



## Elizabeth "Liz" Hickman

February 21, 1933 - June 22, 2024

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Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, and devoted Christian Elizabeth "Liz" Hickman passed peacefully in her home on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024. Liz, as she was affectionately known by her friends and family, was born at home in Roxanna, Delaware February 21, 1933, to her parents, Harry Alvin Godwin, Jr. and Lavinia Catherine (Bunting) Godwin.

Preceded in death by her parents, her cherished husband, Charles Wilson Hickman, Jr., brother Randall Godwin, sister-in-law Betty, brother Elroy Godwin, and niece Beverly MacMillan. She is survived by her daughter Durene Gilbert (Terry) Crawfordville, FL, granddaughter Tyler Gilbert, Sopchoppy, FL, step granddaughters Barbara, Kelly, and Angie Gilbert, and Chris Groover, Vero Beach, FL, niece Amanda Godwin, Crawfordville, FL, nephew Marty Godwin, Rehoboth, DE, niece Rita Taylor (Buss), Bishopville, MD, niece Lois Wells (Rick), Bishopville, MD, niece Dixie Cole, Sydney, Australia, niece Debbie Boobyer, Southport, FL, niece Donna Kay Lovelette, and nephew Richard Godwin, Brooksville, FL, as well as several grand nieces and nephews.

Throughout her 91 years of life, Liz touched the hearts of many, including her husband Wilson, whom she was married to for 53 years, separated only in death. Together they owned several successful business ventures, including

building Mason-Dixon Motel in Fenwick Island, Delaware-located just 400 ft. from the historic Mason-Dixon line. Built in 1950, this was one of the first motels located in this beach-front community. After a few years of running this motel, they sold it to Liz's parents Harry and Lavinia, who continued to own and manage it for several years thereafter.

After becoming a licensed beautician, Liz opened a beauty shop in Fenwick Island. Meanwhile, she also helped her husband manage ownership of several Amoco service stations throughout the beach communities of Rehoboth and Fenwick Island, DE and Ocean City, MD. Upon selling the beauty shop, Liz opened Durene's Apparel- a women's clothing store located in North Ocean City, MD. Later, when the idea of retirement hit, Liz and Wilson moved to Sebastian, FL to a retirement community.

While living in Sebastian, they opened the Barefoot Peddler- a Hallmark Gift & Card Shop, Bicycle shop, and community post office. After a few years here, they decided to retire again, and they moved to Tallahassee, FL to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter. They spent their summers in Bishopville, MD, where they helped Wilson's husband Darwin Hickman and sister-in-law Elizabeth manage the Bali Hi RV Park in St. Martin's Neck, MD. After not really retiring the first few tries, they finally retired and continued to live full time in Tallahassee, FL. After Wilson's death in 2006, Liz moved to Crawfordville, FL where she continued to live on her own until the angels came.

While living in Crawfordville, she enjoyed passive occupations such as being a greeter at Wal-Mart, and serving as a board member on her community HOA board. Liz was a member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. She enjoyed weekly games of Canasta with her daughter and niece, and weekly dinners with her granddaughter. Reliving her high school basketball days, Liz loved to watch college basketball, especially her favorite team the University

of Maryland.

Liz had a strong spirit, deep affection for animals, and although at times could be stern, was always generous with her time and love. She showed her love and generosity through cooking and baking, she would make chocolate peanut clusters for the Wakulla Library staff, friends, and her medical team. Some of her favorite things in life were oysters (served raw, of course), hummingbirds, and the beauty of light houses along the seashore.

Following cremation, Liz's ashes will be placed in Bishopville, MD beside her husband Wilson. If you wish to share a memory or leave a note for the family, please click on the link for Family Funeral Home in Crawfordville, FL. <https://www.familyfhc.com/>

Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308-5428 or <https://bigbendhospice.org/> or Zion United Methodist Church, 11213 Beverly St., Bishopville, MD 21813.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Many years (decades! OMG!) ago, I was in Delaware with my not-yet wife, visiting the Godwins at Nomad. It was morning and we were sitting at the breakfast table when Aunt Liz walked in and announced that we were going to make Beach Plum jelly. And we set right to it!

Her organization and determination was amazing, as was her heart. She is missed by all of us.

If you can, remember only the good, not the bad, the happiness and joy rather than the sorry, the strength and love she had and shared. You might not be able to see her, but I'd bet she's with you now, with love.

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**Ron Stechert** - June 30, 2024 at 12:26 PM

DL

“ Wonderful loving lady. Always had a hug for me (and everyone else).

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**Diane Lynn** - June 27, 2024 at 05:31 PM

JC

“ Liz was a beautiful person inside and out. I will truly miss her. Praying for her family. ❤️

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**Jeanie Carter** - June 24, 2024 at 08:51 AM