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William Campbell Hickey Jr., Col. US Army Ret, age 82 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, formerly of Cape Cod, MA, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2018, at Delaware Veterans Home in Milford, DE. He was born on June 21, 1936 in Fall River, MA, son of the late William C. Sr. and Edwina (Lawrenson) Hickey.

Col. Hickey graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River, MA, after which he graduated from Providence College in 1958, later receiving his MBA from Boston University in 1971. Additionally, he was a graduate of the Command General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

Col. Hickey built his career in the US Army, serving honorably in the Air Defense Artillery branch from 1958 to 1982, earning the Legion of Merit and retiring with the rank of Colonel. Col. Hickey finished his career at Raytheon Company in 1995. He was the former President of Sight Loss Services on Cape Cod, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Cape Cod and a member of the Retired Officers Group. Above all, he cherished time spent with his beloved family. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Col. Hickey lived by the motto "God, Family and Country."

In addition to his parents Col. Hickey was predeceased by his brother Paul H. Hickey. Col. Hickey is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Claire (Coulombe) Hickey of Rehoboth Beach, DE whom he married on November 28, 1959.; his sons: Daniel Hickey, FBI Special Agent Ret (Colleen) of Stafford, VA, Colin Hickey (Jennifer) of Waterville, ME, Christopher Hickey, Col.US Army Ret (Beth) of Lexington, KY, and David Hickey (Kimberly) of Potomac Falls, VA; his daughter, Carolyn McLane (Jeffery FBI Special Agent Ret) of Lewes, DE; his grandchildren: Caitlin Swanson (SSG Jacob) of Ft. Belvoir, VA, Benjamin Hickey of New Orleans, LA, Erin Hickey of Arlington, VA, SGT Jonathan Hickey of Ft. Riley, KS, Amanda Hickey of Lexington, KY, Julia Hickey of Lexington, KY, Kevin McLane of Lewes, DE, Jacob Hickey of New Orleans, LA, Lauren McLane of Lewes, DE, Christopher Hickey of Shanghai, China, Matthew Hickey of Stafford, VA, Jackson Hickey, Alexandra Hickey, Liam Hickey, Peyton Hickey, and Riley Hickey, all of Potomac



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Falls, VA; and his great-grandchildren: Kennedy, Charlotte, and Emma Swanson, all of Ft. Belvoir, VA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment with honors will take place at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery following Mass.

In gratitude for the excellent care provided by the Delaware Veterans Home, memorial contributions are suggested to Delaware Veterans Home, 100 Delaware Veterans Boulevard; Milford, DE 19963.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 11AM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



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Friends May Visit

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE

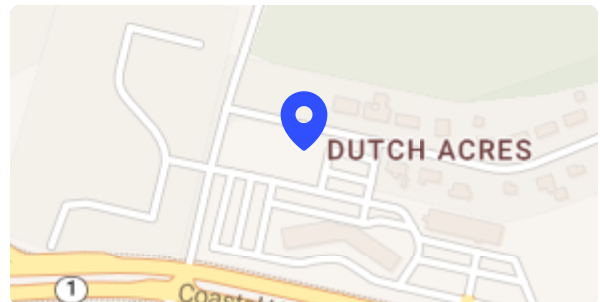


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DS

Diana Silva posted:

Condolences Durfee High School Class of 1954

June 8 at 11:54 AM

PH

Payton Hickey posted:

Speech from Bill's granddaughter Payton Hickey (age 10) at the family memorial. I love him very much and I wish he didn't have to go but he is in a better place now. We should celebrate that he has no more pain. Though a piece of our puzzle is missing, it's found a better place and one day we'll get to go to that better place and all the pieces will be together again. Until then, we just wait and remember our loved ones. RIP Poppy

November 12 at 2:09 PM

CH

Claire Hickey November 17 at 9:45 AM

So sweet , Payton. Poppy loved you very much and so do I.

MP

Michael Thomas Potter posted:

A gentleman's gentleman, a soldier's soldier. Bill was loved and admired by all of us who worked / served with him. I always called him "Father Hickey" as he reminded me of a fatherly pastor trying his best to keep us from getting into trouble with the Raytheon VPs! Can't think of him without seeing his gentle smile and remembrance of good times. RIP Mike Potter

November 6 at 11:33 AM

WF

William "Chip" Fackner posted:

Bill Hickey was one of the best people and commanders that I served with/met during my 26 years in the Army. He led by example. One of his major tenets was his love for his family (we spoke often about his sons and baseball) and his soldiers. I shall always remember his laughter and his intellect. Wow, I have many fond memories of serving with him in and around Spangdahlem/Hahn/Bitburg. He and his family are in my thoughts and prayers. I was blessed to have known him. Chip Fackner

November 6 at 8:52 AM



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BC

Burt Castner posted:

I will never forget Bill, he was a mentor to me and more importantly a friend. God Rest his soul. Burt Castner

November 5 at 8:23 PM

RR

Regina Rafferty posted:

I send condolences to Claire and her lovely family. Bill was such a good man-always kind to me when I visited both he and Claire in Acton and on the Cape. I always enjoyed his company-we had great conversations. I shall certainly miss him, and will offer prayers for him. May He Rest in Peace Regina Rafferty

October 29 at 10:50 AM

MT

Mariwyn And Jim Maloney, El Paso, Texas sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Hickey family.

October 25 at 8:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hickey family.

October 24 at 1:52 PM



EM

Elizabeth Minassian posted:

Dear Claire and Family, I was so sorry to read Bill's death notice in the Boston Globe today. It's been a long time since we have seen each other. You both had a wonderful life together and raising a truly successful family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I will offer my Mass for him on Sunday. I know this is a difficult time for you. I remember our days at Boston College School of Nursing. My thought and prayers are with you. Love Betty Sweeney Minassian

October 24 at 1:10 PM



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Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Hickey family.

October 24 at 6:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hickey family.

October 24 at 6:38 AM



Ann Shapiro, Rn lit a candle in honor of Col. William.

October 22 at 3:09 AM



Carol Burton October 22 at 11:31 AM

though his big 'hickey' heart is stilled, his smile and exuberant laughter will always remain. one of the finest men ken and I ever knew and a warm and trusted friend. the world is better, far better, for his presence and the family he has left for us all.



Ann Shapiro, Rn October 22 at 3:15 AM

My deepest sympathy and prayers to the entire Hickey family. Col. Hickey was an amazing gentleman, Officer, and father. I am honored to had the privilege of meeting him, and getting to know his family. The Hickey family exemplifies what the word "family" means, and his family is a testament to what a fine man he was. Thank you Sir for your service to America. You will be missed.



Frank & Sylvia Sullivan sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hickey family.

October 21 at 11:53 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Col. William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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