



## Mildred J. (Ronspies) Hish

February 23, 1922 - April 28, 2015

NORFOLK — Funeral Service for Mildred “Mickie” Hish will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2015 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Pierce. Burial will be a private family service at a later date. Visitation will be from 4:00-6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 3, with a Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. all at the church. Mildred, 93, formerly of Pierce, passed away on April 28, 2015 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. She had been a resident at Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing Home since 2013. Mildred was born in Pierce, NE to Reinhard and Julianna (Fuchs) Ronspies on February 23, 1922. Mickie graduated from Pierce High School in 1939. The following year she began her 40 year teaching career as a teacher in a rural one-room schoolhouse while attending summer school at Wayne State College.

While teaching at Hartington High School, Mickie met Gerry Hish, her beloved husband of 62 years. Mildred and Gerry were married in Pierce. They graduated together from Wayne State College in 1951 and moved to Laurel, Nebraska to teach. While there, Mickie taught English and coached the drama and speech programs, leading them to two years of superior ratings in all events of the state competition.

In 1956, Mickie and Gerry moved to Redding, California. Mickie taught at Shasta Lake, Enterprise, and Redding School Districts until her retirement in 1982. She was also active in many church events and in her children’s school activities. She was an avid reader, loved to travel, and most of all loved family gatherings.

Mickie is survived by her three children: son, Don Hish of Seattle, WA, and daughters Barbara Steidley of Kalama, WA, and Mary Ray of Citrus Heights, CA., as well as her siblings Dennis and wife Shirley Ronspies of Pierce, NE, and Julie and husband Don Blotz of Discovery Bay, CA. In addition she is survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mickie was preceded in death by husband Gerald F. Hish in 2011, brothers Wilfred and Eugene, and one sister Marianne.

Pall bearers will be Russ Ronspies, Randy Ronspies, Mark Ronspies, Mike Ronspies, Gary Ronspies, and Roger Ronspies. Music will be by organist Linda Peekenschneider and Rick and Cheryl Higgins.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce  
118 Willow St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

## Rosary

MAY 3. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred J. (Ronspies) Hish*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Lyn lit a candle in memory of Mildred J. (Ronspies) Hish*



lyn - May 02, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ *Miss you Grandma but i know you are with Grandpa again and you both are watching over all of us . I'm so grateful for all that you taught me and blessed to had a Grandma who helped build my morals and values for the good. i love you Grandma and will forever miss you !!!*  
*Lyn*

lyn - May 02, 2015 at 07:28 PM



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lyn - May 02, 2015 at 07:23 PM

RR

*My condolences regarding Mrs. Hish. I didn't know her but she sounds wonderful. I do have a question about Mr. Hish; was he the principal at mistletoe elementary in Redding back in the 80's? I was a student there.*

*Ryan*

**Ryan Robeson** - May 08, 2015 at 01:25 PM

LY

*yes he was the principal my grandpa gerald Hish he retired the year i was born in 82 but still subbed*

**lyn** - May 11, 2015 at 04:29 PM

BS

*Yes Ryan. My dad was the principal at Mistletoe for years. Sadly, he died in 2011. They both loved teaching.*

**Barbara Steidley** - May 21, 2015 at 12:13 PM

PP

*“ Our mother tells us all the time that Mrs. Hish was the best teacher she ever had. Our mom graduated from Laurel-Concord High 1950. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

**Paula Perske** - May 01, 2015 at 01:29 PM

PL

*Our Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mr. and Mrs. His were dedicated and wonderful teachers at LHS. I won many superior ratings in dramatics because of her. We lived in the same neighborhood and I babysat for them. We have seen them since at class reunions. They were both the BEST. Love Patricia O"Gara Lipp. I graduated in 57 and my husband Earl in 54.*

*Patricia*

**Patricia Lipp** - May 02, 2015 at 07:08 AM

BS

*So wonderful to hear such kinds words from you. Mom and Dad have such wonderful memories of their years in Laurel. Since I was born in Laurel and only lived there for a few years, I don't remember a lot, but my trips back there to visit have refreshed my memory. Thanks for taking such good care of me when you babysat. (-: Barbara (Hish) Steidley*

Barbara Steidley - May 06, 2015 at 02:57 PM

BS

*Love the collage that you did Gerilyn. Mom would also appreciate that you lit a candle for her. She loved all of you so much. She felt honored that you all lived so close and she got to know you so well.*

Barbara Steidley - May 06, 2015 at 03:00 PM

BS

*Thanks, Paula, for the kind words. Since she loved teaching so much, it's good to hear that she touched the lives of her students.*

Barbara Steidley - May 06, 2015 at 03:02 PM

LY

*thanks Aunt Barbara im grateful i had grandparents that practically raised not a day goes by that i don't recall or use something grandma or grandpa taught me*

lyn - May 11, 2015 at 04:32 PM

AG

*Mickie was such a gracious lady she gave me a bridal shower in 79 yes still married. My father went to school with Gerry and-his brothers in Harrington Neb. How they both ended up here in shasta county wow! My sister and Barbara went to school in Red Bluff. I just wanted send my condolences to the family 🙏*

Aileen Reifert Gustafson - May 12, 2015 at 07:55 PM