



Robin R Hicklin

March 25, 1969 - April 13, 2025

Robin Randall Hicklin, 56, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2025 in Carthage, Missouri after a brief illness.

He was born March 25, 1969 in Belton, Missouri to Robin Lee Hicklin and MaryIn Randall Hicklin. Robin was a long-time Carthage resident. He graduated in 1987 from Magnolia High School in Arkansas, where Robin played baseball and football.

Robin received his bachelor's degree from Southern Arkansas University in History Education, where he played football for his dad. Robin earned his master's degree in College Student Counseling and Personnel Services at the University of Central Missouri, and his Education Specialist-Superintendency degree from Southwest Baptist University. Over the years, Robin worked for Carthage Schools as a teacher, football and baseball coach, Joplin Schools as an administrator, Crowder College as a Financial Aid Coordinator, Pittsburg State University as an adjunct instructor, Missouri Southern State University as an admissions counselor, and, most recently, as the director of the Upward Bound program. Robin and his team worked with a special group of students to provide them with cultural experiences and academic resources to prepare them to pursue a post-secondary education. He impacted many students and athletes whom he had the opportunity to work with, took great joy in helping his students, and was proud of all of their accomplishments.

Robin was united in marriage to the love of his life, Cherona Dawn Phillips, on July 19, 1997 in Joplin, Missouri. They were true soulmates, the best of

friends, and rarely would you see them apart. Robin was a loving and devoted dad who poured his whole self into his children. Hadley and Carson were his pride and joy. He was so proud of the adults they have become. Robin was a great model of a Godly father.

Robin was an avid Chiefs and Royals fan. He enjoyed spending time outside, doing building projects, working out, and watching movies. Spending time with family was truly where he was the happiest. Robin served as President and member of the Carthage Youth Baseball Board, coached youth baseball, football, basketball, and softball. He was a member of the Council for Opportunity in Education and loved judging History Day at MSSU each year. Robin was a member of Carterville Christian Church. His faith was very important to him, and he truly was a selfless servant to all. Robin served as a Sunday School teacher for students both young and old. He truly had an unwavering devotion to God.

Robin is survived by the love of his life, Cherona Hicklin, his wife of 27 years; his daughter, Hadley Hicklin and her fiancé, Nick Muskrat; his son, Carson Hicklin; his mother, Maryln Hicklin; three sisters, Tracie Skaggs and her husband, Derek, Shelly Perez, and LeeAnn Cox and her husband, Steve; and many other family and friends, who he loved dearly.

Robin is preceded in death by his father, Robin Lee Hicklin; his brother-in-law, Alex Perez; and his father-in-law, Tom Brooks.

A small private service with family and close friends will be held at a later date.

Because of Robin's heart for students and his passion to help them succeed, his family wishes to honor his legacy by continuing his work and has established a scholarship in his name. Contributions may be made to the Robin Hicklin Scholarship fund in care of the MSSU Foundation at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri.

Cards for the family may be sent to The Hicklin family, c/o Ulmer Funeral Home, 1208 S. Garrison Ave., Carthage, MO 64836.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Having Mr. Hicklin as a high school history teacher was a highlight of my years at Carthage High School. He was such a positive, funny, memorable, inspirational teacher who was always fully invested in his students and athletes. It has been wonderful to see all of the lives he has touched and the legacy he leaves behind. He will be truly missed and our thoughts are with his family and the community he has impacted in so many wonderful ways.

Grant Cottrell - April 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ My daughter Addisyn is in the MSSU Upward Bound program. Addisyn is incredibly shy and does not do well with change. Robin made her feel like she belonged and she loved seeing his smile every week for sign ins at school. He will be greatly missed. He was an amazing mentor for her and his legacy will live on in the students he touched with his life.



Christy White - April 17, 2025 at 05:08 PM

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“ I enjoyed my time with Robin in the summer Bridge program with Upward Bound. The students were always excited to see him. I remember one time when we were taking students to Crystal Bridges and I got the dates mixed up. They were closed. So we spent the day running the kids around other locations in AR and out to lunch. It was a great day.

Amber Mintert - April 17, 2025 at 12:44 AM

JK

“ Jeffrey King purchased the *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket* for the family of Robin R Hicklin.



Jeffrey King - April 16, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Jeffrey King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robin R Hicklin.

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“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robin R Hicklin.

April 16, 2025 at 06:51 PM

KW

“ I was blessed to work with Robin at MSSU, as part of a planning group; we had events on campus such as new students entering at MSSU, out door events, and additional events open to all students! Lots of good times every year! He was a great leader and planner and has kept his legacy among his student events, availability to help and he will always be in our thoughts! GOD bless his family during this time of loss; we will keep him in our hearts and thankful for his contributions to MSSU!

Kelly Wilson - April 16, 2025 at 06:22 PM

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“ With loving thoughts for Robby and all the Hicklin family. We felt like family to all while we were there at Missouri Western State College '80-'84 and part of the Football Program. The Schwenk family, Fran, Hillory, Brandy and Aubrey and Sue beloved wife and mother. ❤️🏈

Fran Schwenk - April 16, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ He would walk in the office his shoes untied, carrying his backpack and sometimes his tea. I would tell him tie your shoes and he would say "That's what my wife tells me" He was like an annoying little brother, He would mess my desk up by turning everything upside down and backwards. Running away laughing. He will be missed.

Glenna Routledge - April 16, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Dark Blue Roses with Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Robin R Hicklin.



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