



## Larry Dean Hickman

October 10, 1935 - February 10, 2017

Services for Larry Dean Hickman, 81, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 12:30 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker officiating. A private burial will be at Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery in Big Sandy. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to East Texas Food Bank, Marvin United Methodist Church or East Texas Crisis Center.

Mr. Hickman passed away Friday, February 10, 2017 in Tyler.

Larry Hickman was born in Spring Hill, TX on October 10, 1935 to O. B. and Mattie Jane Hickman. The youngest of four boys, he grew up in a loving home that emphasized personal integrity, personal responsibility, and service. His father served as a Lay-Music Minister for many years, and music was a mainstay in the Hickman home. Larry performed his first solo at the age of five in a small East Texas Baptist Church and at twelve performed his first of countless wedding solos. He performed in a gospel quartet with his brothers all throughout his youth. His love of music never dimmed, and he sang for churches, banquets, weddings and theater productions until his time on earth was done. Following graduation from Kilgore High School in 1955 Larry attended Baylor University on a football scholarship where he majored in Business with a minor in Vocal Performance. While at Baylor he married the

love of his life, Shirley Winn of Gladewater. After graduating from Baylor he played professional football for five years before joining Texas Power & Light (later TU Electric). He worked for TU Electric in numerous cities and positions over the next twenty-nine years including nine years in Waco, Texas as Assistant District Manager and then four years as District Manager in Denison, Texas. In 1980 Larry was named as the Tyler District Manager for TU Electric, a post he held until he retired in 1993. Larry and Shirley chose to remain in Tyler following his retirement.

Larry and Shirley have been active members of Marvin United Methodist Church for the past 35 years. He was always active in the community, and he served as a board member or officer of many organizations including Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, East Texas Food Bank, East Texas Fair Association, Tyler YMCA, the United Way of Greater Tyler, East Texas Crisis Center, Crimestoppers, American Heart Association, Hospice of East Texas, Tyler Mayor's Anti-Crime Task Force, Junior Achievement, Texas Society to Prevent Blindness, Better Business Bureau, Rotary Club, Texas Chest Foundation, and the University of Texas at Tyler Health Center. He was a phenomenal athlete. His honors, awards and records are too numerous to list but highlights include two years All State Fullback, All South and All American High School Fullback, State Track Meet in shot put and discus three years, guard on basketball team that won third in the State, All State Choir, Southwest Conference Freshman MVP, regional Golden Gloves Heavyweight Boxing Championship in 1955, All Southwest Conference, starting Fullback for the College All Star game, Outstanding Athlete at Baylor University in 1957, played in the NFL Championships game with the Green Bay Packers under Coach Vince Lombardi in 1960, played in the Canadian Football League Championship Game (Gray Cup) in 1961, Baylor Athletic Hall of Fame, Kilgore High School Wall of Honor.

He was a loyal and deeply loved friend in addition to being a beloved husband

and father. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, O. B. and Mattie Jane Waller Hickman, and three brothers, John, Warner and Waller Hickman. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Shirley, their daughter, Lesa McCoy of Katy, TX, their son and daughter-in-law Winn and Marilea Hickman of Arlington, TX, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery

4716 Hwy 80  
Big Sandy, TX 75755

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Larry and I were good buddies. I was only recently made aware of his passing. We know he is infinitely in a better place.  
In Him as Always, with love,  
Bill Glass*

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**Bill Glass** - February 21, 2017 at 02:03 PM

CD

“ *Shirley, Cotton and I so sorry to hear of Larry's death. Please know you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Carolyn and Cotton Davidson*

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**Carolyn Davidson** - February 19, 2017 at 04:07 PM

JW

“ *Judy & Jeff Waller purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry Dean Hickman.*

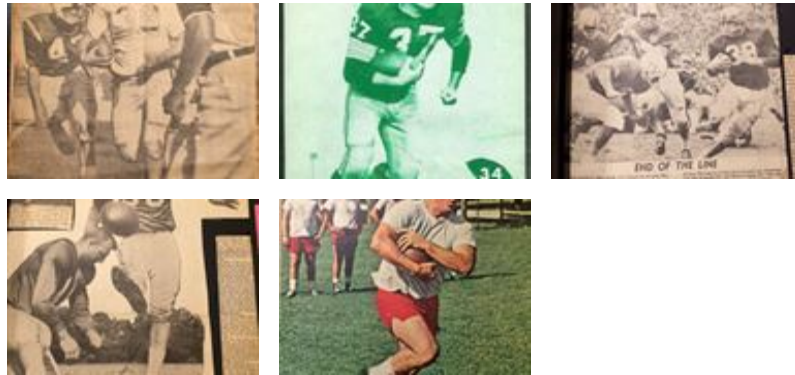


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**Judy & Jeff Waller** - February 17, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ 15 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 16, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ Shirley, We have many fond memories of our Baylor days and Bear football. We recently heard from Linda and feel sure Larry and Neal are "catching up" . We send our love and prayers. Bobby and Sammie Morris

SAMMIE MORRIS - February 15, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Hickman.



