



Jean Marie Hawke Hickman

January 22, 1924 - September 21, 2025

St. George, Utah resident and former Auburn, California resident Jean Marie Hawke Hickman age 101, passed away on September 21, 2025, in St. George, Utah. She was born January 22, 1924, in Spokane, Washington to Marvin and Marie Dubach. She married Roy Ashton Hawke. They were married in Spokane, Washington on June 27, 1946. She Married Gilbert Gordon Hickman. They were married on April 16, 1977.

Let's start with the end in mind: To her very last day Jean was high-spirited, sharp as a tac, engaged in a community of peers, regularly in touch with friends and loved by her family of relatives and dearest ones alike. She lived comfortably and enjoyed her beautiful apartment adorned with small treasures collected over a lifetime. The beautiful cheery wood bedroom set bought with her first paycheck in 1945, decorated with generations of family photos beside precious trinkets and odd memorabilia. Her living space with an antique organ, a soy-barrel, a pot-belly stove, walls of artwork, and shelving thoughtfully decorated with beautiful glassware and unique collectables of all sorts. She delighted in the fact that a new leather sofa was to be delivered "in just a couple weeks". You see; Jean did not pass away idle; in fact, "I'm aiming for 105!", she had been telling neighbors. Jean lived independently so much as possible, with purpose and grace to her last day.

One must pause to consider all that has come to pass in 101+ years, and all that Jean experienced first-hand as one of America's "Greatest Generation". A father and mother who were born in the 1890's. Her father, a WW1 veteran. Her mother, the valedictorian of her Rogers High Class of 1913. Times were more difficult than most people can imagine today; being raised from age five through the Great Depression and graduating from high school during WWII. It was three years after her birth that Lindbergh flew the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight and just forty-two years later, she witnessed Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. First through hardship with faith in God, family and love Jean developed a sense of independence, a strong work ethic, a patriotic fervor, and humble appreciation for all the blessings that followed. Beloved family, wonderful homes and communities, friends, hobbies, travels, and finally peace.

Jean and Roy raised their children, Kathleen and Bob, with great care in a time, perhaps one of the best times, in American history. They started out in Spokane, Washington but expanded their horizons for greater opportunity in California; first in Southern Cal' then settling in the San Francisco Bay community of Alamo through the 60's and halfway into the 70's. Heartstrings and new opportunities, family, and a longing for their roots Jean and Roy returned to Spokane where they started a new commercial glass company. Roy's unexpected passing was a shock, but it did not hinder her from living her fullest life. She married Gil, a widower, a long-time friend, and gem of a man in every way possible. They rebuilt their lives together moving to Redding California then to their beloved Kailua, Oahu-Hawaii where they enjoyed gazing upon the tropical splendor of the Nu'uanu Pali from their beautiful backyard lanai for many years. Ultimately, they settled into near-retirement in their Auburn, California home, where Gil passed and Jean continued to live for all of thirty-eight years, in part with her 'younger boyfriend' Les (just 99). In

2019, Jean bought a home in Ivins, Utah but ultimately settled at her beautifully adorned Legacy Village apartment in 2024.

Jean had an unmatched work ethic from her first job delivering groceries for 50¢ per week in 1934, until she almost retired from her tax and bookkeeping business in 2006, at the age of 82. Jean stayed active with many creative outlets; some that began in her teens such as writing poetry, many of which were published. Her handwriting the envy of all those who read her many letters. She loved to color, filling countless books with flawless attention to detail and warm pastel palettes. She traveled far and wide visiting antique shops and shows collecting depression glass, crystal, China, miniature tea sets, and small curios of all sorts. Travels gave way to age and the internet, where she bought and traded with collectors worldwide. Her house was never cluttered; her special treasures elegantly displayed no matter the modesty of her beloved home.

She is survived by son Robert Ashton Hawke, daughter in-law Melody Hawke, Grandsons Roy Ashton Hawke II and Nathan Francis Hawke, niece Michelle Winger, nephews Steven R. Hawke, Timothy Winger, Daniel Edwards, Tom Edwards, Brian Edwards, and William K Conant.

She was preceded by in death by husbands Roy A. Hawke and Gilbert G. Hickman, daughter Kathleen, Sister Katherine Edwards, beloved boyfriend Lester Ballerstein, sister's in-law Evelyn Conant and Dorris Winger, brother's in-law Robert B. Hawke, Robert Edwards, John Conant, nieces Molly Conant and Barrie-Lynn Hawke, nephew John Conant Jr., dearest life-long friends Betty Caikowski, Evelyn Bianca, Shirley Scheck and so many more.

In Samuel Johnson's, "The Prince of Abissinia" he wrote, "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance." Jean was and will always be remembered as a remarkable woman who endeavored to persevere.

A private Memorial Service will be held at the Old Auburn Cemetery on 6 December 2025, followed by a Celebration of Life on 6 December 2025 at the Sierra Vista Lodge in Auburn, California.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Her favorite charity, "Best Friends" 5001 Angel Canyon Road Box 567 Kanab, UT 84741 or <https://www.bestfriends.org> .

Tribute Wall

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“ Jean & her husband, Roy, were friends of my parents. Roy went to Rogers High School with my Dad, Lee Cumming. Mom, Nita Cumming, always enjoyed hearing from Jean every year usually at Christmas & visiting with her when she would stop by at Deer Lake, WA. She was a beautiful lady that I enjoyed visiting with too. I remember her fondly.

Barbara Cumming Hill - January 08 at 03:33 PM

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“ Hi meet Jean around 2000 thru her boyfriend Les whom I cleaned his house which he bought actually never really lived in it.He lived two doors up in jean's house and eventually they decided that I was going to clean for her once a month. I loved all the talks that we shared

I love that she stood by less and helped him in every way.Shape and form she could she had one of the biggest hearts a person could ever have. From time to time, they would call me and ask me if I was busy because they needed to go grocery shopping or they needed to go to the dentist.And I was always there for him, I became very close to them, and they became a part of me and a part of my family. It was a very tragic day when Les passed away. And she had to tell me her heart was broken, and I comfort, because that's what? Dear close friends do the day she told me that she was moving to Utah, broke. Both of our hearts. I tried not to cry but when you come attached to someone as I did to her. It had to be we kept in touch. She called me often she loved my husband dearly thought he was the most incredible gentleman ever.. Jean, you were one amazing person, and your mind was the most incredible thing ever.I will miss you dearly, you're always on my mind and you're always in my heart.Thank you for always hugging me and telling me things will always get better.I was so blessed to have you.It's not only a client but a dear friend. God bless.And I route in heaven with less and everybody else.

Barbara Fleming - November 07, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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Thanks ever so much Barbara and Steve. Sincerely, Bob

Robert Hawke - November 16, 2025 at 12:19 PM