



## Richard Owen Hakes

September 8, 1931 - July 9, 2016

Richard Owen Hakes, 84, of New Castle, died early Saturday morning July 9, 2016 at Glen Oaks Health Campus following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

He was born September 8, 1931 in Crescent Springs, Kentucky, a son of the late Willis Nathan Hakes and Mary Dena (Fleming) Hakes.

Richard was a registered nurse and a professor of nursing. He was one of the first male nurses to graduate in the state of Indiana. Richard was a graduate of Indiana University and St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean War. Richard married the love of his life, Margaret Elaine Harris on June 3, 1956. He worked for the Indiana State Hospital and founded the nursing program at Anderson University. For many years he was a professor of nursing at Ball State University. Richard was active with the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association, where he served as past president, First Nighters Civic Theatre and Breakfast Optimists. He was a member of New Castle First Friends Meeting and formerly for many years the Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed genealogy and music was a big part of his life, singing with many vocal groups, including the Barbershop Quartet. He especially enjoyed being a soloist for Handel's Messiah.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 60 years, Margaret Elaine

Hakes; three children, Bradley Owen (wife: Jeanni) Hakes of Yorktown, Elaine Dianne (husband: Jeff) Karbonik of Plantation, Florida and Bruce Harris Hakes of New Castle; grandchildren, Molly, Alex, Madelyn and Grace; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Hakes and Carolyn Hakes both of Decatur, Indiana; an aunt, Laura Hakes of Decatur; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, Paul Hakes, an older sister, Betty Goodridge and a younger brother, I.V. Hakes.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 at First Friends Meeting in New Castle with Rick Schoeff presiding. Burial will follow in Mt. Summit Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2016 and 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Henry County Foundation, 700 S. Memorial Dr, New Castle, IN 47362 or [www.henrycountycf.org](http://www.henrycountycf.org).

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Richard Owen Hakes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery  
Prairie, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
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## Service

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JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Friends Meeting

503 S. Main St.

New Castle, IN 47362

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you . Gloria Hakes*

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**gloria hakes** - July 15, 2016 at 09:36 PM

MH

“ *What a blessing he is was, touched so many lives in special ways. I'm truly sorry for your loss Brad jeanni, and the rest of the family. Thanks for sharing your father with all of us.. Sincerely Misty Tanner*

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**misty tanner. coworker hch** - July 14, 2016 at 06:21 PM

LN

“ *Margaret & family, I am so sorry for you loss. Dick, Margaret and Bruce were a blessing to me, introduced by Bernice and Ricci. Your all in my prayers  
LIN NORRIS*

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**Lin Norris** - July 12, 2016 at 04:06 PM

HB

“ *We are saddened by the loss of a good friend of many years but we are pleased that we had the pleasure of knowing Dick and admiring all of the good things he did for other people, professionally and personally. He will be missed but remember all of these good things and how many lives he touched in a very positive way. Herb & Judy Bunch*

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**Herb & Judy Bunch** - July 12, 2016 at 02:54 PM

LB

“ Dick is now singing with the angels in heaven. I have so many memories of this wonderful man. Standing with him and Margaret at their wedding, him singing at my wedding, telling and laughing about all the crazy antics of my father, traveling with Ron and I on a trip to Spain and Portugal with lots of adventures. Will miss him very much.

*Love and condolences to all his family.*

*Lois Bretzlaff*

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**Lois Bretzlaff** - July 11, 2016 at 07:34 PM

LB

“ Dick is now singing with the angels in heaven. So many memories of this lovely man. Standing up with him and Margaret at their wedding. Singing at my wedding. Telling about and laughing at the crazy antics of my father. Traveling to Spain and Portugal with us for a great adventure. And so many more. Will never forget him.

