



Joan Ruth Filar

August 2, 1934 - July 20, 2017

Joan Ruth Hicks Filar, age 82, passed away July 20, 2017 at her home after a lengthy illness. She was born August 2, 1934 in Dade City, FL and was a longtime resident of Tallahassee. Joan grew up on the family farm near Dade City and enjoyed being outdoors and playing games with her siblings. She especially enjoyed shooting marbles, playing with their pets or when in doors coloring and playing with paper dolls. Growing up, her family was active in Trilby Methodist Church, including their Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs. She attended public schools in Dade City and graduated from Pasco High School in 1953, where she served on the yearbook committee. Joan attended Florida State University for one year and then returned to Dade City.

After marrying, George Reeve Filar in 1956, she and George lived in Indiana for several years and returned to Florida in 1961, living in several communities before settling in Tallahassee in 1972. Over the years she was a homemaker, school volunteer and later an employee at Lincoln High School, serving as an administrative assistant. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She loved watching FSU football and baseball, if they were on TV, that's where she would be. After retiring from Lincoln, she enjoyed the outdoors, especially walking her dogs and getting to know her neighbors, as well as reading. Joan also enjoyed her weekly domino games.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, James Jackson Hicks and Mary Exa Story Hicks; brothers, Willis Calvin Hicks, James Clifford Hicks; sister

Mary Jim Hicks Herring. Survivors include her children, Ken Filar of NY, NY, Karen Watts of Tallahassee, David Filar (Thomas Marks) of San Francisco, CA and Dr. D. Craig Filar (Ken Abele) of Tallahassee; grandsons Andrew Watts of Anchorage, AK and Michael Watts (Kayla) of Independence, OR; brother Dorman M. Hicks (Mary) of Dade City, FL; sister Myra L. Eisencoff Platel of Sanford, FL. A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at St. John's Episcopal Church. A reception will be held in the Parrish Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church Building Fund, Tallahassee-Leon Animal Shelter or Big Bend Hospice. The family would like to thank Big Bend Hospice for their assistance over the past few months, especially their nurse Toni and the music therapy workers.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
211 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301