



Christiana "Chris" Matzke Hicks

February 9, 1949 - August 22, 2012

Christiana Matzke Hicks of Edna died August 22, 2012 at the age of 63 after a courageous fight against cancer. She was born February 9, 1949 in El Campo to the late Manuel and Marie Whitehead Matzke.

Chris, as she was known, never met a stranger and loved visiting with all her family and friends. She enjoyed working in her yard, doing various crafts and loved to sew. She was a genius when it came to whipping up an outfit and later she picked up quilting to continue sharing that love. Her greatest joy in life came from spending time with her grandkids. From the minute they were born, she was with them every chance she could get and attended every activity they were involved in. Nana was their cheerleader, their support and their world.

She is survived by her husband Larry C. Hicks of Edna, daughter Jennifer L. Morton of El Campo, step-sons Ray Hicks and Todd Hicks of Edna, grandchildren Cheyenne and Cory Morton of El Campo and Scarlett Minoz and Hunter Hicks of Edna, sisters Lu Matzke and Jane Matzke of El Campo, brother Frank Matzke of Newton, mother-in-law Clara Hicks of Edna, sister-in-law Karen Hicks of Victoria, nieces Rachel Matzke of Newton and Jacky Gonzales of Needville, and nephew Bryan Matzke of Nacogdoches.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Norris "Bubba" Matzke and father-in-law Chester Hicks.

Visitation will begin 2:00 pm Thursday at Triska Funeral Home with a parish rosary being offered at 7:30 pm. The funeral Mass will be 10:30 am Friday,

August 24, 2012, at St. Philip Catholic Church with Rev. Gary Janak officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Edna.

Pallbearers will be Ray Hicks, Todd Hicks, Bryan Matzke, Jeff Hicks, Troylinn Quinn, and Rodney Cooper. Honorary bearers will be Dean Lowery, Robert Curlee, Glenn Johnson, Lee Putman, Jim Carroll, and Hunter Hicks.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Donor's Choice.

Words of condolence may be left for the family at www.triskafuneralhome.com.

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, Texas 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Dear family , I was so sad to hear of Chris's death. She was such a sweet lady I know mom loved her dearly. I just was in Garwood last wk when I heard about her passing. It was ironic because I had just picked up a family album from Mothers house and found a cute picture of her and Jennifer at Moms house. I know she will be so missed, what a beautiful picture of you all. May God Bless you all and keep you in his loving arms. Deepest sympathy Angie

Angie Drlik Allen - cypress, TX - friend - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Though the miles and time separated us for many years, I will always remember our visits to Pineland and Jasper, Texas when we were children. Our family always looked forward to the visit and I remember I couldn't wait to see my cousins again. The fond memories are with me and I will treasure them always. Goodbye my dear cousin. Love, Nora

Nora Tramontano - Farmingdale, NJ - 1st cousin - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Chris. She will be missed. I am glad to have been able to see her at the kids fishing tournament the last couple of years here in Matagorda. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Andy

Andy Wendel - Bay City, TX - Friend/Cousin - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Prayers going out for the family & friends of Chris Hicks. She was a beautiful lady, mother, & friend. We will miss you so much..

Marilyn Stepan-Carroll & the Miller Family - Edna, TX - friend - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Chris Hicks, she was a good friend a great lady, Our talks were about sewing mostly quilting. She always made me feel better. I will miss you my good friend, what a wonderful woman you are. RIP

marylou zambrano - edna, TX - friend - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Lu and Jane, we are sorry to hear about Chris. Our thoughts are with you today.

gaye and Jo

Jo Tobola and Gaye Burdeaux - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We will miss you Chris. We will pray for your family as they continue life with out you and I hope they will find peace in their hearts when they remember your beautiful smile. We love you and we will remember you forever.

Jackie, Kayla and Hunter Rachunek - El campo, TX - Friends - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I remember Chris as so fun loving and a classy lady. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Kim Cranek - Nada - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Jennifer

I was so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I am sending you this message because I will not be able to make it to any of the services. I fell so bad not to be their for you .

So I am sending you a BIG HUG to you and your sweet family from mom and me.

Now you have another reason to relay.

Love

Tommy and Wendy Herman

Wendy Herman - Eagle Lake, TX - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of her family. Chris was a beautiful person!*

Edna Evans LaFour - Edna, TX - Friend - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *RIP my friend!! My thoughts and prayers goes out to this family, Chris was a beautiful person inside and out , never meeting a stranger! she lived life to the fullest and loved her grandkids dearly, she will be missed by many as she touched so many lifes.*

missy slusher - victoria, TX - friend - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM