

Honored Woman for 2015

We would like to nominate Doris Hicks for the Honored Woman for 2015. Doris Hicks was born in Oral, S.D. on November 27, 1933. In 1951 she married the love of her life Neil Hicks of Martin, S.D. Neil and Doris had four children LeRoy, Dorothy, Jackie and Karen. Doris also has eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. Doris' children and grandkids think the world of her.

Doris has been a very active member of both St. Katherine's Episcopal Church and the Martin Community in Martin. Doris started working as a nurse for the Martin Clinic in 1964 after her husband's first heart attack. She worked at the Clinic until it closed then she moved to the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home and worked there until she retired in 2006. Even after putting in 40 years in the nursing field she continues to care for the elderly around Martin. Doris makes sure that every year she donates candy and plastic eggs to the nursing home for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Doris also donates several other things to the nursing home because she has a heart of gold and truly cares for the elderly of this community. Doris is often asked by local residents if she would do some home care or just simply take one of their elderly family members to an appointment. Doris is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone at any time.

Doris is also very involved with the St. Katherine's Episcopal Church. She has held just about every office in the church. She is an active member of the Episcopal Church Women's group, the Altar Guild and helps put out the monthly church newsletter. She is a member of the Bishop's Committee and has been both a delegate and alternate to the Annual Convention. She is also the United Thank Offering Chairman for the church and has been for many years. Doris comes from a family that has been very involved in the St. Katherine's Episcopal Church. Doris's brother the Reverend Philip Allen was a minister at St. Katherine's and her grandfather Father Bruguier was one of the first ministers of St. Katherine's.

Doris is a very special and unique lady that many people adore and cherish. She is a huge inspiration to all of her family. She is eighty-one years old, but it doesn't stop her from babysitting the little ones and straightening out the older ones. There is not a day that goes by that someone doesn't say to her family "your mother/grandmother" is such a "special person, and a trooper." She is a huge inspiration to everyone that knows her and a great friend. I believe that this great lady should be honored for leading such an amazing and generous life.