



# Helen L. "Dolly" Ricardo

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**R**ICARDO, Helen "Dolly" 81, of Spring Hill, Fl. Passed away August 31, 2011 at Spring Hill Health & Rehab. A native of Dorchester, Mass. She came to the area in 1973 from Foxboro, Mass. She retired as Assistant Manager for Community Ace Hardware in Tarpon Springs and attended St. Theresa Catholic Church. Other memberships include the Rollin Rebels R.V. Club and the Family Motor Coach Assoc. Dolly was also an avid dancer and spent many years teaching others. She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years Joseph "Jimmie" Ricardo and is survived by her 3 sons M.J. Higgins of Shady Hills, Fl., Matthew Higgins of Spring Hill, Fl. and Michael Higgins of Valrico, Fl.; 1 daughter Marilyn Higgins Coburn of Hudson; 6 grandchildren Ben Higgins, Neal Higgins, Molly Higgins, Katie Higgins, Dana Higgins, and Joshua Coburn; 2 great-grandchildren Riley Higgins and Kaena Higgins. A Funeral Mass will be held at St Theresa Catholic Church Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. with interment to follow at Grace Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. with a Catholic Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. [www.gracefuneralhomehudson.com](http://www.gracefuneralhomehudson.com)



## Tribute Wall

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MC

**Marilyn Coburn** posted:

Mum..... I miss u soooooo....., why did u have to go soon? I miss talking to you DAILY! Have permanent tear marks from crying so much.. I sooooooooooooo miss you in my life...

March 11 at 8:00 PM

MT

**Marilyn Higgins-Tirey** posted:

I Miss My Mother  
A Poem For My Mom...I Miss You Most...I miss you, Mom...I miss you most...  
When I first wake up, in the morning I miss you most  
When I am trying to fall asleep, at night I can still see your face, your smile, Your curly hair, and hear your voice  
I See the twinkle in your eyes  
The way you ALWAYS managed To make EVERYTHING okay,  
When things got tough You showed more love,  
But that was just your way You never gave up easily  
I miss you most  
When the night sky is clear and full of stars, I miss you most  
At the first sight of the rising sun, When the mid-noon sun is a blazing ball  
Glowing in the horizon, It makes me feel, as if...that is how your love for your children was - always there, Always able to touch our hearts  
Even when you were traveling and far apart I missed you most  
When you weren't close by, Now, I miss you most  
Because you have moved on To a better place, I know that you are looking down From up above, You have become A part of the earth, The sun, the moon, and the stars  
The universal energy of eternal love I miss you, mom... I miss you most  
Whether I am thinking of you...or not, I keep telling myself to be STRONG. That you wouldn't want me to be Filled with so much sorrow and be so lost without you, But the tears flow so freely  
That I surrender...to undo this lump in my throat, And all my emotions from losing you, Resurface...from the depths of my heart and soul miss you most  
When I dream of you, And then have to wake up to reality  
Those short visits of you, in my dreams Leave me feeling with so much love  
So much joy and missing you so I miss you, mom  
When I see other people With their mothers, I feel like I've been punished For not having been a better daughter, I am oh so jealous.  
I love and miss you most, mom Because I still NEED you in my life I'd never imagined...  
Having to say goodbye to you, so soon I love you, mom  
And this is me missing you...always Until its time to see you, again I miss you so, and wish I could see or even just talk to you one more time....  
Your LOVING Daughter, Marilyn I saw a lady through your ring the other day.. I know you and I ONLY know about that, and I want to believe it was you...I ? you soooo much Mum....

