



Ronald David Hickernell

May 3, 1949 - November 10, 2024

Ronald D. Hickernell, 75, of Elizabethtown passed away on November 10, 2024 at home. After working tirelessly at Armstrong World Industries in Marietta for 39 years, Ron retired to a quiet life with his beloved wife, Brenda, and their cherished pack of canines. In his retirement, Ron enjoyed long stays at the trailer he and Brenda had in Benezette, trips to Cedar Run, and relaxing in his favorite chair binge watching Hallmark movies and science fiction shows which both horrified and amused his children. Nevertheless, Ron was never a couch potato. He dedicated countless hours to home improvement projects and, with Brenda, to building a beautiful backyard oasis where he could relax and enjoy a bourbon and soda and the beauty of Lancaster County. Ron was a quiet man. If you didn't know him very well, you might think he was a grumpy man, but his family will forever remember him as a kind man with a huge heart. He was smart and hardworking and he left this world a better place than he found it.

Ron is survived by his wife of 37 years, Brenda, four children Jason (Jenny) of New Cumberland, Niki (Brian) of Marietta, Sherri (Julie) of Pittsburgh, and Kristy (Adam) of Lafayette Hill, three grandchildren, his mother, Helen, his sister, Judy, and three dogs. He was preceded in death by his father, David. Ron is most certainly reunited with the dog who stole his heart, Sasha. Per Ron's wishes, no services will be held. The family will host a celebration of Ron's life at a later date. Condolences can be expressed in the form of donations to your local animal shelter, SPCA, or Sealyhams Forever

Foundation - <https://sealyham.org/home/rescue/>.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ We became friends with Ron and Brenda while camping at Cedar Run, while we were not there as seasonal campers, we always made a point to visit with them when we were there. He was very helpful, friendly and loved being outside. We were saddened to hear of his passing.

John & Denise Chester

John C - November 14, 2024 at 01:32 PM

MM

“ Ron was my mentor and friend while working with him at Armstrong, I learned so much from him because he was understanding and went the extra mile to help you. I could count on him for help and advice, no matter what time of day it was, thanks for being understanding Brenda. Cindy and I have some great memories hanging out with Ron and Brenda. May God give peace and comfort to his family and know he is with God.

Mike McCarty

Mike McCarty - November 12, 2024 at 05:04 PM

MK

“ Our family has wonderful memories of visits with Ron and Brenda at the vineyard. We are so sorry to learn of Ron's passing and send our love and condolences to Brenda.

Marilyn Kennel - November 12, 2024 at 02:34 PM

SH

“ Ron and I worked on the same crew at Armstrong. He trained me in the Treatment plant and Boardmill lab. He then was our relief supervisor while I took his job as relief lab tech. He was a quiet and good person. Rest in Peace Ron.

SC Hunt - November 12, 2024 at 07:41 AM

CH

“ Worked with Ron for 35 years at Armstrong. He was neighbors to my parents in Marietta. We got to be friends with he and Brenda and they shared their pack with us. You will always be remembered fondly by Marijane and I. Condolences to you Brenda and call if you need anything.

Charles Daniel Hess - November 11, 2024 at 08:26 PM

CF

“ Ron was my uncle. He was a great man who always made you feel welcome at the many family gathering he and my Aunt Brenda hosted. He was quiet and kind and will be sorely missed.

Casey Fields - November 11, 2024 at 08:23 PM