



## Barbara "Bonnie" Kelley Hicks

February 23, 1942 - April 7, 2026

Barbara "Bonnie" Kelley Hicks, 84, of Jupiter, Florida, peacefully passed away on April 7, 2026, after a courageous battle with lung disease. Known for her ability to light up any room she entered, Bonnie was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose warmth and generosity touched countless lives.

Born on February 23, 1942, in Carmel, California, to the late Brigadier General Harold Killian Kelley and Mary Louise Amies Kelley, Bonnie demonstrated early promise and determination, graduating as Valedictorian from Francis E. Hammond High School in Alexandria, Va in 1959. She went on to earn her degree in English from Duke University in 1963, beginning a lifelong connection to the institution she cherished. While at Duke, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and is where is met H. Mason Hicks Jr whom she married in 1963. They began their lives in Harriman, Tn and later moved to New York City.

Bonnie settled in Bronxville, NY with her then husband Mason Hicks where she became a devoted mother to her two sons, Mason, born in 1967 and Christopher, born in 1970. She threw herself into community life with remarkable energy and grace, serving on the Bronxville Board of Education,

the Board of the National Association of Junior Leagues and as President of the Junior League of Bronxville. She was involved with the Adoption & Children's Services of Westchester and served on the Board of Family Consultation Service of Eastchester as well as a vestryman of Christ Church in Bronxville. She was also known for coaching her youngest son's little league baseball team, affectionately called "the Dirty Dozen", a testament to her willingness to show up whenever she was needed.

At the age of 43, Bonnie redefined herself with characteristic courage, diving headfirst into a career in fundraising, first at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville and later at her alma mater, Duke University in Durham, NC. Upon leaving Duke, she moved back to Bronxville where she reinvented herself once again, building a career as a paralegal in New York City at Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf LLP before joining Violi Law in Mamaroneck, New York, where she served as paralegal and office manager. Later in life, while living in Williamsburg, Virginia, she volunteered with the Ford's Colony homeowner's association and assisted in editing the local newsletter.

Bonnie was one of the most devoted and spirited Duke Basketball fans, a fighter, a world traveler, an avid reader, a devoted crossword solver and a lover of jigsaw puzzles. Above all, she loved her family fiercely and was a friend to everyone she met. Her friends were truly family and her family was her entire world.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold & Mary Kelley, her former in-laws, Mason & Becky Hicks and is survived by her sons, Hugh Mason Hicks III, daughter-in-law Jenna and Christopher Kelley Hicks, his wife Maureen; their father, Mason Hicks Jr & his life partner Joan Shannon (though

their paths diverged, Bonnie and Mason remained friends and dedicated parents to their children and granddaughters); three beloved granddaughters, Casey, Courtney, and Ryan, who brought her immeasurable joy; brother Richard Kelley & his wife Judy; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and countless friends.

May she find eternal peace and rest in God's grace. Bonnie will be cremated and her ashes will be spread in the Memorial Gardens of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. A celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date.

The family would like to especially thank all of the aides that loved and cared for Bonnie as well as Trustbridge Hospice Care for their caring support.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Trustbridge Hospice Care of Jupiter Florida at [www.trustbridge.com](http://www.trustbridge.com)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *In loving memory of Bonnie Hicks, a wonderful, kind, and loving soul. She was always caring, always thoughtful, and never hesitated to stand up for those she loved. Her presence brought comfort, peace, and a quiet strength that touched everyone around her. I had the honor of being her caregiver for seven months, and in that time, she left a lasting mark on my heart. She was truly one of the most pleasant and beautiful souls I've ever known. She will be deeply missed, but her love and kindness will never be forgotten. Love, Norma Paulk.*

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**Norma Paulk** - April 16 at 02:33 PM

RK

*Thanks Norma. You were a great help and WONDERFUL gift to her in those final days. Your own place in heaven is now ensured. XOXO. Rich (brother)*

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**Richard Kelley** - April 30 at 08:21 PM

KB

“ *What a beautiful life! We are praying for peace and comfort for the whole family right now. I have beautiful memories of spending time with Bonnie, Rich, Harold and Mary, even though that was long ago.*

*I think the last time I saw Bonnie was at Jim and Sandra Kelley's wedding in Dallas in 2003. One of my favorite memories from that visit was when she told me about living with Sadie, and Sadie chased her down the street throwing pancakes! (Perhaps that story got "embellished" in my mind over the years, I'm not sure! But it makes for a great story!)*

*I am very glad that, several years ago, I sent her the silver creamer and sugar that had Sadie's monogram, SCK, for Casey; and that Casey will be able to cherish those treasures from her namesake.*

*May you all feel the love that surrounds you from your family and friends.*

*Kaye and Allen Bowling*



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**Kaye Bowling** - April 16 at 12:39 PM

RK

*Huge thanks Kaye for the fun memories and thoughts and the PICTURE (how young we all were in those days!)*

*And for the story of Sadie and the pancakes! Not sure I'd ever heard that one, but a definite if not merely delicious Kelley family tradition that we carried on with our own kids, and which some of their friends do still talk about ("those crazy Kelleys").*

*XOXO 💕 R & J*

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**Richard Kelley** - April 30 at 08:29 PM

 John  
Harris

“ Bonnie and I not only shared a birthday (Feb. 23), but a determination to celebrate the "new year" and make it the best ever. She was the first colleague to meet my life partner — 35 years ago (a wonderful memory we often recall). I love you Bonnie, salute.

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**John Harris** - April 16 at 12:38 PM

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“ Bonnie was such a wonderful person. Her and our father would always argue and laugh at who was older. She was always smiling and laughing. The grand Aimies laughter came out. She will be greatly missed. Bonnie rest in peace and keep up the great work of making everyone in heaven smile. We love you!

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**Al Rickens Jr (Ricky)** - April 16 at 10:24 AM

RK

Thanks Ricky, I'm sure she's reading this and smiling! 💕

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**Richard Kelley** - April 16 at 11:28 AM

JH

“ I cannot say enough about how blessed I was to have Bonnie as my mother-in-law. I miss our talks, her guidance and advice, her sunny nature and positive outlook. She's now catching up with her parents, and her beloved Sadie and Rose....and I know she's still with us, shining down her bright light. I love and miss you Bonnie.

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**Jenna Hicks** - April 16 at 09:21 AM

RK

Thanks for sharing Jenna... that means a lot, as 🐝 was always all about FAMILY. So glad that she was able to spend quality time with Ryan during her last days. Much love. 💕

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**Richard Kelley** - April 16 at 11:32 AM