August 30 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Lois Muller** posted:

Thanks, Marilyn, for the note. Yes, I had both your Mom and Dad on my mind as I opened my emails today. And, there was your note. I can only imagine your grief. I still miss my Dad, but am fortunate to still have Mom. She will be 91 in January and still living alone, but we keep a close eye and daily contact on her. Keep your wonderful memories, as they will see you through until we all meet again. Love and prayers to you and your family, Lois and Paul

November 4 at 8:00 PM



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**Matthew Higgins** posted:

Mom For all the things I didn't say, About how I felt along the way—For the love you gave and the work you've done, Here's appreciation from your admiring son. You cared for me as a little tot, When all I did was cry a lot, And as I grew your work did too-- I ran and fell and got black and blue. I grew some more and it didn't stop; Now you had to become a cop, To worry about mistakes I'd make; You kept me in line for my own sake. I got older, and the story repeated; You were always there whenever I needed. You guided me and wished me the best, I became wiser and knew I was blessed. So, for all the times I didn't say, The love I felt for you each day, Mom, see this so you'll always know I wish you never had to go. Lord, take care of my Mom and Dad Your Loving Son

September 16 at 8:00 PM



**Love You! Phyllis** posted:

Mom, How does one thank a person for making their life possible. Because of you, I have a loving husband, three amazing children and two beautiful, perfect, granddaughters. You were a perfect mother in law, and then after my own mom passed away, you were the perfect mom to me. Thank you for all the sacrifices you made for us, and may you now be enjoying the light of God and the company of your beloved husband. May you rest in peace, and please continue to watch over this precious family of yours. xoxoxoxoxo

September 16 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dolly, You will always be in my heart. You and Jimmy were such great friends. I have so many memories that I will never forget. Now you and Jimmy can dance forever. Coni Boufford

September 10 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Death is a heartache that is hard to mend, but love is a memory that will never end. We share in the heartache in the loss of our Sister In-Law Dolly and we will truly miss her. Dolly was a very special lady and loved by everyone who knew her. We will cherish the countless memories that span over 40+ years; our trips to Boston to dine at Jimmie's Harborside, Sunday dinners we all shared at "Grammy and Grampy's", Sundays at the beach, cruises, the trips to St. Louis when we took Jason & Brian back to college and who could forget the many Christmas Eves we all spent together. What fun times we had! In recent years, Dolly (and Jim) got us interested in RVing and were such a big help in teaching us the ropes. We regret that we traveled with them so few times because we so much enjoyed being with them. As the years went by and our families grew bigger the good times just got better. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a loving family. Dolly, we will grieve your passing but it comforts us to know that you are once again united with Jim and will be with him for eternity. Love, Sheila & Jack

September 5 at 8:00 PM



**EH**

**Ed And Fran Hanrahan** posted:

On the road again, free of pain, singing with your friends and dancing with Jimmy again. I thank God for the years of friendship we shared. I will miss you terribly. We will never forget you. Ed and Fran

September 4 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will always be in our hearts and will be greatly missed. We will always have our wonderful memories of both you and Jimmie. You were great friends. Sheila and Frank

September 4 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our condolences to the family of our aunt Dolly. she will be missed dearly. Never will I forget the great times our families had together on the weekends in Massachusetts. Although it is sad to see her leave us, we know she will be at peace with Uncle Jimmy and the Lord Jesus Christ eternally. Goodbye aunt Dolly.

September 3 at 8:00 PM



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MH

**Michael Higgins** posted:

Mom, You were the rock that held our family together through the toughest years. Oh, how your strong, sweet guiding spirit will be missed. You were always there for me with encouragement and support. We pray that you are happy now that you are in Heaven with our dad, your beloved husband, Jimmie. The two of you were inseparable and that's why we are comforted to know you are by his side once again. We know that the two of you are gliding across the dance floor to your favorite songs like "Make The World Go Away" and "Put Your Head On My Shoulder". We will miss you both very much. All my love forever...

September 2 at 8:00 PM

KH

**Katie Higgins** posted:

Dear Grandma Dolly, just like Grandpa, you left us too soon...how lucky I have been though to have had you both this long. I know that you are together once again and no longer struggling with pain, and because of that, I find peace. I always saw you as a pillar of strength and a woman of courage, and that's just how you'll stay in my memories. I am so glad I was able to see you smile, and exchange I love you's with you before you went. I will miss you much more than words can really say.

