



Janice (Hibbs) Hilton

January 9, 1926 - January 13, 2025

Janice Hibbs Hilton, 99, passed away on January 13, 2025 at Forest Hills Commons in Jeffersontown. Born January 9, 1926 in Lenore, KY, she was a lifelong resident of Bardstown until declining health led to assisted living.

Janice was the third child born to Sadie Stumley Hibbs and Professor Wade Francis Hibbs, then-superintendent of Bardstown City Schools.

Valedictorian of her Bardstown High School class of 1943, Janice was a talented clarinetist, earning a position on the Kentucky All State Band her senior year. Following high school, she attended Bryant Stratton Business College in Louisville, where she graduated in record time! She soon became a Civil Service employee, worked for several years at Soil Conservation Service in Bardstown, and eventually retired from Farmers Home Administration in 1981.

Meanwhile, after business school and the end of World War II, Janice met & married William Howard Hilton, formerly of Woodford County. They spent their entire married life in Bardstown. Janice is survived by a daughter, Jan Hilton Michno (Chris) of Louisville, grandsons Jeffrey (Polly Elbertse) Michno of Greenville SC, & Brian (Ria) Michno of Boulder County CO, and four great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Lily, Andrew, and Chloe Michno.

Janice was predeceased by her parents, two brothers (Franklin Hibbs Sr and William Robert Hibbs), two infant sisters, and husband Howard. She held a lifelong membership at First Presbyterian Church in Bardstown. A private service is planned for the immediate-family-only at a later date. There will be

no visitation. Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Rd. is in charge of arrangements, and Interment will be in Resthaven Mausoleum on Bardstown Road. Donations may be made in Janice's memory to The Salvation Army or Hospirus of Louisville.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jan,

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of “Miss Janice”. I always enjoyed our phone chats and visits. The same is true of getting to know you. I will always remember your kindness and generosity. I’m a part time receptionist for Traditions at Beaumont, another assisted living facility. I’ve made friends here, but that doesn’t mean I’ve forgotten the ones I made at Forest Hills.

You’ll be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gail McCoy

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