

In Memory of Bill Hicks

SONG 141 | The Miracle of Life (Psalm 36:9)

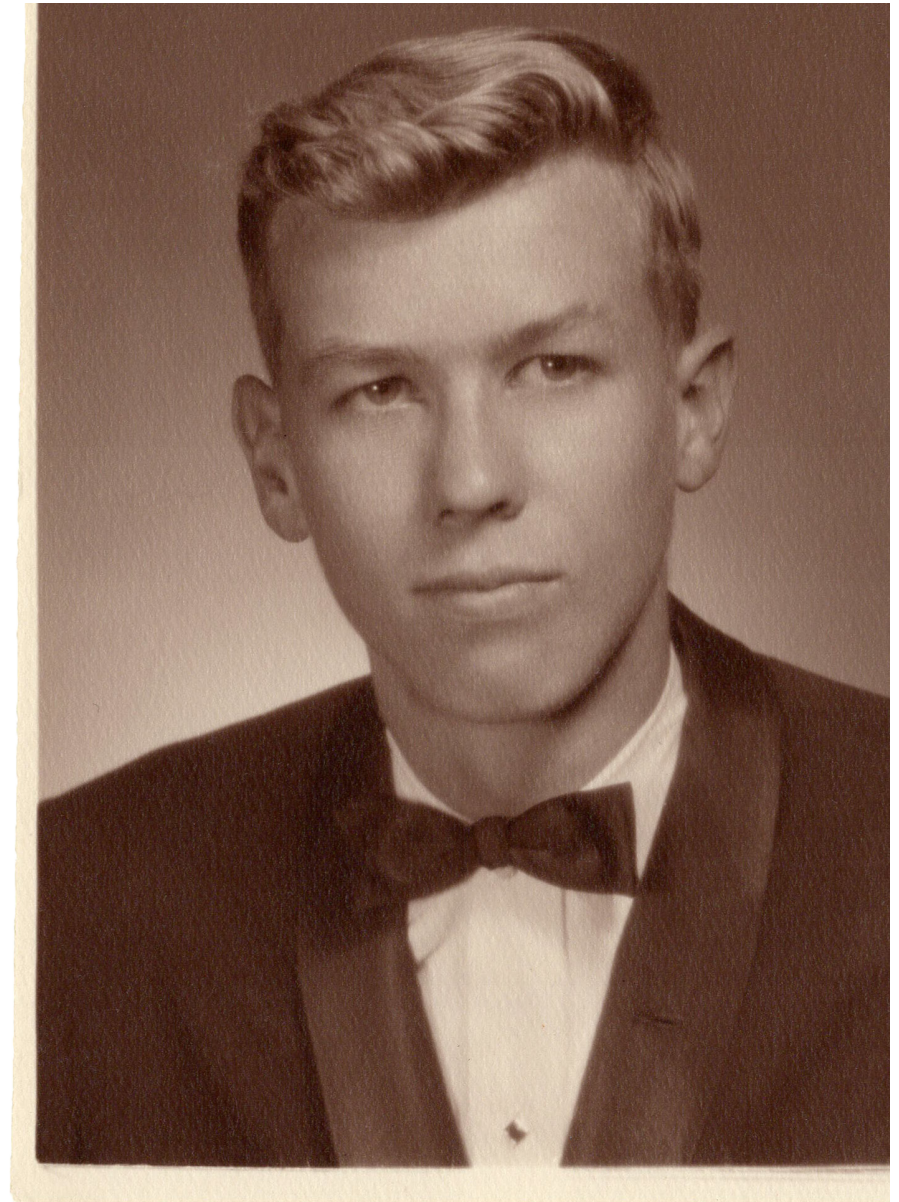
1. Every newborn child, Every drop of rain. Every golden ray of sun, Each head of grain—All are gifts from God; They reveal his way. Miracles performed by him sustain us each day.

(CHORUS) So, what are we to do with a gift so rare But to love the One who gave it and show him we care. No matter what we do, We never can earn it. This gift is still a gift —The miracle of life.

2. Others may give up, Lose their will to try. Echoing the wife of Job: “Curse God and die.” We are not that way; Praise to God we give, Thanking him for every precious moment we live.

(CHORUS) So, what are we to do with a gift so rare. But to love the ones around us and show them we care. No matter what we do, We never can earn it. This gift is still a gift —The miracle of life.

(See also Job 2:9; Ps. 34:12; Eccl. 8:15; Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 6:23.)



If my hands could touch the very end of the sky
or if my feet could go to the ends of the earth
still I could never reach the bottom of his unending love.

Lynda



William Preston Hicks (Bill) was born on November 11, 1947 and died on March 10, 2024 at 76 years old. He is survived by his wife Lynda and his two sons, Matt (Jael) and Austin (Megan), and his three grandchildren, Cash, Betsey, and Zoe. He is also survived by the remaining members of the Reimer family who he was indebted to for unofficially adopting him as the 6th son in their family during a challenging time in his life.

Bill's main priority in life was to serve and teach others about the Universal Sovereign, Jehovah God. Despite his challenging childhood, Bill dedicated his life to Jehovah while living in Guam and was baptized on June 19, 1960 at 12 years old. He loved to study and teach others about his love for Jehovah in both English and American Sign Language. He and Lynda attended Cabrillo College in his 60's to learn ASL so that he could help teach those in the deaf community about the truth of God's Word the Bible. He had a deep love for the deaf community, loved sign language, and was grateful for everything that he was taught and learned up to his death.

Bill had a longing to be married and have a family of his own. He deeply loved Lynda like no other person on earth. He first met her when she was 10 years old on the beach in Rio Del Mar. He was a faithful and loving husband for over 50 years and always cared and supported her through her many physical and mental challenges during that time. She was his everything. They loved to go on road trips, travel, explore, play cards, entertain, and he was by her side whenever she needed him. Bill was a loving, loyal, and faithful husband. Lynda in turn deeply loved her husband and is eternally grateful for everything that he has done for her and her family. He has a special place in her heart and she felt desired and loved by him their whole life together.

Bill loved his family and worked hard to provide for his children spiritually, emotionally, and materially. He taught his boys about love, humility, and the treatment of others. He loved classic cars, the San Francisco Giants baseball games, beer, bourbon, wine, pinocle, backpacking, the ocean, and science. He was an avid reader. Bill taught his boys how to drive a stick shift, window cleaning, building computers, and developing a strong work ethic. He and his family spent many summers at Lake Berryessa. He enjoyed water skiing, boosters with the boys, and building bonfires. He will always be remembered for his puns and dad jokes. When Bill experienced problems he worked hard to use Bible principles to resolve them. He will always be remembered as a hard working and loving father that tried to set the best example for them both.

Bill was a loving, understanding, caring, and loyal man. His smile and kindness lit up a room and he was grateful to everyone that had done things for him all throughout his life. He was grateful to his Stepmother Iva for his start in serving Jehovah and for the mature servants in the Campbell Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses as well as his close friends during that time. He had a special relationship with those who he worked with him at Linear Systems. He was truly a genuine person who displayed love and humility in his dealings with others and his service to Jehovah.