



Catherine "Kay" Hicks

January 25, 1940 - October 27, 2019

Catherine "Kay" Hicks, 79, of Kingsford, MI, passed away on October 27, 2019 surrounded by loved ones.

She was born January 25, 1940 in Cambridge, MA, the daughter of James and Alma (Tremblay) Sullivan. Ever the wisecracker, she loved to tell people she went through Harvard...on her way to work. At 17, she met a gentle "coastie" that had found his way East from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She married her hunk of burning love, Roger Howard Hicks, in Boston on April 12, 1957. The two would soon relocate to Roger's hometown of Kingsford, MI, where they would live out the rest of their lives. Kay would retain her thick Boston accent despite living out the majority of her life in Michigan.

Kay was larger-than-life. Strong-minded and tough-as-nails, she wasn't afraid to go against the grain. Just when you thought you had outwitted Kay, she took a sip of black coffee and blurted out an irreverent retort that made everyone laugh (or gasp!). She loved Elvis, animals, and rooting for the underdog. She played the dice machine at the casino like a boss. She never forgot a birthday and loved sending cards and finding the perfect gift to make someone smile. You had to earn her love, but once you did she loved you fiercely. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. Her whole life, she adored her husband Roger like a love-struck teenager. Her and Roger's living room on Sterling St. will always be remembered as a special gathering

place where warmth, laughter, and coffee were never in short supply.

Kay is survived by her sister Mary (William) Czar of Stoneham, MA; brother James Sullivan of Lexington, MA; son, Roger (Denise) Hicks of Florence, WI; daughter, Beverly (Ray) Jones of Winchendon, MA; grandchildren, Casey (Cory) VanCamp of Kimberly, WI, Tracey (Dave) Berman of Brooklyn, WI, Roger (Kirsten Vinyeta) Hicks of Springfield, OR, and Jennifer Simonds of Gardener, MA; great grandchildren, Ava and Aubrey VanCamp, Hailey and Tanner Berman, Eskar Hicks, Collin and Connor Simonds, and Aiden Jones; sisters and brothers in-law Beverly Powell, Randy Hicks, Bruce Hicks, Doug Hicks, Dale Hicks, Charlotte Groeneveld, and Ginger Strum; cousin Jerry Hicks, and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Kay was preceded in death by her and Roger's beloved dogs Ben and Tessie.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the dedicated staff at ManorCare that cared for Kay in her final months.

In keeping with Kay's wishes, there will be no funeral services. The family will be celebrating her life in a private gathering at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Catherine "Kay" Hicks online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I will miss your quick wit, great sense of humor and you are the master of storytelling. The best part of my day was coffee time with you. You lifted my spirits more than the caffeine did. You will be greatly missed. Love always Deena Pietrantonio

Deena Pietrantonio - November 06, 2019 at 01:17 PM

DN

“ I knew Kay when she sold Merri Mac, many years ago. I always thought kindly of her. What a sweet woman. I am blessed to have known her.

Debby Neuens - November 05, 2019 at 12:38 AM

AH

“ I am sorry for your loss 🙏❤️ I loved her dearly. She inspired me so much
I loved it when we lived across the alley from Her and Roger. I would go over there every day for coffee and great conversation.
She was the funniest lady I ever knew.

Alana Herzog - November 01, 2019 at 08:14 PM

AM

“ RIP sweet lady. A lot of great memories in Florence.



arlene mohr - November 01, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SP

“ The family for Kay Hicks yous have my deepest Sympathies. Kay was very good friend with my sister Pam Martin. I knew Kay also. RIP great lady❤️❤️

Susie Piatti - October 30, 2019 at 02:32 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Kay's passing. Marie and I went to see her a few years ago when I was home. It had been many years since I had seen her. She was still the same Kay I always knew. We had a wonderful visit. So glad I made that stop. So sorry for your loss. ❤️

Sheila Walters - October 29, 2019 at 08:54 PM

BC

“ So sorry Beverly and Roger. Thinking of you today. Rest in peace Aunt Kay. Thanks for all the great memories. Love you and I will always miss you.

Billy Czar - October 29, 2019 at 03:41 PM

VB

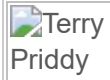
“ Kay was a great , funny , and amazing lady. Sorry for your loss. Pam Martin , Susie Piatti , Gerry Mattson and violet bongi 🙏

violet bongi - October 29, 2019 at 02:07 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear this sadness. I will always remember this funny lady! She was a hoot and always a pleasure to be around, loved her toy parties! Great memories! Now she will entertain the angels! Big hugz
Jeannie

jeannie minnick - October 29, 2019 at 01:39 PM



Terry
Priddy

“ *My Deepest Sympathies Roger & Denise! I loved Kay so much. He Christmas Toy Parties were the best! I have so many found memories of her. Kay always made us laugh no matter how bad life seemed! God Bless you all.*

Terry Priddy

Terry Priddy - October 29, 2019 at 01:20 PM