

# Razorback Scheme

American Postal Workers Union • Fayetteville Arkansas Local 667

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## From the President

**Ike Mills**, Local President

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Well, another Christmas season is upon us and we are busy as usual. With all the changes of the past year none of us really know what to expect from the Postal Service this holiday season. But I'm sure it will be eventful at the least. Even with all the hectic pace and all the extra hours we will be working, please take the time to remember friends and family during this Holiday season. I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and your lists of what to be thankful for were long. Our Christmas party went well last Sunday but due to the weather that we were all fighting through the attendance was low. Sorry for those of you that were planning to attend

the party but were unable to make it there, but to set your minds at ease we all had fun for you. Sure hope to see you all next year.

Well, since this newsletter is dedicated to Gini Hickman first and foremost I will once again thank Henry, Sue and James for all the years that they allowed Gini to be active in our Local and thank them for their support that they gave her during all of those years. Gini, thanks for everything that you did for us and we love you and miss you. Words will never show Gini and her family how much our membership appreciated all that she did for us, but rest assured she will live in our hearts and memories forever. Gini, enjoy your new home, and we can't wait until we can enjoy our homecoming party with you.

Yours in Solidarity, Ike Mills

### **VIRGINIA "GINI" KAY HICKMAN**

**July 6, 1948 – September 17, 2013**

Gini was the heart and soul of the Fayetteville Local for 17 years. She gave meaning and life to the organization. For her, the Local wasn't just about grievances and bargaining procedures. It was about community and caring for your fellow worker. She kept track of birthdays and special events for co-workers. She decorated the break-room and her work area. Gini was more than just a fellow employee or union officer; she was an everlasting friend. Gini was dedicated to the union and what it stands for. She served as Financial Secretary for most of the 17 years she held office. Gini loved life – which caused others to do the same due to her contagious smile and caring attitude.

Virginia "Gini" Kay Hickman, 65 of Fayetteville passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2013. She was born July 6, 1948 in Ithaca, New



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York to Bunny and Arlene Wiggins Haviland. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Henry Hickman of the Home; son, James Hickman of Fayetteville; daughter, Sue Hickman of Fayetteville; sister Ann Loree of Penn – Yann, New York; two brothers, Jim Haviland and wife Judy of New York and John Haviland and wife Mary of Interlaken, New York and several other family members and friends. A memorial service was held 10

a.m., Friday, September 20, 2013 at Crystal Hills Family Fellowship in Elkins with Rev. Jasper Hankins (postal employee for many years).

The church was packed mostly with Gini's friends and co-workers. It was one of the most outstanding, commemorative memorials many of us can remember. This newsletter is dedicated to Gini Hickman, our union leader and close friend.

'Though pressured by life's final rule  
We cannot say 'good-bye' to a lady so cool.  
With amorous flair and adorable hair  
You embraced life and really did care.

Gini, we recall your welcoming smile,  
Your humor and solid work ethic style;  
How you made us all have better days,  
And taught us that unity really pays.

Jersey prints and Woodstock fest,  
Travel Upstate o'er the nation's crest.  
Concerts, plays and all the best shows  
Were what you, the cheerful, chose.

No good-byes to the lady so warm;  
Forever will you be in the hearts you charm.  
Reunion is such a short time away;  
Until then, we have to say...

Thank you, Gini, for coming our way.

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