



Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks

October 12, 2025

Kathleen "Kathy" Ann Johnston Hicks passed away on October 12, 2025, in Rowlett, Texas. She was born on March 1, 1948, in Indianapolis, Indiana to William and Alma (Ehlers) Johnston. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings: William Edgar Johnston and Christine Marie Johnston, and nephew, Joe W. Collins.

Kathy graduated from Centenary College and began her career at AT&T, which was Western Electric at the time, working in the Human Resource Benefits Department in Mesquite. She later transferred to Seattle, where she oversaw several projects as a project manager before retiring in 2001. During her time at AT&T, Kathy gained a reputation as a dedicated and innovative team member, contributing to the growth of her department and earning the respect of her colleagues for her leadership and commitment to excellence. After retirement, Kathy and her best friend, practical sister, Jimmie Franklin, along with their spouses, travelled together, participated in bingo, went shopping, and spent many days together. A lifelong lover of adventure, Kathy treasured these moments, especially exploring new places and sharing laughter with friends.

Kathy was known for her sense of humor and storytelling ability. She will be remembered by all who knew her. Her warmth, wit, and kindness left a lasting impression on family and friends alike, and her stories—often told with animated gestures and sparkling eyes—will continue to echo in cherished memories.

Kathy is survived by her best friend of fifty years, Jimmie Franklin; sister, Billie Jean Collier; niece, Paige Collier; nephews: Bill Collins and wife, Sherry, and Jim Collins and wife, Terre, as well as many other extended family and loving friends, all of whom will miss Kathy dearly. Services for Kathy will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell, Texas with an interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park in Terrell, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Bill & Sherry Collins and Meme purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.*



Bill & Sherry Collins and Meme - October 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LH

“ *Love you, Andy , Jodi & Lincoln Hawkins purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.*



Love you, Andy , Jodi & Lincoln Hawkins - October 17, 2025 at 02:23 PM

WC

“ *With Love, Dr. Sandknop, Ann and Christy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.*



With Love, Dr. Sandknop, Ann and Christy - October 16, 2025 at 05:48 PM

PW

“ *I saw Kathy and Jimmy together last year. She was a wonderful person. Praying for her friends and family.*

Pat Wilson - October 15, 2025 at 08:37 PM

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“ Cynthia H. Alexander, Lucent PM (Ret) purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.



Cynthia H. Alexander, Lucent PM (Ret) - October 15, 2025 at 07:15 PM

BF

“ Billie, Paige, Bree, and Casselman family purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.



Billie, Paige, Bree, and Casselman family - October 15, 2025 at 03:02 PM

BF

“ Billie, Paige, Bree, and Casselman family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy "Kathleen" Hicks.

Billie, Paige, Bree, and Casselman family - October 15, 2025 at 03:02 PM

RP

“ *Kathy was a dear friend and coworker. She was the type friend that although you might not see or talk with on a weekly basis but when you did connect it was as if you had just been together the day before. She was a wonderful daughter who loved and cared for both her parents. She had your back and ALWAYS made you laugh. Heaven has received a great person and I know Ken, Maggie and Sammy are happy to see her. Rest in peace friend. You are already missed ❤️👉👈❤️👉👈 My prayers are with family, friends and especially Jimmie. In His love, Rebecca*

Rebecca Peteet - October 13, 2025 at 10:54 PM