



Ryan Carl Hicks

June 10, 1976 - January 5, 2018

Memorial services for Ryan Hicks, 41, of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A reception will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Giddings.

Ryan Carl Hicks was born on June 10, 1976 in Killeen, Texas. He graduated from Killeen High School in 1994, received his Associate Degree from Central Texas College and his Bachelor's Degree from Colorado Technical University. Ryan was united in marriage to Yunru "Rose" Gu in 2002 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin. He was an internationally known network engineer and network architect who had been employed by Insight Enterprises in Austin for the past 10 years. His knowledge and expertise was highly respected and sought after in the networking technology industry. When Ryan wasn't working on one of his numerous projects at work, he cherished the time he could spend with his daughter and wife. He also enjoyed attending Renaissance Festivals, working on home improvement projects, singing and watching movies. He was a huge Star Trek and SciFi fan. After moving to Lexington in 2008, he also served with the Blue Volunteer Fire Department.

Ryan was first diagnosed with brain cancer in 2012 and discovered that it had returned in April of 2017. After a hard fought battle the past several months, Ryan passed away, with his family by his side, the morning of Friday, January

5, 2018 at his home in Lexington.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Rose Hicks of Lexington; his daughter, Crystal Hicks of Lexington; his mother, Nellie Hicks of Lexington; his father, Robert Hicks of Corydon, Indiana; his half-sister, Summer Haugeto of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his half-brother, Christopher Conrad & his wife, Sarah of Phoenix, Arizona; four aunts, Sharon Ferguson of Wichita Falls, Paula York of Corydon, Indiana, Sharon Franklin of Kingman, Arizona and Judy Webster of Horn Lake, Mississippi; uncle James Stockton of Florida, as well as numerous cousins, other relatives, friends, co-workers and associates.

Memorials may be made to the Brain Cancer Society or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ryan Carl Hicks*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 19, 2018 at 06:13 PM



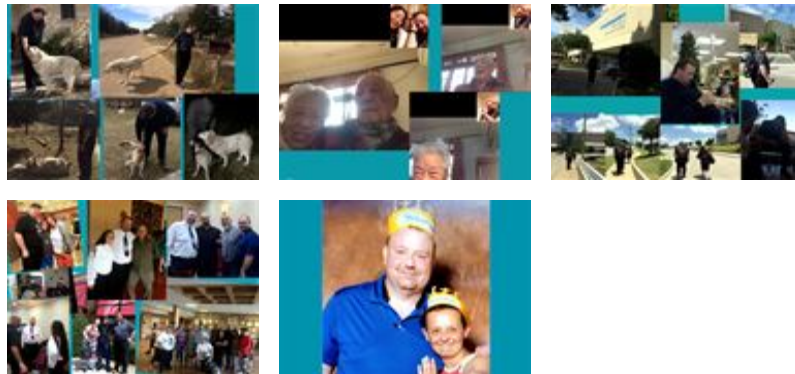
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.*



January 19, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 19, 2018 at 04:59 PM

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“ rose purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.



rose - January 19, 2018 at 03:00 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.



January 19, 2018 at 02:45 AM

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“ Lisa Li, Hai and Maxine Olefsky purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.



Lisa Li, Hai and Maxine Olefsky - January 18, 2018 at 10:48 PM

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“ Phil and Ruth Chang purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.



Phil and Ruth Chang - January 18, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.*



January 17, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Austin Chinese Church Mandarin Choir purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.*



Austin Chinese Church Mandarin Choir - January 15, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *Austin Chinese Church Mandarin Family Fellowship purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ryan Carl Hicks.*



Austin Chinese Church Mandarin Family Fellowship - January 14, 2018 at 09:12 PM

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“ I have so many good memories of growing up with R.C. He was the first friend I made in Texas after moving from Alabama. To say he was my brother is a bit of an understatement, as I believe we went through as much if not more than brothers tend to go through.

Him and his mom were my rocks in hard times and my joy in good times. While we have been apart for a few years, I can truly say that time doesn't pass that I don't wonder what he's up to or what he's working on.

Anyone that knew him knows that computers and electronics were his passion. We started at an early age trying to push the limits, I remember we tried to combine two commodore 64's together because we wanted more power to play bards tale . The idea was truly his and I went along for a lot of the crazy rides. I can only hope that I inspired him as much as he always inspired me.

