



## Francis M. Hickman

October 20, 1917 - July 8, 2008

Francis Merritt Hickman of Chestertown, MD died on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Chester River Manor. He was 90.

Born on October 20, 1917 in Staten Island, NY to the late, Francis Edward and Jessie Tooker Hickman. Mr. Hickman graduated from the US Maritime Training School in New London, CT in 1942 as an Ensign. He served as a Master Officer of Army Transport and PT boats in the North Atlantic during World War II. For his service he received the Merchant Marine Emblem and the Atlantic War Zone Bar and had the unusual distinction of being honorably discharged from the US Army, US Navy and the US Coast Guard. After WWII he was Master of a US Air Force PT Boat 446, a research vessel out of Woods Hole, MA. In 1942 Mr. Hickman married the late, Helen Broeders in Rehoboth, DE. In 1946 he bought his farm in Kent County, MD where he farmed until retirement. He was a very active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Chestertown where he served as the first lay lector.

In addition to his wife he is predeceased by his granddaughter, Johanna Merritt Wynn and his great grandson, James Tolley Fritz.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Frances Vartanian and her husband, Michael of Wallingford, PA, Jessie Poppy and her husband, Wendell of Hershey, PA, Claire Wynn and her husband, Jack of Sterling Virginia, and

Patti Nelson of Homer, NY; his sons, Francis Joseph Hickman and his wife, Marianne of Chestertown, MD and Ralph Hickman and his wife, Kristi of Brecksville, OH; two sisters, Vivien Wilson of New York and Marion Thompson of Annapolis, MD; one brother, Robert Hickman of Phoenix, AZ; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Service will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 11AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, MD. A visitation will be at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD on Monday, July 14, 2008 from 9-10:30AM.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Sacred Heart Parish, 508 High St, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
508 High Street  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis M. Hickman

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Francis M. Hickman

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Francis M. Hickman

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ It was a joy to see all of you at the Family Renion and I wish I could come out again to say goodbye to Uncle Fran. Please know that you all are in my prayers and Uncle Fran was dear to me as well. I'm glad I was able to meet him a couple of times in my life. His farm is a place of fond memories for me.  
Love, Ann###imported-begin##Ann Hickman###imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 07:09 PM



“ Uncle Frannie was a very special part of my childhood. The family picnics were always looked forward to as part of summer vacation. He and Aunt Helen will always be remembered by both me and my brother Alex.###imported-begin##David Nagy###imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 07:52 AM



“ I am thinking of all of you. Know that you are in my prayers and that your father is at home now. We'll miss seeing him at the nursing home. God Bless All, Marie##imported-begin##Marie Spray##imported-end##

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July 12, 2008 at 02:30 PM



“ Dear Joe and family.

So to hear about the passing of your father, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

June and David Clark##imported-begin##June and David Clark##imported-end##

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July 11, 2008 at 08:38 PM



“ The few times I was able to spend with Uncle Frannie were very special to me. He always showed me great love and kindness and I wish I would have been able to know him better.  
May God grant peace to all of us grieving his loss.  
~ Jean##imported-begin##Jean Hickman##imported-end##

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July 10, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ *To All the Hickmans,*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you during these times.*

*May God bless Uncle Frank and all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara and Bill Binney, Jr.##imported-end##*

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July 09, 2008 at 05:21 PM