



Mary F Hicks Obituary (death notice)

Mary Frances Hicks, April 14, 1952 – January 30, 2008. Mary was the only child of Thelma and Kenneth Hicks, and a Sacramento native. She attended local schools and graduated from Norte Del Rio High School. She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by cousins Virginia Bartlett and Georgia Allison of Fresno, and her adoptive family, the Biggs of Sacramento.

Mary was an extraordinary woman - she lived to learn. She had 5 master's degrees (English, Library Science, Business, Counseling and Christian Education) and was working on her doctorate in Organizational Development. She worked as a librarian for over 30 years, first at Sacramento Public Library and California State University, Sacramento, then Fresno Co., and 4 state agency libraries in Sacramento. She also was a chaplain at Sutter Community Hospital.

Mary was active in many professional and service organizations, most recently Association for Psychological Types. She was a long-time member of Toastmasters International, the American Library Association and was a deacon in her church.

Mary's friends and colleagues describe her as a dear and kind soul; a patient teacher; an extraordinary reference librarian who knew something about *everything*, an inquisitive mind; an active listener and caring counselor.

There will be a celebration of Mary's life on Saturday, March 1, at 2 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sacramento, with a reception following at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Mary F. Hicks to the Library of your choice.