Fred J. Hicks

NORTHLAKE — Fred J. Hicks, age 100, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away peacefully at home on June 15, 2019. He was born December 19, 1918 in Northville, Michigan; son of Fred W. and Hazel (nee Wilcox) Hicks. Fred graduated from Northville High School Class of 1936. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during WW II. Fred was united in marriage to Laura A. Bolton on March 25, 1942; they spent 77 loving years together, as husband and wife.

Fred worked as a postal carrier for the Northville Post Office, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a nature lover and enjoyed being outside fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed gardening; his home garden included tomatoes, peppers, beans, and an abundance of garlic. Fred read his Bible cover to cover and liked doing crossword puzzles. He was very mechanical and able to fix anything. He was a wealth of knowledge.

Fred is survived by his loving wife, Laura A. Hicks; his children, Patricia (Fred) Fitch and Fred (Francis) Hicks; his grandchildren, Matt (Michelle) Fitch, Laura (Dale) Moray, Jacqueline (Mike Hay) Hicks, Amanda (Matt) Sheldon, Christina (Tom Hubbard) Hicks-Hubbard; his great grandchildren, Rebecca, Andrews, Charley, Shelby, Madison, Ashley, Colby, and Lillian; and his great great grandchild, Kinley. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 3, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon with a Memorial Service at Noon at Castlefire Funeral Home, 132 W. Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Douglas W. Vernon from First United Methodist Church of Northville will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela’s Hospice, 14300 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

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In the new Star Wars land at Disneyland, a daunting laser turret looms over a trail that leads to a mystical cavern. Yet that is not what visitors realize when they step through that portal. It’s the garden entrance, as well as the cast members stationed out front. But more than that, it’s Disney’s insistence on perfection as we journey through the trail of the Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge attraction at the end of this path, a path that Imagineers call their most ambitious ever.

So when is the Rise of the Resistance, opening? The answer gets no more definitive than “sometime this year.” When Disney CEO Bob Iger first announced that Galaxy’s Edge would open in June, it was with the assumption that both of its marquee rides would be open as well: Rise of the Resistance and Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run.

But when park officials later said Galaxy’s Edge would debut May 31, the opening date for Smugglers Run — they said the opening of Rise of the Resistance would not be ready.

It had been decided that opening without Rise was better than delaying the opening, based on reviews and fan reactions, Disney made the right choice. The new land has been well-received. Guests have flocked to Oga’s Cantina (Disneyland’s first bar to serve alcoholic and caffeinated beverages to the public) and Savi’s Workshop Build a $200 lightsaber, where two-hour lines have been common.

Wait for Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run, in which groups of six pilot the iconic ship on a dangerous mission, have been moderate. Wait times typically range from 40 to 60 minutes and rarely longer than two hours.

But Rise of the Resistance is a different beast, a hair-raising escape as opposed to a faster paced, immersive theme park. (Star Wars fans will understand.) It is completely in what’s causing the delay.

Imagineers have announced that the ride is built with highly complex and innovative technology, particularly involving the use of advanced robotics, sensors and motion-activated elements that collectively make for an immersive experience.

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Odds each of these guesses is wrong: Even. More to come.

What to expect

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While video screens will be part of the ride, they will rely largely on a 3D environment, including a detailed interior of a Star Destroyer that fans will swear was taken right from the big screen. It will be much more an experience on a 3D environment than a 2D one.

Guests will proceed past the laser turret and into a corridor lined with horizontal ridges, the result of being carved out of a rock. While the ride is a fast-paced, high-adrenaline experience, it’s a safe ride for kids, a small-scale attraction thanks to the use of animatronics and video projections.

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