

# Garland Bordon Hicks

July 7, 1943

June 5, 2017 (73)

Rockford, IL



**Garland Bordon Hicks**, 73, of Machesney Park, passed away on Monday, June 5, 2017. He was born July 7, 1943, in Corning, AR, one of eight born to William Gerald and Norma (Lane) Hicks. Reared on a farm, it was his mom awakened his love of music when she taught him to play the guitar. His family moved to the Rockford area when he was seven. His love of music and singing led him to sing karaoke with friends he met along the way. He also continued his love of baseball into adulthood. He retired from his jobs as Custodian and Electrical Engineer with the Harlem School District.

Garland married Carol Godfrey on April 18, 1964. They were true soul mates who were always together and enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends. Carol predeceased him on March 15, 1997. He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly (Carl) Davick and Melinda (Scott) Thompson; grandchildren, Anika and Soren Davick, Benjamin and Amanda Thompson; siblings, Erma Faye Eldridge, Gordon (Glonda) Hicks, Alma (Bud) Smith, Berniece (William) Oxner; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Garland was predeceased by his parents; wife, Carol; infant sister, Alta Marie; and sisters, Geraldine Price and Wilma Crow. Garland was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and he will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Advantage Funeral Home, 7000 West State Street, Rockford. Per Garland's request, cremation rites have been accorded; disposition will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. You may share condolences at [www.advantagefunerals.com](http://www.advantagefunerals.com).

## References:

[GGarland Hicks Obituary - Death Notice and Service Information \(legacy.com\)](#)  
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