



## Robert M. Hick, Jr.

April 19, 1932 - March 24, 2018

Robert (Bob) Milton Hick, Jr, 85, of Springfield, PA passed away on March 24th 2018 at Paoli Hospital with his daughters by his side.

Born April 19th, 1932 in Middletown, Connecticut he was the only child of Robert Milton Hick and Marion (Strong) Hick. He spent his childhood in Oneonta, NY and in 1954, graduated with dual degrees from SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry and Syracuse University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Men's Crew Team. Bob served in the US Army as a Corporal and after training at Fort Bliss, TX, served two years of active duty in Mannheim, West Germany and another 4 years in the Army Reserves. He returned to SUNY ESF and Syracuse University where he received his Master's Degrees in 1958. In July 1959, he married Nancy (Kenney) Hick who predeceased him in July 1996.

Bob worked for E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company for more than 40 years. He began as a Chemist at the Marshall Laboratory in Philadelphia before transitioning to an International Marketing Manager in their Automotive Refinish Division in Wilmington, DE. His career afforded him the opportunity to travel the world and create memories for his family through his love of photography. Bob was a very active and devoted member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Springfield for over 50 years. He also served the Township of Springfield through the Shade Tree Commission and had previously been named Citizen of the Year in honor of his long tenured service. He was a dedicated supporter of the scholarship program at SUNY

ESF and loyal donor to the Syracuse University's Men's Crew program. He spent over 55 summers in North Bridgton, Maine where he enjoyed the peace and tranquility of his lakeside camp. Bob leaves behind a legacy of strength, humility and kindness.

He is survived by his two daughters: Susan (Daniel) Little of West Chester, PA and Barbara (Joseph) Questa of Allegany, NY. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Charlotte Little, Santana Questa, and Michael Questa. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Barbara (Robert) Fortenbaugh of Arlington, TX and a niece and nephew also of Texas.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service to celebrate his life on Wednesday April 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Covenant United Methodist Church, 212 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA 19064. There will be a Calling Hour from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall immediately preceding the service.

Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse, NY at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Scholarship Fund at SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, ESF Development Office, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210 or the Memorial Fund at Covenant United Methodist Church in Springfield.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert M. Hick, Jr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Thank you Larry for your kind words. Barb Hick Questa*

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April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Henry for your thoughts and memories! Barb Hick Questa*

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April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thanks you Jill for your kind words about your time at DuPont with my dad. He loved his job and his colleagues were like family to him. Barb Hick Questa*

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April 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a SU crew teammate, I have been sorry to learn of Bob's passing from Dave Reischman's email. I have fond memories of our time on the water. Henry Einhorn SU'54*

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April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry that I am not able to attend the services to pay my respects to a man I respected greatly. I worked with Bob for 15 years in the Refinish Business at DuPont. I learned so much from him. He was a true mentor - without even trying. He was "Mr. Hick" for so many years, and every time I called him that, he would tell me, "that's my father". It took years until I finally called him Bob - but it was out of respect that I hesitated. Bob celebrated Mozart's Birthday!, and couldn't get enough of Ansel Adams - a passion that he spoke about often. Although it has been a while since I have seen Bob, I will miss his spirit. My deepest sympathies to the family and my best regards,  
Jill (Shropshire) Lewis - (1/2 of the job share team that he so bravely allowed to support him!)

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April 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert M. Hick, Jr.

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**Sentiments of Serenity Spray** - April 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert M. Hick, Jr.

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**Emerald Garden Basket** - April 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert M. Hick, Jr.

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**Beautiful in Blue** - March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember Bob as a gentle soft spoken co-worker who would always share his opinion and get his point of view across without great dramatics. He was a good friend and will be missed greatly.

Larry Crawley

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March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert M. Hick, Jr.

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**A Full Life** - March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue,  
I am very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ellen (Winterling) Detterline

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March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family. Although we met Bob just once at the wedding of Barbara and Bob Fortenbaugh, we exchanged Christmas cards for many years. We learned more about the wonderful man he was through the obituary. He enjoyed a long life with much love and closeness from his daughters and heir families. We leave you with the words from Psalm that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and crushed in spirit.--with love, Al and Carol Adey

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March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am really sorry for your loss, may you find strength during this difficult time.*

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March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Susan,  
My heart aches for your loss. I'm sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad, he sounds like a fabulous person and one I would have enjoyed getting to know, the tribute written of him was lovely. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Hugs Pam Stephens Schlett*

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**Candle of Nature** - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM