me so much joy when my own children would look at her with the same love and admiration that I had for her. Rest In Peace my Grandma Mary Moon. I love you and will miss you more than words can say.*



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**Mary Villa** - February 14, 2018 at 01:23 PM

LA

*We are so sorry for your loss. Mary was always so pleasant and had a beautiful smile.*

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**Lou & Joanne Alonzi** - February 14, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



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February 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM

BF

“ As I was sitting at my Mother’s bedside in the ICU, waiting for her to open her beautiful blue eyes, I had these thoughts of her. She is a warrior. I have never known anyone stronger. She never gave up. No matter what. She worked so hard to make a good life for her family  
She was my champion. I never once felt unloved. She always let me know she was proud of me. And I believe this has helped make me a strong and confident woman, just like her  
She loved her grand and great grandchildren so much. Always saying she felt they were her own I know her strength and love will sustain them, as it has me.  
I love you Mom. I owe everything to you and Dad  
I’m really not sure what I will do without you.  
Love Brenda

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**Brenda Forrest** - February 14, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CB

Mary was a beautiful woman inside and out. She always had a wonderful smile for you. I will forever have her in my memory. She will be missed by many. Rest in peace sweet Mary.

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**Caril Burnett** - February 16, 2018 at 05:44 AM



“ She was my grandma but more like a back up mom. I have so many wonderful memories with her I couldn't possibly list the details here, it would take days to write it all out. The dozens of vacations, the hundreds of movies, the long talks (both fun and serious), the day trips to parks for picnics, the birthdays, the Christmases, all the holidays I've ever had, all these memories are playing on repeat through my head. She was there for every major milestone in my life and especially the ho hum everyday days. I love you Grandma. You are missed. I will see you again.

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**Christian Forrest** - February 14, 2018 at 10:38 AM

GC

*Mary was my sister in law I was married to her brother David . Mary was the most kind loving person I have ever known . Fun to be around and we seemed to always have great conversations . Loved our garden walks so much learned so much from her . Mary you will be missed , you are loved .*

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**Georganna Cartwright** - February 14, 2018 at 11:55 AM

SH

“ *Mom's favorite drinks were coffee and diet coke. She loved everyone so much!! She also loved our military, first responders, the police department, the fire department and she loved Jesus Christ most of all. .*

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**Susan Hicks** - February 14, 2018 at 10:13 AM

MF

“ *MICHAEL ALONZI and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Clair Hicks.*



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**MICHAEL ALONZI and Family** - February 13, 2018 at 07:44 PM