



## Diane L. Hickey

March 6, 1939 - February 23, 2025

Diane Lee Hickey, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, February 23, 2025, at her home in Highland, IL.

She was born March 6, 1939, in Covington, KY, to Elmer Spencer Swarhout and Sarah "Sally" May (Moon) Swarhout.

Diane lived with her parents until after her mother passed in 1942. She and her sister Sally lived with their Grandmother and Aunt Mary Swarhout while her father Elmer served in WWII. Elmer married Blanch Orcutt, and the family, with the addition of their brother Jim, resided in Crescent Springs, KY. Diane graduated from Dixie Heights High School.

After graduation, she began working for Citizens Telephone Company. Within two years she had been promoted and received an award for selling the most "Princess Phones" - there were 2 color choices.

On April 22, 1961, she married Larry Hickey at Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church. She left work to raise her two children - David and Janet. Larry's career as an airline pilot took the family to Florissant, Missouri in 1964, and they relocated to Highland in 1972.

Diane was active in Elementary School events and a member of Florissant

Presbyterian Church.

After moving to Highland, the family joined the Evangelical United Church of Christ. She served as a member of the Consistory, Treasurer and twice as the President of the Women's Guild. She served on the Board of Faith Countryside Homes and as its President. She participated in the Women's Guild, The Quilters and many other church activities. Diane enjoyed taking quilting tours, genealogy research and time with family.

Diane worked as a Realtor for Brown Realty, and then as a Real Estate Broker for Brown Realty/Coldwell Banker in Highland, IL.

Survivors include:

Son- David B. (Anne M.) Hickey, Highland, IL

Daughter - Janet L. (Dr. David) Nyquist, Highland, IL

Sister - Sally (Don) Wolf, Paxton, IL

Brother - James (Melanie) Swarthout, Franklin, TN

Brother-in-Law - Gary D. (Debbie) Johnson, Renton, WA

Sister-in-Law - Loretta Ellis, Harrodsburg, KY

Granddaughter-Sarah (Simon) Menz

Granddaughter-Olivia (Timothy) Coughlin

Granddaughter-Sydney (Partner - John Padanilam) Nyquist

Granddaughter-Emerson "Emmy" Nyquist

Grandson-Thomas Nyquist

Grandson-John Nyquist

Nieces and Nephews

She was preceded in death by:

Mother - Sarah "Sally" May (Moon) Swarthout died 12/12/1942

Father - Elmer Spencer Swarthout died 8/10/2003

Stepmother - Blanch E. Swarthout died 3/12/1985

Husband - Larry B. Hickey died 8/16/2014

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. William E. Kapp, Pastor.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to EvUCC or Highland Food Pantry.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jamie & David purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Diane L. Hickey.*



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**Jamie & David** - March 05, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Diane L. Hickey.*



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March 05, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DK

“ *2 files added to the album Diane at Olivia and Tim's wedding*



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**Diane's niece, Kathy** - March 03, 2025 at 12:23 AM

BE

“ Over ten years ago I met Diane on a quilting trip to England. We bonded over the humorous happenings during our travels and went on more quilting travels together. We always shared a laugh when we talked. Same approach to life. My condolences to her family who were always there for her. Will fearing miss my quilting friend.  
*Barbara Edin*

Barbara Edin - March 01, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MT

“ She was always so sweet to talk to. She had much wisdom and shared it kindly with us. She was an Angel on earth and now she can rest with Larry. They were wonderful neighbors.

Marge Thole - March 01, 2025 at 10:49 AM

LI

“ My sincerest sympathy to all the family.  
*Linda Iberg*

Linda Iberg - February 28, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LI

“ Linda Iberg lit a candle in memory of Diane Hickey



Linda Iberg - February 28, 2025 at 09:26 PM

DT

“ David and Terry Thole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane L. Hickey.

David and Terry Thole - February 27, 2025 at 08:02 PM

DT

“ David and Terry Thole purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diane L. Hickey.



David and Terry Thole - February 27, 2025 at 08:02 PM

PL

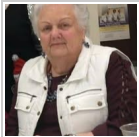
“ Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends. Diane was a friend thru church activities and committees and that were both on. She always had a smile and friendly word to share. she will definitely be missed by family and community.

Pam Lecerf - February 27, 2025 at 05:06 PM

ME

“ Miller E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane L. Hickey.

Miller E. - February 26, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Diane Hickey



Rita Rinderer - February 26, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Diane Hickey*



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**Rita Rinderer** - February 26, 2025 at 08:05 AM

BS

“ *Sending sincere sympathy to her family 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Beckie & Bob Schrupf** - February 26, 2025 at 01:31 AM

MR

“ *Marsha Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Diane Hickey*



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**Marsha Rinderer** - February 25, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MR

“ *To the family of Diane, you all have my sympathy. Diane was a wonderful friend who I took over president of at the church's Women's Guild. She taught me a lot of things like quilting and crocheting. I'm going to miss her. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Marsha Rinderer*

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**Marsha Rinderer** - February 25, 2025 at 09:38 PM

SR

“ David, Janet and family,my deepest sympathy to your family at this time. When I moved to Highland 6 years ago, Diana took me around town showing me places of interest. She also invited me to EVUCC church and HOA meetings. Diana was my back door neighbor at Faith Country Side Condos. You will be missed my friend. Family and friends need to remember that LOVE LIVES FOREVER IN YOUR HEART ❤️



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**Sue Richardson** - February 25, 2025 at 06:24 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Diane Hickey



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**Rita Rinderer** - February 25, 2025 at 05:45 PM