



Onie May Hicks

September 15, 1941 - June 20, 2025

Onie May Hicks, 83, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, in Roswell, New Mexico, surrounded by her friends and family.

A memorial service for Onie will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Bethel Baptist Church, 2420 North Garden Avenue, Roswell, New Mexico, with Pete Crook officiating.

Born on September 15, 1941, to Oma Mae and Byrd Bullard, in Pierce, Oklahoma. Onie and her family moved to Roswell at the age of six for what was supposed to be just one season of picking cotton, but after the season completed, she and her family decided to call Roswell their forever home. On December 22, 1956, as she stood by her sister's side as the maid of honor, she caught the eye of the best man, Wilson Roy "Bill" Hicks, and as the story goes, exactly one year later, on December 22, 1957, it was Onie and Bill who would be wed. After their wedding, they moved to Farmington, New Mexico, and fifteen months later they welcomed their first daughter. They became home sick and relocated back to Roswell; it was here that they welcomed three more children. Onie and Bill were foster parents for many years while their own children were growing up; they helped many children and teenagers over the years and Onie was known as "another mother" to so many. Onie was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest child went to kindergarten, when she began working as the receptionist at Holsum Bakery, then went on to work

for Bob Carey State Farm Insurance. After leaving State Farm, Onie began to work for the State Highway Department and later retired from the Motor Vehicle Department. Onie was a remarkable soul whose strong will and character left a lasting impression on all that knew her. If she thought you needed something done, she would be sure to tell you. Her children described her as a true force of nature, as she lived life with passion, utter determination, and unwavering love for all her friends and family. She was known for her talents as a beautiful seamstress and always made sure to pour care and love into every stitch that she made.

Onie will forever be held dearly in the hearts of her four children: Jo Marie Hicks, Jacquita Beddo and husband Mike, Janetta B. Hicks, and Dan Hicks and wife Elisha; grandchildren, Michael Craycraft and wife Sarah, Vincent Palombi and wife Amanda, Valerie Palombi, Mary Hicks and partner Johnny Strickland, Joe Hicks and partner Faith Behanna, Josh Hicks, Jeremy Hicks and partner Lucy Castillo, Jared Hicks, Bowen Duncan and wife LeeAnn, Jacob Clements, Kristen Huddleston and partner Paul Huddleston, Nathan Clements and Jedidah Beddo; great-grandchildren: Paige Huddleston, Jakob Smith, Mia Huddleston, Kylee Clements and partner Cade Conlee, Aidan Huddleston, Aibhie Clements, Gage Gladu, Isaiah Clements, Clara Palombi, Coulson Palombi, Annabelle Brown and Abigail Craycraft; and many others who loved her.

Onie is preceded in death by her husband, the love of her life for 64 wonderful years, Wilson Roy "Bill" Hicks; her parents, siblings, grandson William Palombi, great granddaughter Kristin Young-Amarez and many other loved ones.

This tribute was written in Onie's honor by her beloved children.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (MT)

Bethel Baptist Church
2420 NORTH GARDEN
Roswell, NM 88201

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Sorry to hear about Onie’s passing. May she rest in peace.



Mary Ann Delgado - June 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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“ One of my best friends in life, Onie was a hard bf to follow. God has blessed me with many. Bill, Onie's husband, was mine and Archie's best man almost 50 years ago. ❤️❤️💔😭

Valeeta Snow - June 25, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ May Onie rest in peace, She was such a nice lady, may God watch over the family

Lupe Morales - June 25, 2025 at 05:12 PM

“ The day I came to live with the Hicks’ was in 1969. I was 15 years old. The Hicks’ were to be my new foster family.

I entered the Hicks household and immediately smelled this wonderful pastry coming from the kitchen. Onie was baking her famous Cherry-G-Ring as she called it. She invited me to watch her bake as we got to know each other. I was amazed at how she prepared each one just the way her family liked them. She told me she loved baking for them.

Another cherished memory was when I had just begun to drive; having recently completed driver’s education in high school. One day Onie had asked me to run an errand to the grocery store, which I eagerly accepted in order to try out my skills with the family’s new VW van. Little did I know that not far from the car was a tree stump which I proceeded to hit as I backed out of the driveway. I was so sure that Onie would be furious with me, but to my surprise she simply handed me a hammer and told me to go bang the bumper out. What patience she must have had at that moment. She most likely realized that with me being a foster child, she needed to show more patience than normal. I soon learned that she was just that kind of mom with her children as well, loving but strict when they needed it. I’m sure I must have tested her patience often.

Over the years when I would visit she often told me that I was her daughter too, not just a foster daughter.

She spoke of her husband, Bill, with such love and admiration. She would say that he was the best husband and man and that she got lucky when she married him. Her eyes would light up when speaking of him.

I’m going to miss her guidance and smile. She was exactly the kind of mom I needed and I am grateful to have known her all these years. Rest in peace mom.

Kathryn 'Brenda' Morgan - June 24, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ Kathryn 'Brenda' Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Onie Hicks



Kathryn 'Brenda' Morgan - June 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Onie May Hicks.

June 24, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Onie May Hicks.



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Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - June 24, 2025 at 10:12 AM