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William David “Bill” Hickman Jr. of Harbeson, Delaware, passed away peacefully at home on November 15th, 2025, surrounded by family.

Born on November 9th, 1950, in Wilmington, Delaware, Bill was the son of the late William and Felicia Hickman. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Laura Hickman.

Bill was the incredibly proud father of four children: William Hickman III of Milton, Jennifer Tatem (Brian) of Rehoboth, Bryan Hickman (Julie) of Milton, and Julie Harlow (Peter) of Lewes.

Growing up as an only child, nothing brought him more happiness than having his children and grandchildren around as often as possible. He took great pride in his role as “Pa” to his grandchildren – William, Layla, Kaleb, Brayden, Abby, Alivia, Everly, Mallory, Zoe, and Jimi.

Bill opened Hickman’s Meat Market in 2002 and was quickly embraced by the entire community and became a local legend. His incredible skills with a knife were more of an art than just “cutting meat.” He treated every customer as if they were family and cared just as much for the person buying a pound of ground sirloin as he did the person spending hundreds of dollars to feed their family for a large event. He was known for his larger-than-life personality, incredible sense of humor, ability to light up any room he was in, and the uncanny way he had of being everyone’s “best friend,” and those friends more often than not ended up being like family.

Bill had a deep love of music. He played guitar and sang in multiple bands throughout his life and also managed bands. He passed this love of music on to many members of his family. He was an avid outdoorsman, spending countless hours in the woods and on the water. He was an incredible cook and loved grilling for friends and family as well as preparing many crab feasts throughout the summers. What he loved most was spending time with his family.

As a man who had his share of personal battles, Bill never missed an opportunity to use his own experiences to help others. He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and was always



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available to anyone who was struggling with addiction, offering encouragement, advice, and guidance without ever being judgmental. He was the ultimate friend and mentor and will be deeply missed by the vast number of people whose lives he touched.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, December 1st, 2025, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Visitation will be from 2:00–3:00 PM.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11968342/LTWebcast>

In Lieu of Flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to:

The Crossing Church Memo: Build Campaign PO Box 95 Milton, DE 19968 or by visiting:

<https://pushpay.com/g/thecrossingnow?src=hpp>

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERES DELIVERED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 BY 9:00 AM AT OUR LEWES LOCATION.



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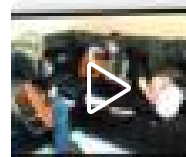
Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 20 at 4:54 PM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



December 1 at 5:24 PM



Karen Rauber lit a candle in honor of William.

Every person knows Bill's caring nature...From time to time during the "Pandemic Lockdown" Bill would come over just to visit with Tommy & me. We'd sit around the kitchen table & talk & laugh. It was always such a heartfelt gift !



November 30 at 7:33 PM



John Albright posted:

Bill loved life. He loved to experience life. He was wide open all the time. Bill's sense of humor and love of life, could not be denied. There wasn't a person he knew that wasn't his buddy. If you met Bill, he was your friend. If you hadn't met Bill, it was just a matter of time. We connected over a love for music and he expanded my knowledge of 60's artists and convinced me that we should start playing music together. What a joy it was to partner with him to find our sound and share it with others. Forever "29 East." Though he was an only child, his love for family was enormous. He loved watching his family grow and took such pride in hanging out with his kids and grandkids, watching them find their own love of things, and continuing to learn through them. Bill and I weren't able to spend as much time together lately, and yet when we got a chance to talk, it was like we had never stopped. I miss my friend now but am forever grateful for getting to spend time with him, to learn from him, to share life with him. Love ya' brother!

November 30 at 2:59 PM



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Kathy Randall posted:

I met Bill before he went back to being the fabulous butcher everyone enjoyed. I was interested in a lot in Bay Vista back in 1998, but by the time I reached out to buy it, Bill had bought the lot and had plans to build a home on it. I then met with Bill and we went to work building my home at 151 Buckingham Drive. He not only cared and listened to our questions, but became a friend throughout the process. We loved that home and I believe that it was in part due to the wonderful and caring person that Bill was. We kept in touch through the years by visits to Hickman meats. The love and caring he showed us during his time as a builder was carried over into his store where you always felt it every time you visited, seeing the pictures he posted on the wall of the store of his children/grandchildren growing was such a beautiful way to show what was always the most important thing to him....His Family. I am very grateful to have met Bill, and after spending 25+ years in the home building business, my appreciation of my experience with him is something I have come to understand was very unique and special. Thank you Bill and I wish you peace and good music as you head out on your next journey. Love, Kathy Randall and Family

November 28 at 5:02 PM



George Korolog posted:

In high school, although he was 2 years younger, Bill was always the epitome of "cool." His "conservative" dance moves, his dress and demeanor always stood out, even to kids older than him. His nickname for most who knew him was "stretch," although I can't remember why. He was unique.

November 20 at 4:29 PM



Kristy Wilhelmi posted:

Catching Sandbar sharks and later grilling them. (*Note: this was before it became illegal!!!!)

November 20 at 3:57 PM



Gwendolyn Bowers posted:

I've known Bill Hickman for well over 50 years...I recently passed along a butcher block he had given me that he had butchered deer on one winter. Someone else can enjoy it for another 50 years...we shared some reckless times & lived long after to tell about it...xxxooo

November 20 at 3:43 PM



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Dawn Stewart lit a candle in honor of William.

He was a kind, generous friend and was a great neighbor too here in Pinewater. His presence at the grill with his generously donated meats was at many of our events over the years. He and his kindness will be very missed.

November 20 at 1:35 PM



Kaleb Cronic shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I loved fishing with Pa. It was my favorite thing to do with him and talk about with him. I got to be with Pa on his last fishing trip, and that was an honor!

November 20 at 11:00 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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