He was always courteous, and at an early age he referred to me as sir, when I asked him why he said it was respect I deserved. My only response was to always try to return that respect. I have on occasion seen the other side, when frustration and anger has crept in but these times never lasted long, and he often bounced back to where the passion was shining again.

I don't want to go on for too long, just know that you will always be missed, and never forgotten.

Rose, I hope the sorrow and pain heals quickly so that the good times are remembered first. Crystal, your dad always told me how proud of you he truly was, know that you are always loved.

Victor Langston - January 11, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Dawn
Jacobson
Sekel

“ It still feels like yesterday when Crystal, Rose and Ryan we're at the house and I was giving Crystal rides on Picabo. Ryan is such a great Dad. Crystal, Picabo is ready for you to come ride soon! She loves and our family send you big hugs.



Dawn Jacobson Sekel - January 10, 2018 at 10:58 PM

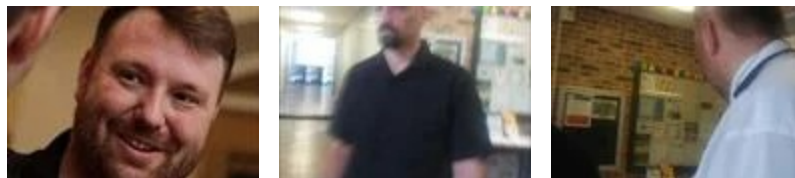
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“ Ryan was such a smart, kind and funny guy. I am glad I had the pleasure of knowing and working with him for over a decade. He will be sorely missed, I always knew I could count on him. He had a heart of gold. I am so very sorry to his family. We truly lost a great person. My thoughts are with you.

Audra Carter - January 10, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ My big brother Ryan is, was, and always will be my family. He was so amazing to be around and my only regret is the lack of time in which we shared together. But no matter the length he will from the day he found me forward, be with me in my heart. And to his family now as well as mine, i thank god for the chance to meet and get to know each of you, and alls i can say is thanks for taking care of my big brother for me. I am as he was truley blessed....



Summer Haugeto - January 10, 2018 at 05:57 PM



Michael
Walter

“ Oh man. I have so many good memories of working with Ryan. The job wasn't always fun but he made it more fun with his skill and personality. I will never forget the 30 hr cutover in TX. It was a pleasure to call him a friend and a privilege to work with him for so long. My thoughts are with your family and the many friends whose lives you impacted for the better. Farewell Mr. Hicks. You made a real difference in my life.

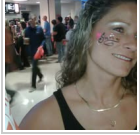
Michael Walter - January 10, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear the news about Ryan. He was very dear to many, and I'll always remember how much he loved his family and truly proud of his daughter. I was always impressed when he would assist many customers even when they did not have a project or job set up. I witnessed the many calls he took on to help those out that needed his expertise, as he was such a brilliant man and treated all with respect and kindness. Never said no! Working with him years ago he always was such a great teacher and taught me much about Cisco products and configurations and how they worked (he was very patient)! I can say that much of my experience that I have today was a huge tribute from Ryan! He will be missed terribly! He may have had his life snatched away from his family early, but I know the years they were together were the best ones of his life. He was blessed with such a beautiful family and wonderful friends – and knew it. With every sympathy and much love, Lisa Marie



Lisa DeAngelo - January 10, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Ryan was a very special father, friend, co-worker and trusted technical adviser. From the very beginning I knew his personal skills, along with technical skills and trust worthy honest opinion he was a perfect match for me and our customers. Whenever I had an issue that even Cisco couldn't figure out or even if they “said” it would work, I would always want to contact Ryan to verify things. Our customers would ask for him by name, even the ones that couldn't afford his hourly rate and then wait months to get him scheduled for their project. Ryan was more than eager to help our customers, sales, other services engineers, other co-works and even our manufactures would ask him for help. I have never heard him tell me “no” even when I know he was triple booked. I had no issues bragging about him as it was all true from the technical aspects to his genuine heart. You always knew he would say what is right / wrong even if others didn't agree as he was not there to sell you anything and only wanted to protect your needs and assets. While I need engineers for business reasons, Ryan and I built something more than a project or job, it was honest to goodness trust and friendship. Like I do with my customers when it comes to Ryan I can go on and on about him, kinda like I do with my run on ,miss spelled emails that I knew he laughed maney times at ☐ love ya Ryan, will miss you!!!

Christine Ricker - January 09, 2018 at 10:36 PM