



## David Joe Hickl

June 5, 1951 - May 24, 2023

David Joe Hickl of Louise, Texas passed away unexpectedly on May 24, 2023, at the age of 71. He was born June 5, 1951, in Matagorda County to the late Joe Hickl and late Albina Vaculin Hickl. He was raised in El Maton, Texas with his siblings Edmund, Donnie, Ronnie and LaVerne. He married Sally Jaycox Martinez on October 15, 1988.

He developed a love for music early in life and frequently shared the stage with his brothers and sister and their father playing as Edmund Hickl and His Orchestra. David attended Tidehaven High School where he played the saxophone in the Tidehaven High School Band and graduated in 1971. He was a member of many local polka bands including the Shiner Hobo Band, Chris Rybak Band, Tony Janak Polka Band, Little River Polka Boys, Bobby Jones Czech Band, The Texas Plainsmen, The South Texas Bohemian Cowboys, Highway 71 Band, Texas Mavericks and Texas Stars.

After high school, David worked for Brown and Root Inc. in Wharton, Texas with his brother Donnie. David then moved to his current home in 1978 and worked for Dean Morton as a farm and ranch hand, and for Marshall Morton Water Well Service. David retired in March 2013 at the age of 61. In their retirement, David and Sally enjoyed going to Port O'Connor and driving their golf cart to visit friends and spending time on the beach. They also enjoyed visiting the farmers market, eating at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant, and attending gatherings at the campsite where David loved exchanging stories about earlier years. While in Port O'Connor, David and Sally attended St.

Joseph Catholic Church and he was a member of the Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT located in La Grange. When they were not in Port O'Connor, David looked forward to his morning walks through the pasture checking fences and watching the wildlife in the woods by their home in Louise.

David is survived by his wife Sally of 34 years and children, son Shawn and wife Laura Hickl, daughter Melinda and Brian Rainer, stepson Henry Martinez Jr., grandchildren Henry Martinez III, Rylie Rainer, Claire Rainer, Landon Hickl, Colton Rainer, Vanessa Martinez and great-grandchildren Ren and Raven Martinez. Also, brothers Edmund wife Sandra Hickl, Donnie wife Karen Hickl, Ronnie wife Cindy Hickl and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind an array of great nieces and nephews, cousins, neighbors, and good friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday May 30, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm at Triska Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will be 11 AM, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, St. Pete Catholic Church in Blessing, with a Rosary being recited at 10:30 AM.

Interment will follow at St. Peter Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Shawn Hickl, Landon Hickl, Henry Martinez Jr., Henry Martinez III, James Morton, Jimmy Roppolo, Edward Laitkep, David Wendel, and Colton Rainer. Honorary Pallbearers: Warren Morton, Mike Morton, Joe Zetka Jr., Brian Rainer, Bob Wadley, and Danny Graham.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

303 CR 464  
Blessing, TX 77419

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home  
612 Merchant Street  
El Campo, TX 77437-3440  
(979) 543-3681  
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

## Rosary

**MAY 31.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
206 Hickory St  
Blessing, TX 77419

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
206 Hickory St  
Blessing, TX 77419

## Interment

MAY **31** (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences to the family.

John and Kathy Tumlinson 🙏🙏🙏

John and Kathy Tumlinson - May 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Joe Hickl.



May 29, 2023 at 02:32 PM

EC

“ Elaine And Chuck Cook lit a candle in memory of David Joe Hickl



Elaine and Chuck Cook - May 29, 2023 at 08:22 AM

JK

“ I recall all the good times we had while growing up with cousin David Hickl, and listening to their music. May he rest in peace. John Kaspar

John Kaspar - May 28, 2023 at 04:44 PM

OH

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of this wonderful and talented man, and our thoughts and prayers are with Sally and family at this difficult time. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him!! May he Rest In Peace. 🙏❤️🙏  
Otto & Alane Haardt

otto & Alane Haardt - May 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

PM

“ Patrick Marek lit a candle in memory of David Joe Hickl



Patrick Marek - May 28, 2023 at 07:42 AM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of David Joe Hickl



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - May 27, 2023 at 04:44 PM

SF

He's gonna be truly missed 😞

Sylvia and gregg flores - May 27, 2023 at 06:24 PM

TW

wonderful person will be missed by many in POC

Twiggy Wadley - May 30, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JW

“ *Jerry And Janice Winter lit a candle in memory of David Joe Hickl*



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**Jerry and Janice Winter** - May 27, 2023 at 03:21 PM

CF

“ *To all of David's family,  
We are saddened by this news and send our deepest condolences to each of you. We remember David's quick wit and bright smile. He was a pleasant ray of sunshine on any given day!  
May the LORD grant you all a huge measure of comfort and peace at this difficult time. We know David will be greatly missed!*



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**Cathie Cerny & family** - May 27, 2023 at 02:33 PM

MR

“ *Marilyn Jo Rutledge lit a candle in memory of David Joe Hickl*



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**Marilyn Jo Rutledge** - May 27, 2023 at 02:28 PM