



## Richard E. "Dick" Hickam

November 17, 1925 - September 6, 2023

Richard E. "Dick" Hickam, 97, of Bloomington passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Hearthstone Health Campus.

He was born on November 17, 1925 the son of Ross and Sue Lena (Faust) Hickam.

Following his graduation from Bloomington High School in 1943 he entered the United States Naval Reserve officer training program during the latter part of World War II. Upon discharge he returned to Indiana University and was graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Business.

After graduation he was employed by Indiana University as an accountant. He later served as Director of Internal Auditing, Business Manager of the I.U. Foundation, Director of Accounting and Director of Investments and Cash Management. He served as president of the Association of College and University Auditors, and was a member of the National Association of Cash Managers. He retired from Indiana University in 1988, after forty-one years of service in these various administration positions.

Active in civic and community affairs, he is a former Chairman of the Board of the University Y.M.C.A. and served as a director of the Bloomington and Monroe County United Fund. In 1954 he was recognized with the Bloomington Junior Chambers of Commerce's distinguished Service Award. Since his retirement he has been an active volunteer in the Bloomington Hospital Meals-on-Wheels program and the Monroe County Chapter of the American

Red Cross Transportation Service.

He married Phyllis Joan Harrell on August 12, 1945. Phyllis passed away on February 11, 2011 after sixty-five years of marriage. They had three daughters, Becky Houghton; Ann Linthicum and Kathy (Steve) Mishler; he has six grandchildren, Jennifer Mishler; Julie (Kyle) Webb; Joyce (Dean) Fruit; Tom (Becky) Nelson; Michelle (Alvin) Sanders and Megan (James) Mishler; twelve great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. He was a member of the First Baptist-United Church of Christ where he served in many leadership positions, but recently affiliated with the Bloomington Free Methodist Church for the last few years.

His masonic record began in May 1954, when he was raised a Master Mason in Monroe Lodge No.22 in Bloomington. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1963, during which time he was one of three Masters in Indiana to serve on the board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home.

He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1965, and advanced regularly each year to higher office until his election in May 1970 to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. He served during 1970-71 as the one hundred twentieth Mason to be honored.

In 1973 he was first elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to which office he was re-elected for twenty-one consecutive terms. In July, 1993 he resigned the office following more than twenty years of service.

He became a member of the Masonic Home Board of Directors a second time when he was Deputy Grand Master and continued on the board as Grand Master. When his year as Grand Master was finished, he was appointed to a three-year term on the Board. After completing two years of that three-year term and his election as Grand Treasurer he became a Board member by virtue of office, and continued as a Board member until 1993 when he resigned as Grand Treasurer, at which time he was again appointed to a three-year term. His Home Board membership has, as a result been continuous since 1969 to date, a period of fifty-four years. During this period, he was re-elected annually as Chairman of the Board since January 1979.

He is affiliated with the three York Rite bodies in Bloomington and served as High Priest of Bloomington Chapter No 127, Royal Arch Masons in 1981, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis in which he served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1984-85. He received the thirty-third degree as a honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1970.

Other affiliations include St. Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, having served as Illustrious Sovereign in 1978, Southern Indiana Chapter no 328, National Sojourners having served as President during 1990-92, Royal Order of Scotland and Society of Rosicrucians. He is the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, an honorary member of the DeMolay Supreme Council and a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana DeMolay Foundation, having served as Board President during 1988-1990, and as Treasurer since that time to present.

A funeral Service will be held at 11:00am Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Sunday, September 10, 2023 with a Masonic Service at 7:00pm followed by a Scottish Rite thirty-third degree service. And visitation also on Monday from 10:00am to service time both at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Hearthstone Heath Campus for their care and kindness during his stay at their facility.

In Lieu of flowers, Richard has requested memorial contributions be made to the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, 525 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Masonic Service

SEP 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Scottish Rite Thirty-Third Degree Service

SEP 10. 7:20 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401  
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## Visitation

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SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Maynard Raggio lit a candle in memory of Richard Hickam*



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**Maynard Raggio** - September 03, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.

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September 11, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.*



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September 11, 2023 at 11:05 AM

NP

“ *Nannie Phillips lit a candle in memory of Richard Hickam*



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**Nannie Phillips** - September 11, 2023 at 10:26 AM

DW

“ Dear Becky, Ann, and Kathy  
I am sorry to learn of your dad passing... He was a great guy and as you know a long time family friend. He will be missed by many. God bless.

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**Debbie Jordan West** - September 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM

RM

“ I met Richard at Heartstone Health Campus when my friends mother Patty was in thr same hallway. I got to know him and we began sitting with him at lunch and dinner. He was the sweetest and he always talked about how he jad ro watch what he ate because he would get fat. We'd laugh about it and I began to bring him the 90 calorie snacks to make him laugh. We brought him a bowl that said Richard's ice cream because he always had ro jave his ice cream. I last visited him while I was home from. Florida a few months back . When I walked in he was asleep and had chocolate ensure running from his mouth. We visited a few minutes and he thanked me for visiting. I will miss seeing that great smile of his and his laugh. Hugs to the family...he truly lived a great life.

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**Robyn Morton** - September 11, 2023 at 01:26 AM

WB

“ I am truly saddened by Richard's passing, sending prayers for peace and comfort to the family. Richard was an inspiration and helped shape me into the person I am today, after knocking on the door as an entered apprentice to becoming master of the lodge Richard helped and guided me throughout my journey and challenged me to step outside of my comfort zone, I am grateful for the time I got to spend with him and I'm sure the world just won't be the same.



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**William Burton** - September 10, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.*



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September 08, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Tommy Shannon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Richard Hickam*



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**Tommy & Shannon Vincent** - September 08, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.*



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September 08, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.*



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September 08, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for strength and peace during this difficult time.



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**Tipton Lodge #33** - September 08, 2023 at 03:08 AM

BB

“ The whole Masonic Fraternity is saddened by the loss of such a great and good as Richard Hickam. All of our lives are better from knowing him. To the family, please accept our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Bob Braunlin  
Monroe Masonic Lodge*

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**Bob Braunlin** - September 07, 2023 at 04:59 PM

GS

“ Grand Master, PGM's, Officers, Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Hickam.



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**Grand Master, PGM's, Officers, Staff** - September 07, 2023 at 03:36 PM