

Obituary

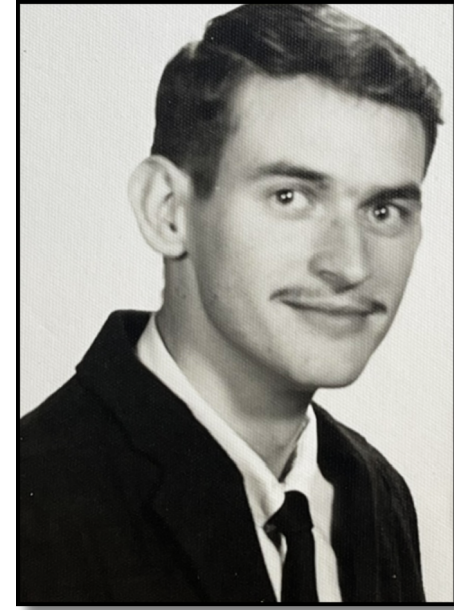
Mike Carter Hickman, 78, of Paola, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the University of Kansas Health Olathe Hospital.

Born in Paola, Kansas, to Forrest and Helen Hickman. Mike grew up in Hillsdale and graduated from Spring Hill High School. After high school, he joined the National Guard and was Active Duty in Vietnam for 15 months as the Rank of Spec 4 Artillery Specialist. He was Honorably Discharged in December 1970.

Upon his return, Mike worked at Dick's Service Station, in Olathe, KS, in the early 80's, until which time he purchased the business. Through the mid 80's he was an instructor with Arthur Murray School of Dance and TC Dance Club and relocated to Hawaii. He taught dance there for 8 years. There he met Laura and moved to Colorado for 30+ years. Mike returned to Kansas to be near family in 2023. Above all, Mike loved to make people laugh with his wonderful, silly sense of humor.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Forrest Jr, Phillip, and Daniel; sisters, Jacque Seyler, Thelma Suttcliffe, and Joyce Soetaert; and brothers-in-law Richard Schoenberger and Marvin Dodson. He is survived by sisters, Rosemary Schoenberger and Karen Dotson; sister-in-law, Judy Hickman; brother-in-law, Richard Soetaert; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services In Care Of



In Memory Of

Mike Carter Hickman

January 22, 1948 ~ June 6, 2026



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*Day is done, GONE THE SUN
from the lake, from the hill,
FROM THE SKY.*

All is well, safely rest.
GOD IS NIGH.

THANKS AND PRAISE *for our days*
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'NEATH THE SKY.

As we go, this we know.

GOD IS NIGH.

God is nigh



In Memory Of Mike Carter Hickman

Date of Birth

January 22, 1948

Entered Into Rest

June 6, 2026

Graveside Services

1:00 PM, Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Hillsdale Cemetery

Paola, Kansas

Officiating

Don Rushing

Military Honors

Paola American Legion Post 156