



Calvin Hickey

July 24, 1947 - August 9, 2020

Calvin Edward Hickey, 73, of Travelers Rest, SC husband of Pastor Sue Hickey, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, August 9, 2020. Born in Greenville, he was the son of the late James Hickey and Emma Allen. He is survived by his wife Pastor Sue Hickey, his children Alicia Waynick(Tommy), Julie Hammond(Steven), and Josh Hickey(Dee), his grandchildren Danielle McGowans(Welsey), Lauren Wooten(Brandon), Amber Waynick, Alivia Waynick, Christopher Hammond, Samantha Kelly(Dalton), Jacob Hammond, Trevor Hickey, Abigail Hickey, Whitt Hickey, Nathan Hickey, his graphed in grandson Bentley Sams, and his great-grandchild Sophie McGowans. Calvin is a member of New Life Foundation Church, where most call him Papa Calvin. He was best known for the meals he cooked, the little Debbie cakes and coffee he shared before services. Most of all, for all the fruits and vegetables he gave away after every service.

Calvin loved to coon hunt, and was a member of the Greenville County Coon Club.

The saying “they don’t make them like that anymore”, best describes Calvin. At age 13, he passed himself off as an adult and became an iron worker in Chicago. He continued working iron construction in Greenville for Flour Daniel, even helping to build the BB&T Building in downtown Greenville along with other structures and buildings around the area.

Papa Calvin is best known for his cooking and farming. Many of his grandchildren’s favorite memories were made in the field with him, feeling

fresh tilled ground under their bare feet, rolling watermelons, and picking corn. His field is where they learned to drive, hunt deer, and shoot a gun. He gave every grandchild their first puppy and their first gun. There are so many people in the Travelers Rest area who have bought or been given Papa Calvin's vegetables. We have been told multiple stories of people who came home to find a bag of his vegetables on their door. He was a firm believer that good food could heal anyone. Some of his most popular dishes were his "healing" chicken and dumplings and world's famous dressing. He was an avid woodworker building grandfather clocks, dry sinks, and gun cabinets. Calvin showed love to people through the work of his hands, that was his ministry. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 28, 2020 at his garden at 1601 Roe Ford Rd., Greenville, SC 29617. Burial will take place at Mountain View Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to New Life Foundation Church, 10 Rochester Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvin Hickey Garden
1601 Roe Ford Road
Greenville, SC 29617

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Calvin Hickey*



Pat Hawkins - April 09, 2025 at 01:19 PM

JL

“ *Janice Langley lit a candle in memory of Calvin Hickey*



Janice Langley - August 28, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Calvin Hickey.*



August 26, 2020 at 07:56 PM

BF

“ *Burgess Family lit a candle in memory of Calvin Hickey*



Burgess Family - August 24, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*
Dale and Veronica Blackstone



Leann Blackstone - August 24, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss.*
Michael and Leann Blackstone, and
Frieda Gilbert



Leann Blackstone - August 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the*
family of Calvin Hickey.



August 24, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JH

“ Jim and I send Sue and her family our love as you all go through these sad times. We remember through our tears many good times in Church, going to Hendersonville to eat seafood, and all those delicious church suppers. Calvin made the best chicken and rice. I can still see him enjoying his shrimp platter at the fish camp. And who can forget his neon colored tee shirts and crazy hats and wigs. His straight face always cracked me up. He was so generous with produce, apples and pecans. Surely our Lord will let him garden up in heaven, and just imagine no worms or weeds! We are thankful for the times we shared with Calvin and his loving family.

James and Shirley Hubbard - August 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DD

I feel blessed to have known Calvin. He always had a smile on his face and only kind words of others. He will surely be missed.

Debbie Davis - August 28, 2020 at 05:32 PM

NB

“ We're still trying to wrap our minds around that our friend and brother has already made the crossing. Pastor Sue and Alicia , Julie and Josh we send our love and prayers with heart felt sympathy . He will greatly miss , till we meet again ! Love to The Grands and Tommy, Steve and Dee. Norman & Nancy Bayne Flat Rock N.C.

Nancy bayne - August 22, 2020 at 09:47 PM

BC

“ Praying for all of you during this time of loss. I could share hundreds of memories about Calvin. One that always comes to mind is the time I was at their house. Calvin had cooked supper it was soup and cornbread. I remember how good everything tasted. When I finished my bowl he came over to me with a big smile on his face and said “ Did you like my soup?” I said oh yes that was delicious! He walked me over to the pot and said “it’s turtle soup! This is the hardest part I have with eating.” He pulled the tail of the turtle out of the soup and was laughing so hard! I’m sure I turned as white as a ghost. He brought that up to me several times after that night. 🙏 Praying for your comfort and Sues healing.

Beth Cantrell - August 15, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TS

“ Sister Sue, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will be praying for you all during this time.



Tracy McDade Yearwood Steffner - August 14, 2020 at 11:27 PM

AC

“ Dear Sue, Alicia, Julie, and Josh.
I am so very sorry to hear about Calvin's passing. You all have been such dear neighbors for many decades. Please let me know if you ever need anything and I will be glad to help. I know that it is comforting for you to know that he is now with Jesus, and I know that your strong faith in that same Lord will carry you through these most difficult times. You all will remain in my prayers.
Angie(Shivers)Carpenter

Angela Carpenter - August 14, 2020 at 05:59 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Pace lit a candle in memory of Calvin Hickey*



Lisa pace - August 14, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SW

“ *I remember back in the early 90's when Calvin would come into the old TR Ingles with his fresh produce. When we were able, we would buy what he had that day. He always had a smile on his face and he loved to talk and share stories.*

Little did I know I would be friends with 3 of his granddaughters years later. The family will continue to be in my prayers during this time. May God give you all the comfort and peace only He can give!

Shawn Wallen - August 13, 2020 at 10:04 PM

EB

“ *Edward & Rocio Batson lit a candle in memory of Calvin Hickey*



Edward & Rocio Batson - August 13, 2020 at 11:57 AM

BS

*Praying for the family...
Asking God for comfort at this very difficult time. Becky Sheppard & Family*

Becky Sheppard - August 14, 2020 at 07:01 PM

EB

“ Dear Mrs. Hickey and Family:
Dearly and thankfully Mr. Calvin will be in my prayers and in my heart. Wishing you strength and peace during this difficult time.
Mr. Hickey: Now that you are in the presence of our Lord, it's the time when the Lord acknowledges your generosity and kindness with my husband and I, you were the most admirable neighbor. May the Lord take you to heaven to forever Rest In Peace. 🙏
From your neighbors Mr. & Mrs. Edward Batson.

Edward & Rocio Batson - August 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin Hickey.



August 10, 2020 at 05:27 PM

TF

“ The Knighton Family purchased the Sympathy C hocolates for the family of Calvin Hickey.



The Knighton Family - August 09, 2020 at 06:15 PM