



## Jerry Neal Hickman

February 2, 1936 - January 3, 2024

Hickman, Jerry Neal, January 3, 2024, age 87 of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis Hickman. Loving father of Mary (Greg Kruszewski) Hickman, Paul (Tricia) Hickman, and Diane Wasielewski. Proud grandfather of Michael Hickman, Alyssa Hickman, Grace Kruszewski, Ella Wasielewski, and Olivia Kruszewski. Visitation Friday, January 5th 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Saturday, January 6th 9:30 AM until the 10 AM Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Westland Fire Department, 37201 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, 48185. To share a Memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West

34224 Ford Road  
Westland, MI 48185

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 5.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Mass

**JAN 6.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Richard Catholic Church  
35851 Cherry Hill Road  
Westland, MI 48186

*In state 9:30 AM*

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Was so saddened to hear the news of your Dad’s Passing !!! He always had some crazy joke or Great story to tell as I would be walking past with the Grandkids and stop to chat with him on the porch. He always knew what was going on as he would listen to his scanner all the time . Kept the neighborhood well informed of what was always going on. Grandson Richie loved chatting with him about Firemen and would tell him he wanted to become one when he grew up.I will truly miss all his stories, jokes chatting with him on his porch his phone calls and his friendly waves as you drove by .Rest in Peace my Friend .

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**Cheryl LeBlanc** - January 07, 2024 at 11:37 PM

MC

“ The Hickman Family,  
Very sad to hear about Jerry here in Georgia. He was the best next door neighbor anyone could ask for and I wish to share my heartfelt condolences to the family.  
May he rest in peace.  
Mildred Carlington

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**Mildred Carlington** - January 07, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DC

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family of Jerry. He was genuine and told it like it was! Our families have lived next to each other for 56 years. Stories, kids, issues, neighbors, lots of memories flood our memories when we heard of his passing. He watched out for Mom when Dad died, always came over when we visited from out of state, always waved when we said, “see ya soon!”  
May he rest in peace, hold Phylis's hand, and watch over us all!  
Love,  
Dave and Peggy Carlington  
Birmingham, Alabama  
I will miss him sticking his head over the fence and jokingly tell us, “to keep it down!”

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David Carlington - January 06, 2024 at 07:58 AM

LV

“ I remember Mr. Hickman as being a kind talkative man who always had a good story to share. Obviously a great man who raised three beautiful children along side his beloved wife with whom he is with again now. I know he will be missed dearly by his family and friends ❤️



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lisa vanosdol - January 05, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DB

“ We moved across the street from Jerry in early 2020. Right away we knew it'd be a great neighborhood when we met him. Kind, welcoming, and always ready to chat when he sat on his porch. We will miss his presence, and grateful for the opportunity to have known him.

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Derek & Chris Berghuis - January 05, 2024 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ Deborah S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Neal Hickman.

Deborah S. - January 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.



January 05, 2024 at 10:24 AM

RD

“ I moved next door to Jerry in the winter of 2013. He wasn't too fond of me at first. But we quickly became buddies, sharing in friendly banter about the Tigers, and Michigan Michigan State. He was as stubborn as a mule, but we had a soft spot for him. Over the years my wife and I thought of him as a sort of unofficial grandfather. She would always make him a plate of food anytime we cooked a big meal, and make me take it to him. He used to always ask me if my dog had a mental problem (she's crazy) but yet would love to come to the fence and feed her treats when he thought nobody was watching. Anytime I was outside he would yell out the window and tell me to "get my butt to work". Jerry was a member of our family and it was truly an honor to have known him.

-Much love and deepest condolences to the family

Robert, Stephanie, Matteo, Harley, and Preston.

Robert Dandrea - January 05, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



January 04, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *Jeff Wasielewski and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Neal Hickman.*

**Jeff Wasielewski and family** - January 04, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



January 04, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



January 04, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *The David Hickman Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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**The David Hickman Family** - January 04, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ Bob and Maureen Stephan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Neal Hickman.

Bob and Maureen Stephan - January 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

GA

“ So sorry to hear this unexpected sad news that we've lost Jerry. He was always a treat to speak to with his witty comments. Thank you Jerry for your friendship over the years. You were a terrific man and we're going to miss you my friend. May you Rest In Peace.

Glenn S Anderson - January 04, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.



January 04, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.



January 04, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *Dear Friend, Neighbor, and Mayor of Canyon Drive: We will miss you, Jerry. Please tell Phyllis we know you waited a long time to reunite with her, but you two Lovebirds are now together again. Much love.*

*Richard & Cheryl LeBlanc and family*

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**Richard LeBlanc** - January 04, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Craig H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Neal Hickman.*

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**Craig H.** - January 04, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Neal Hickman.*



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