



Herman Fisher Hicks

Dec. 20, 1937 - Dec. 31, 2025

Herman Fisher Hicks, 88, of Morganton, NC, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

A native of Henderson, NC in Vance County, he was born on December 20, 1937 to the late Walter and Luna Hicks. In addition to his parents, Herman was preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy Hicks and Janet Finch; and two brothers, Graham Hicks and wife, Jackie, and Bobby Hicks and wife, Frances.

Herman is survived by his wife of 58 years, Linda Davidson Hicks; daughter, Lisa Rohr (T.J.) of Lenoir and Jill Ritchings (Ray) of Lyman, SC; grandchildren, Brienne and Jason Rohr and Ian Ritchings (Gabrielle); and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Herman served in the US Army from 1956 to 1964 under the Reserved Forces Act of 1955. He was a graduate of Mars Hill College, the University of Richmond, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Herman served in the gospel ministry for 39 years in several churches in NC, as well as a mission in West Virginia. NC Baptists, in partnership with WV, during that time came and built the only Southern Baptist Church in Braxton County while Herman was pastor.

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Herrman was a very humble, friendly person, having never known a stranger. He was always willing to help people in any way he could, especially to secure their salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the church with Rev.

Ethan Cromer officiating. The graveside service will be held at 3:00 pm, Sunday, January 11, 2026 at Ashelawn Gardens of Memory in Asheville.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Linda, I was so sorry when I heard of Herman's passing. I've been sick and just went back to The Berkeley yesterday, 1/6/26. I hated I didn't get to tell Herman as well as you goodbye. I'll miss talking with you. You're a beautiful sweet person. Please take care. You and your family are in my prayers.

—Lisa White

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I'm so sorry for your loss.

—Rebecca Sime



Mr Herman was a wonderful man of God. Him and Linda were a great part of our church family. He is truly missed

—Judy Moore



My granddaddy, Herman Hicks, was one of the special ones. I know lots of people say that about their grandparents, but I firmly believe it rings truer with him than with anyone else. Despite growing up poor, he rarely asked for anything. He always loved and served with a humble spirit, personifying "the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Every time the family came together, he made it a point to share scripture and a hymn, making sure that we were

share scripture and a hymn, making sure that we were always reminded of the love of Jesus. Herman was also the textbook definition of "strong as an ox, gentle as a lamb," always exuding a persona of gentleness and self-control, while at the same time maintaining a sense of confidence in his faith in Christ, as well as exuding physical strength and resilience, even in his last years. He was a loving spouse, father, grandfather, and friend - one that everyone could learn from and look up to. I know I still do. Suffice it to say: There will never be another like Herman Hicks, and there's absolutely no question where he is right now. He ran the race better than anyone ever has, and he's enjoying the eternal reward that he undoubtedly deserves. God, thank You for Herman Hicks. Thank You for my granddaddy.

—Ian Ritchings



Wife of his grandson Ian Ritchings, I have grown to know Granddaddy for not nearly enough time. However the time I have come to know him, I have learned that he is one of the most humble, loving, and Christ following man I've known in my lifetime. I will forever cherish the memories we did share, and look fondly to my favorite one: him marrying me to his grandson Ian. Your laughter and smile alone lit up a room. Well done, good and faithful servant. We are at peace knowing you have finished your race and are dancing with Jesus.

—Gabrielle Ritchings