*Love and condolences to all his family.*

*Lois Bretzlaff*

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**Lois Bretzlaff** - July 11, 2016 at 05:53 PM

MR

“ Dear Margaret: I am sorry for your loss, and hope you will have support in the coming months from your gracious family. You may not remember me, but I teach at the School of Nursing, and have taught there for about 35 years now. Of course I knew Dick as a faculty member. We did not teach in the same course, but were on committees together over the years. He always had some great ideas. He will be remembered at the School of Nursing at Ball State by many. Sending prayers your way.  
Dr. Marilyn Ryan

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**Marilyn Ryan** - July 11, 2016 at 02:09 PM

MW

Dear Margaret: "When the heart is grieving, God comes near...to bring His comfort, to catch every tear." May God hold you and your family close, and comfort you gently, and carry you through." Deepest sympathy to all of you at this. Mary Woods and family.

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**Mary Woods** - July 13, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Owen Hakes.



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July 11, 2016 at 10:24 AM

MP

“ *Molly Hakes Parrigin sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Owen Hakes*



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**Molly Hakes Parrigin** - July 10, 2016 at 03:25 PM

DB

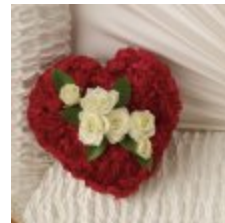
“ *Extending condolences to all of the Hakes family as we send our prayers to each of you.  
With much love,  
David & Betty Baim*

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**David & Betty Baim** - July 10, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Richard Owen Hakes.*



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July 10, 2016 at 10:51 AM

KN

“ Had the privilege of knowing and singing with Dick at First Friends in the choir and also in a barbershop quartet for a number of years. He was also a great encouragement and supporter of First Nighters and I also believe Guyer Opera House. Peace and comfort to Margaret and the family. He is free from the devastation of Alzheimer's now--and I'm sure he's singing in heaven already!

Kevin Niles,  
Normal, IL

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Kevin Niles - July 10, 2016 at 10:37 AM

DW

“ So many good memories of Dick - Presbyterian Church, First Nighters, parties, community activities - he will be missed by many. Prayers for all the family  
- Diane Wendell

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Diane Wendell - July 10, 2016 at 08:53 AM

DL

“ Dick and Margaret were friends of my family's for as long as I can remember. Both wonderful people. He inspired so many people and will be greatly missed.

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Danielle (Jones) Lindstrom - July 09, 2016 at 11:54 PM

MP

“ Molly Hakes Parrigin sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Owen Hakes



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Molly Hakes Parrigin - July 09, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MP

“ I want to say that my papaw was a wonderful asset to many in his community including family and friends. Papaw taught so many wonderful memories, ideas, and thoughts throughout many. He was always involved in many extra curricular activities. I would remember going to local sporting events with him when he sang with the Barbershop Quartet, going to Kentucky with him and my grandma, and taking me to the zoo. Being the only grandchild for 16 years didnt make him treat hus other 3 grandchildren any different. I love you Papaw. You will be missed very much. May you rest in peace.

Molly Hakes Parrigin - July 09, 2016 at 07:57 PM

BM

“ Mr Hakes and his lovely wife, were my instructors on "husband coached childbirth" and began one of the first programs in New Castle. He was a wonderful person and he will be missed. I also enjoyed seeing him throughout local theater. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.  
~ Beverly Matthews



Beverly Matthews - July 09, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Owen Hakes.



July 09, 2016 at 06:47 PM

JW

“ *Dear Hakes family, I haven't lived in New Castle for about 14 years, but I have such fond memories of Dick. He was a wonderful nurse educator, First Friends colleague and musician. I think of his gentle, tender professional heart. Sending you all my sincere condolences as you say goodbye to this fine man. Sincerely, Joanne Rains Warner*

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**joanne Warner** - July 09, 2016 at 05:52 PM



“ *Sending prayers and strength to all who knew and loved Richard Hakes.*

*Jonathan Shelley and Family*



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**Jonathan Shelley** - July 09, 2016 at 04:38 PM