



Peter Kent Hickman

June 5, 1938 - February 8, 2021

ADRIAN – Peter Hickman passed away on February 8, 2021 at the Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital. He was 82.

The eldest of six boys, Peter was born in Detroit on June 5, 1938, to Charles and Virginia Hickman. He attended Adrian High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1961 with a degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. That same year, Peter married his high school sweetheart, Mary Lou (Cruikshank) and entered active duty in the United States Air Force, graduating first in his Pilot Training class at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas. After leaving the Air Force in 1965, Peter worked as a Senior Experimental Engineer at Hamilton Standard, designing titanium propeller blades for experimental aircraft. Peter and Mary Lou returned to Adrian and he took the position of Vice President of Engineering and Chief Technical Officer at Brazeway. Peter left Brazeway in 1983 to start a computer consulting company, which later became Blue Sky Productions, Inc., a production company which provided programming for PBS and the Speed Channel. Peter was a technology enthusiast and was always ahead of the curve. He also enjoyed golfing, sailing, and he was a very skilled photographer.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Scott. He is survived by Mary Lou, his wife of 60 years; his children, Christopher (Jennifer) of

Maplewood, NJ, and Lisa Hickman (Chris Oxley) of Traverse City; grandchildren, Zachary, Sophie, Charlie and Silas; his five brothers, David (Shelley), Steve (Sally), Mark (Christine), Ross (Janet) and Alan (Cindy); brother-in-law, Jack Cruikshank (Leslie); and many nieces and nephews.

Peter was a quiet, humble guy with a huge heart and a great sense of humor. He was well liked by everyone he encountered, and he will be profoundly missed. The Hickman family would like to thank the ICU doctors and nursing staff of the Hickman Hospital for their excellent care, compassion, and expertise.

A private memorial will be planned at a future date. Memorial Contributions can be made to Hospice of Lenawee and the Croswell Opera House. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Kent Hickman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry about Pete's passing. Certainly didn't know him well but will never forget his and Mary Lou's kindness to my Mom and Dad. Hoping the wonderful memories will help you all find peace. Love to all.*

Deb and Izzy Berenbaum

Debra Berenbaum - February 12, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *I am sorry for Pete's passing. What a wonderful man. If you knew Pete, He was a very kind and loving person. And Even a little on the shy side. But most of all you knew right away that he was very devoted to his wife and family. I have alot of respect for Pete.....wish there was more men like him. He was always at the picnics at Brazeway to take pictures. You will be missed Pete Hugs for his family*

theresa griewahn - February 11, 2021 at 06:43 PM

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“ We have fond memories of Pete and Mary Lou mostly through our times with our two Grandsons. We first met Pete and his wife, when Lisa and Chris started dating, and our first impression of the “other” parents were great. Friendly and warm, and I could see how proud they were of their daughter. Marriage and soon came the grand babies. We would meet Pete and Mary Lou in Vermont at special occasions of the boys, and I could see Pete was a hands on Grandpa. He love those kids, and they loved him. This last September we were lucky enough to gather again for Charlie’s birthday, amongst the Covid lockdown. Both grand parents, agreed to be covid safe, no hugs, safe distance, as we gathers around to sing Happy Birthday to our 8 year old. We had a lovely family day, and you could just feel the love in the air. Pete was so attentive to Mary Lou. And I to my handicap husband. We both had that in common. Our last memory of Pete was of a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed by many.

Michelle and Liom Oxley - February 10, 2021 at 10:20 AM

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“ Being part of the extended family for over forty years we are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. Pete always had a gentle smile and kindness that lingered. His love and devotion to Mary Lou was a model we should all aspire to. We were blessed to have known him and mourn his passing.

laura and phil edwards - February 09, 2021 at 08:10 PM

JC

“Pete was a wonderful brother-in-law, and initially a 'good guy' when I first met him when he started dating my sister in High School. As the girlfriends little brother, I'm sure he tolerated me more than I deserved. On several occasions , 'dates', they would haul me around with them, Pete must have thought to himself "I must really love this girl"!! In fact, they were a perfect couple. He would give me model cars that he had put together, and arranged for his dad, Charles Hickman, to take me on my first plane ride. I was also included in several weekend trips to the Hickman summer home, and met the entire clan.

They made me feel like an extended member of the family...just another 'son', but who's counting/???

He is dearly missed, but we are left with wonderful memories.

In The Bonds Pete.

Jack Cruikshank

Jack Cruikshank - February 09, 2021 at 03:11 PM