



## Victoria L. Hiatt

June 7, 1945 - May 15, 2022

Alton, IL

Victoria L. (Alred) Hiatt, 76, died Sunday, May 15, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born June 7, 1945, in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of the late Joseph and Phyllis (Woosley) Alred. She was a life-long learner, graduating from Roodhouse High School and Gradwohl School of Laboratory Techniques, St Louis, MO, earning a Bachelor of Science from MacMurray College, Master of Arts in Human Development Counseling from the University of Illinois, and Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from the Adler Institute of Professional Psychology in Chicago, IL, where she also completed all coursework for her PhD. She led a life of service to others, beginning her career as a lab technician, then teaching special education in the Jacksonville School District, where she founded the ACE Club of America. She also taught for the Department of Corrections in East St. Louis, IL. She found rewarding work as a Social Worker and Adoption Specialist for DCFS, where she united many children with forever families. She continued her passion for helping others in private practice when she founded Victoria Hiatt Mediation and Counseling.

In service to God and others, she volunteered her time and talents to numerous individuals and organizations. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Churches in Jacksonville, and Alton. Her first priority was her

family, she was ever present at her grandchildren's activities including hockey games, golf matches, equestrian shows, dance and band competitions, just to name a few.

She married her high school sweetheart, James Hiatt, on November 7, 1964, and they enjoyed 57 years together. He survives, along with two daughters and sons-in-law, Page and Steve Selby of Godfrey, Melissa and Brian Schmitz of Milton, GA, and four grandchildren, Michael and Maggie Selby of Godfrey, Danny Selby of Tucson, AZ, Emily Selby of Godfrey, and Ingrid Schmitz of Milton. She is also survived by two sisters, Cody Ahern of LaPlata, MD, and Debbie (Jim) Everhart of Mechanicsville, MD. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Gale Ahern.

A Service of Praise and Affirmation of Faith will be held at 11 am on Friday, May 20, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church, Alton, IL. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until the time of service. Private burial at Fernwood Cemetery in Roodhouse, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, she requested memorials to Oasis Women's Center, Alton, IL, the Ladies' Education Society Scholarship Fund in Jacksonville, IL, or First Presbyterian Church in Alton. Gent Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fernwood Cemetery

Roodhouse, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
4th & Alby Streets  
Alton, IL 62002

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
4th & Alby Streets  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Victoria L. Hiatt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Victoria L. Hiatt*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Vicki and I met when we started 1st. grade together and we became friends instantly.*

*She was a very special LADY.*

*My heart felt condolences to you Jim and children. Vicki will be in wonderful memories forever.*

*Dan & Mary Martin  
Congerville, Il.*

**Dan Martin** - May 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Victoria L. Hiatt.*



May 19, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Victoria L. Hiatt.*



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May 19, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Jim Esther told me of your wife's passing and I want to pass along my sympathy to you and family may the Lord comfort you at this time*

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**Chuck Roberts** - May 18, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Norma Capone lit a candle in memory of Victoria L. Hiatt*



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**Norma Capone** - May 18, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vicki's passing. Our thoughts are with James and all the family and we regret we are out of town and won't return in time for the service.*  
*Bob and Pat Pinkerton*

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**Bob Pinkerton** - May 18, 2022 at 08:10 AM

MB

“ *Mendy Baptist lit a candle in memory of Victoria L. Hiatt*



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**Mendy Baptist** - May 17, 2022 at 07:15 PM

MB

“ *I had Mrs.Hitta at Jacksonville Illionis as a teacher at Jacksonville High school and in the ace club she was a special teacher to me and with out her and all of the other special Ed Teacher's and my other teacher's I would have never would have graduated from High school I remember when she and Mr.Hiatt took us to Six Flags and we all had a fun time she had a special place in my heart .I am so heart broken about this sending prayers to you all and big hugs as well . MendyBaptist Jacksonville Illionis*



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**Mendy Baptist** - May 17, 2022 at 07:15 PM



*Mendy, we were just looking at the pictures of the trip to Six Flags with the Ace Club. She loved you and all her students were family to her. Thank you for reaching out to us and sharing in our grief. Hugs, Page & Melissa*

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**Page Selby** - May 18, 2022 at 10:18 AM

PW

“Victoria was “hands down” one of the most thoughtful and loving grandmothers this earth has ever been blessed with. When my children were young, I was amazed at how she made it to almost all of her grandchildren’s sporting events and still made time to take them to the movies and any other special event that was offered in our area. She was also a grandmother to my children and I often look at her as an inspiration for the kind of grandmother that I strive to be. Not only did she bless our family with love but she gave me one of the greatest gifts in my life, Page and her beautiful family. We will miss her so very much.

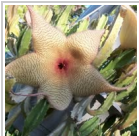
pennie wisnasky - May 17, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Victoria L. Hiatt.



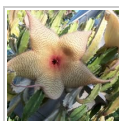
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“Ruth McNeely lit a candle in memory of Victoria L. Hiatt



Ruth McNeely - May 17, 2022 at 04:58 PM



*I am so thankful for the time we had together a few years back. I don't remember a time ever that both Vicki & Jim were not fun, sincere, and uplifting to be in the company of. My sincere condolences to all her family.*

Ruth McNeely - May 17, 2022 at 05:16 PM

GL

“ We are so sorry to read about Vicky's passing. My thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with you all.

*Gloria(Brant)Lawson*



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**Gloria Lawson** - May 17, 2022 at 03:57 PM