

John Dudley Hicks Jr.

GREENVILLE, MS -- Funeral services for Dr. John Dudley Hicks, Jr., 79, of Greenville were at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2015 at First Baptist Church Chapel, Greenville. He died Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at The Heartford House in Owensboro, KY. Burial was in the Greenville Cemetery under the direction of Boone Funeral Home, Greenville, MS. John was born in Florence County, SC on August 18, 1935 the son of John Dudley Hicks and Mary Evelyn McAlister Hicks. **He received his Bachelors in Agronomy from Clemson University and graduated as a 2nd Lt.-Army.** He served in the Army Reserve for 17 years and retired as a Major. John furthered his education by receiving his Masters and PhD in Agronomy from North Carolina State University. He was a soybean breeder and was awarded numerous patents for his soybean varieties. He served on the Soybean Advisory Committee for Mississippi State University. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dixie Whittington Hicks, his parents and sisters, Billie Geneva Poole and Mary Louise Hicks. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Clements Hicks of Greenville, MS; daughter, Julia Hicks Wiman (Chet) of Owensboro, KY; son, Steven McAlister Hicks (Sherrie) of Germantown, TN; stepdaughter, Valerie Clements Smith (Ted) of Greenville, MS; stepson, Timothy Allen Clements (Liz) of Greenville, MS; sister, Betsy Hicks West (Peter) of Bluefield, VA; 2 brothers-in-law, Bobby Poole of Brazil and Jeff C. Whittington of N. Myrtle Beach, SC and 11 grandchildren, Drew McAlister Hicks, John Thomas Hicks, William Jackson Hicks all of Germantown, TN; Lucas Alan Wiman, Whittington Carr Wiman, Mary Wesley Wiman all of Owensboro KY; Challie Elizabeth Clements, Matthew Allen Clements and John Christian Eugene Clements all of Greenville, MS; Joshua Edward Smith (Brittany) and Kimberly Taylor Smith both of Greenville, MS. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 407 Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701