September 1 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Cathy Brooks** posted:

To Dolly's family: I'm so sad to hear about Dolly's passing. She was a great, great lady. When my mom passed away three years ago, and Dolly traveled all the way from Florida to come to her wake and funeral, it meant so much to our family because mom adored Dolly. They were cousins, and also the best of friends from an early age. Dolly was always there! We will truly miss her.

September 1 at 8:00 PM

NH

**Neal, Kelly, And Riley Higgins** posted:

Grandma, Words cannot express how much we will miss you in our lives. We will never forget how contently Riley would sit on your lap as you sang her songs and told her stories. We will raise her, sharing memories of the amazing, strong, beautiful woman that you were. You will live on through her and everyone else who was lucky enough to have had you in their life. Thank you for being the kind of person that we will always strive to emulate. We love you and miss you so much already. Give Grandpa a big hug from all of us!

September 1 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Our Dear sister-in-law is gone but not forgotten. How can we ever forget all the wonderful times we shared thru the years. the times we spent at goose wing beach on sunday,family picnics at our homes and at cape cod.Also dinner and dances we went to on Saturday evenings.How great it was to be together Christmas eve with our families.You will surly be missed by all our family. You were a wonderful Sister-In-Law and Aunt. God Bless you Dolly. Betty ,Eddie and Family

September 1 at 8:00 PM



**Lois And Paul Muller** posted:

Dear Helen (Dolly), we shared a lot of good times together. You and Jimmy became a part of our lives at Hudson High with our kids in band. Then, you continued to be a part of our lives through Lu and Spence, as members of FMCA, then through Facebook and emails. You were very special in the lives of many. We share your family's loss, and we rejoice with you as you join Jimmy and Spence, and the "Mod Squad" of the 1980's. Our prayers go out especially to Marilyn and all whose life you touched with your special whit and beautiful smile. Rest in Peace, my friend. Lois and Paul

September 1 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was saddened by the news of Dolly's passing. We were daily in touch via the e-mails. I didn't know she was ill as she never said anything My comdolences to all her family. She is in good hands now with her loving husband, Jimmy and the Lord Jesus Christ. My memories will live on. God's Blessings to you all. Lucretia O'Neal, Madawaska, Me.

September 1 at 8:00 PM



**John & Shirley Duggan** posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

September 1 at 8:00 PM



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DH

**Dana Higgins** posted:

My dear sweet Grandma, who taught me about love, passion, kindness, grace, elegance, patience, strength, and laughter, may you rest in peace next to the man who loved you dearly and with the Lord in Heaven. Thank you for everything you did here on earth. You and Grandpa were an amazing testament to a marriage between best friends. I hope you are proud of me while you sit in heaven, looking down. I will always love you. Your granddaughter, Dana

August 31 at 8:00 PM

LS

**Lisa Muller-Schroeder** posted:

The light she shared with all of us on earth now shines brightly in the sky above! Dolly was a dear friend of my family for many years, she and Jimmie becoming friends with my folks, Paul and Lois Muller, and then later with my grandparents, Lucretia and Spence. She will be missed but I know she is at peace and happy being with Jimmie once again. My love and prayers to the entire family and all of the friends that knew her!

August 31 at 8:00 PM

BH

**Ben Higgins** posted:

Grandma, I'm so glad you were able to meet your Great Grandchildren, Kaena and Riley before you left to be with Grandpa again. Please tell him all about them and how much we miss him. You made an immeasurable impression on many lives and I will never forget the things you sacrificed for me when I was very young. I love you so much, Goodnight Grandma Ricardo.

August 30 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Marilyn Higgins-Coburn** posted:

August 31, 2011 12:06 AM... I lost, not only my MOMMY, but I lost my best friend. I now believe people can die of a broken heart. It was just a year ago Daddy passed.. Well Mum, you with him again now. DANCE with him, the way you both used to. I LOVE and miss you already.. But, at least you aren't sick or tired anymore. God bless you. Love your daughter!!

August 30 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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