February 15, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DA

*I knew Larry as a teenager when he would come sing at Spring Hill Baptist. He was 3 years older than I and my cousin Tommy Minter, but we were friends, and he was one of the reasons we chose Baylor. He was a senior when we were freshmen, and I'll never forget the first time I tackled Larry during a scrimmage between the varsity and freshman team. I wasn't sure where I was for a minute or two. Larry and I shared a love for Christian/Gospel music. Just wish I'd had a quality voice like his.*

*Moose, you and your family will be in our prayers.  
David Alexander*

David Alexander - February 15, 2017 at 08:12 PM

JD

“ *We grieve with Shirley and the rest of the family that Larry loved so much. We are so sorry for your loss as well as our loss of our friend that we loved very much. Larry will be missed by the many, many friends that he was an extremely positive influence on.  
Bonny and Jim Daughtry*

Jim Daughtry - February 15, 2017 at 03:16 PM

VG

“ I was very saddened to receive the message that our KHS Class of 1955 lost our beloved classmate, Larry Hickman. Most of our graduating class had been together since attending Kilgore's three elementary schools: Eastview, Elder, Kilgore Heights. How fun and interesting to merge in KJHS and find many new friends from all the oil field families. It wasn't long before Larry's reputation spread: "that handsome dark-haired guy from Eastview with The Voice -- who excelled on the football field too." After 61 years of class reunions, we last met in March, when loyal Larry drove in for that one too.

To Shirley and all of Larry's family and friends, I join you in deep sorrow as we deal with this loss of a good, kind, humble and Godly man of great character. A page in our yearbook says "The happier the time, the more quickly it passes." Yes it does, but we'll remember that happiness always and be grateful for growing up in Kilgore, Texas, where everybody knows your name.

Vera Mitchell Garlough, Longview, TX

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Vera Mitchell Garlough - February 14, 2017 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ There's not room to share all my good memories of Larry, from pre-teen years at Eastview Baptist Church in Kilgore and all through Kilgore High School. It was my privilege to accompany him on the piano as he sang on many occasions. I never hear "The Love of God" without thinking of Larry. The Hickman family was truly special. And, Larry enjoyed coming to our class reunions and luncheons--KHS Class of 1955! My sincere sympathy to all the family.

Martha Hyatt Clark, Kilgore

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Martha Hyatt Clark - February 14, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Hickman.*



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February 14, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *You are in our every waking moment, and in our prayers dear, dear Shirley. Sending all our love to you, Winn, Marilea, Lesa, and all the kids and grandkids who were so adored by our sweet Uncle Larry.*

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**Kathleen Kent** - February 14, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to Shirley and the other family members. We had the good fortune to travel with Larry and Shirley on several Baylor trips. Larry was one of my Baylor heroes. My spouse, Marilyn, always admired both his talent and interest in music as well. He will be missed.*

*John & Marilyn Mosley  
Kaufman, Texas*

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**John Mosley** - February 13, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ *Fun times were had with Larry and Shirley working in Waco ..Great memories.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family..  
Gary and Martha Kennedy*

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**Gary Kennedy** - February 13, 2017 at 04:33 PM

C.

“ Please be encouraged:

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercise faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day*

*John 6:40*

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**c.h** - February 13, 2017 at 05:03 AM

CB

*Condolences to the Hickman family. Larry was special to all of us in Kilgore High School.*

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**Cecilia Brumley Barrow** - February 14, 2017 at 08:05 AM

RW

*You were a great boss and friend in our tours for TP&L in Waco and Tyler. I will miss you and think of you often. Rest in peace "Big Guy".*

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**Roy Wolfe** - February 14, 2017 at 09:52 AM

DB

*Moose, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Hickman family. So many great memories from when I was six years old and he and Dad worked together at TP&L to now in my sixties going to Baylor games. God Bless and Sic Em...*

*The Bibby Family*

*David and Becky / Bill and Joann*

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**David Bibby** - February 16, 2017 at 02:18 PM



*Wynn, Sorry to hear about the loss of your father as I remember the stories you told me about your Dad. As a Fellow Bear, you and the family are in the Joe Family Prayers.*

*JJ JOE & Family (LaKeesha, Jordan, Joshua, Jacob)  
Baylor 93'*

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**John Joe** - February 20, 2017 at 09:54 AM