



## Nita Rochelle Hickman

June 12, 1945 - September 7, 2023

Nita Rochelle Hickman, 78, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the Rensselaer Care Center. Nita was born in LaPorte, IN, on June 12, 1945, the daughter of Earl and Esther (Atkinson) Thurston.

Nita graduated from Remington High School with the Class of 1963. She married the love of her life, Ronald Lee Hickman, on November 22, 1964, in Remington, IN, and he preceded her in death on July 11, 2016.

Nita worked as a license branch clerk for the Indiana BMV at the Rensselaer location. She also co-owned Hickman's Ice Cream Parlor for seven years. Nita was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and participated in the quilt ministry there. She was a charter member of Psi Iota Xi. Nita enjoyed ceramics, painting, crocheting, and drawing. Sewing with her granddaughters gave her great joy and you could always spot her in the crowd at any of her children's and grandchildren's activities cheering them on to victory. Nita will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Nita is survived by her children, Daniel Lee (Alicia) Hickman of Carmel, IN, Sherry Kay (Chris) Schmidt of Crown Point, IN, Kenneth Riley (Jodi) Hickman of Rensselaer, IN, Chad Alan (Leanne) Hickman of Indianapolis, IN; twelve grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

Nita was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Esther; husband, Ronald; and brother, Thomas Thurston.

Friends may call upon the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Sunday, September 24, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM CT. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer with Pastor Andy Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Weston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church and/or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
107 E. Angelica Street  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall



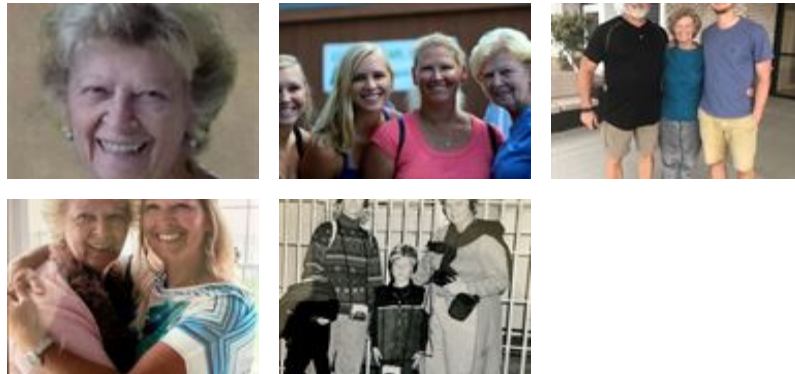
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 23, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*



September 22, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.



September 22, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.



September 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.



September 22, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman



**Diane Fish** - September 21, 2023 at 08:07 PM

DF

*With sympathy  
Peter and Diane Fish*

**Diane Fish** - September 21, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*



September 21, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*



September 21, 2023 at 03:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*

September 21, 2023 at 03:48 AM

LK

“ *Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



**Larry and Judy Koebcke** - September 20, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*



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September 18, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Larry and Judy Koebcke** - September 14, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Chuck and Jackie Malchow** - September 13, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Janice Hopkinsmalchow lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**janice hopkinsmalchow** - September 12, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Nita Rochelle Hickman.*



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September 11, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Susie Canaday lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Susie Canaday** - September 11, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *My condolences to the Hickman family. Fond memories sharing good times with Nita and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. May she rest in peace.*



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**Betty Worden** - September 11, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Bill And Katie Cochran lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Bill and Katie Cochran** - September 11, 2023 at 07:28 PM

BC

*Bill and Nita graduated together. Nita was such a friendly and caring person. I always enjoyed talking with her. She will be missed.*

**Bill and Katie Cochran** - September 11, 2023 at 07:31 PM

SO

“ *I’m so so sorry for your loss! Your mom was an absolutely beautiful person who always lit up the room....  
I have wonderful memories of her from childhood ❤️. Prayers for all of you!*



**Samantha (Grant) Obbagy** - September 11, 2023 at 07:03 PM

JO

“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



**Janice Odom** - September 11, 2023 at 04:35 PM

BH

“ *Bob Hall lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



**Bob Hall** - September 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JD

“ *Jenny Duncan lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



Jenny Duncan - September 11, 2023 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



Judy Burvan - September 11, 2023 at 12:48 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



Gloria Baier - September 11, 2023 at 12:46 PM

HP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She will always hold such special memories for me. Keeping the family in my prayers 🙏*



Heidi Amsler Phillips - September 11, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Don Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Don Waymouth** - September 11, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you.*

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**Don Waymouth** - September 11, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Gary Sheffer** - September 11, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Nita Rochelle Hickman*



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**Cindy Sheffer** - September 11, 2023 at 11:53 AM

LP

“ *I worked for Nita at the ice cream parlor!  
We had a great time, Nita and Ron were Very fun to work for, lots of  
memories !!*

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**Laura Stath Price** - September 11, 2023 at 11:48 AM

DS

“ *To the family sorry for your loss.. your mother  
was so sweet. Definitely enjoyed that ice  
cream when I was a kid.*



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**Donna sullivan** - September 11, 2023 at 11:41 AM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Nita  
Rochelle Hickman*



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**Martha Langley** - September 11, 2023 at 10:51 AM