



## Iris Jean Hicks

September 6, 1925 - July 29, 2025

Iris Jean Hicks, 99, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Plainfield Healthcare Center in Plainfield, Indiana. She was born September 6, 1925, in Lebanon, Indiana; a daughter of the late Loris "Jack" E. and Margary P. (Lewallen) Dale.

On December 15, 1946, she married Lowell Leigh "Jack" Hicks at the First Baptist Church in Lebanon. He preceded her in death on December 25, 1987.

Iris graduated from Lebanon High School in 1943 and went on to earn an associate degree in business from William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri two years later. She was a proud owner of the Iris Jean Hicks School of Dance, which she operated from her home for 25 years until 1983. In 1988, she became the secretary at First Baptist Church retiring in 2005.

Iris was active in her church and community. She served on various boards and committees and was both deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, walking, line dancing, and spending time with her family. Iris will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her son, Richie L. (Sandy) Hicks of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Holly (Josh) Ellis of Indianapolis and Heather (Reece) Peacock

of Avon; and great grandson, Wyatt Ellis.

In addition to her parents and husband, Iris was preceded in death by her son Gary Dale Hicks and sister, Marcia Jane Isenhower.

Private family services will be held with burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon. Myers Mortuary has been entrusted with her arrangements.

Memorials may be directed in her memory to the Boone County Cancer Society, 1208 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oak Hill Cemetery**

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Tribute Wall

KL

“Richie and family, I would like to send my condolences in the passing of your mother. She was so involved and active, she lived her life to the fullest. My prayers to your entire family. Karen Adams Lasley (class of 1969)

Karen Lasley - August 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

DG

“Irish Jean served as First Baptist Church secretary for a number of years while I was pastor. An early memory was she and I taking a computer class at Webo; she wanted to learn how to use a mouse more effectively. She was never afraid to try something new. She loved her extended family, as well as her First Baptist family, so very much. She truly had a servant's heart, living out her faith in so many ways. My wife Anne and I send our condolences to her family and friends. It was truly a blessing to have known her and ministered with her.



David Grieger - August 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM

NW

Thankful to have this sweet lady as my neighbor growing up in Ulen . She had the best smile and always baking good things. We played kick ball and lots of other fun games at Richie's house or ours. I know I will see her in heaven someday . God bless you Richie and Sandy. We just live in Brownsburg IN so maybe we can reconnect. In His unfailing ❤️ love, Nancy Sue Lenox Brannon (again) Bill sends his love and prayers too. God bless all. Proverbs 3:5-6 💜🕊️✝️

Nancy Wethington - August 02, 2025 at 06:45 AM

DO

“ Iris was so caring and patient. I have not seen Richie for years. I will always be grateful how she treated me growing up.

*Thoughts and prayers*

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**Don Oien** - July 31, 2025 at 07:04 PM

BL

“ Iris Jean was a very special lady. When she still lived at home, I visited with her often and loved hearing her stories of her “growing up” years, early years of her marriage, the Hicks body company and building their home in Ulen. When I walk on Saturday mornings, I’d always see her sitting in her window and would stop and wave! Her smiles and beautiful blue eyes could light up a room! So thankful God brought you home to heaven, Iris Jean, where I’m sure you’re teaching dance classes once again!❤️

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**Bonnie LaClave** - July 31, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KS

“ Praying you're comforted by memories and held close in God's love as you grieve.

*(Dick) and Kathy Sparks*

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**Katheryn Sparks** - July 30, 2025 at 03:41 PM

TR

“ Iris Jean was so special to the kids and I when we first started coming to Lebanon First Baptist. Her kindness and quick wit and welcoming manor was one of the huge reasons why I have stayed a member for 30 plus years. She was always so supportive of the kids and I over the years. She was spirited and so fun, I remember singing hymns caroling style when she first moved from Lebanon and it was so sad to see her go, but so happy she could enjoy family more often too. She was truly a shining light to so many people with her strong faith, and I loved her input in women's bible study as well. Her years of experience in trusting in him was beyond awesome. A beautiful person inside and out who will be missed and I will forever be blessed to have known her and loved her.

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**Tami Richardson** - July 30, 2025 at 02:57 PM

SB

“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Iris Jean Hicks



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**sally byrd** - July 30, 2025 at 11:38 AM