



## William J. Mickelberg

September 1, 1947 - June 3, 2014

William J. Mickelberg, 66, of Aurora, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at Seasons Hospice in Naperville, IL. He was born September 1, 1947 in Aurora, IL.

William was a talented musician for over fifty years. He served as a longtime employee of Hix Music and donated his time and talents to charities and organizations that furthered others in the art of music.

Survivors include his wife, Regina (Williams) Mickelberg; two daughters, Laurie Mickelberg, Kristin Olesen; two grandchildren, Tyler Tull, Kelly Mickelberg; a great grandchild, Lauren; his sister, Mary-Lynn Loftus; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Marguerite (Morsch) Mickelberg.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, Interment in will be private.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) to

leave condolences for William's family or sign the guest book.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ just came across this so sad,had many a fun night at the country aire in appleton wi. in the late 60's! took bill water skinng on bear lake we all had a great time really sorry to hear of his passing Dave

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**David Smarzinski** - May 17, 2019 at 07:50 PM

CA

“ I remember listening to Bill when he played with the Ambassador's back in the 60's. What a nice guy! I'm sorry to hear that he has passed away, my condolences to his family.

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**Cathy** - June 14, 2014 at 10:49 AM

DS

“ Bill was my neighbor on View St and a fellow musician. What a great talent. He used to intrigue me with stories about famous musicians recording sessions at Chess Recording Studio in Chicago back in the mid sixties. I will always remember you. Rock on brother!

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**David Scafe** - June 09, 2014 at 09:31 AM

LP

“ I have many memories of working with Bill, I remember listening to Bill and Dick Rohr play Ventures tunes in 1963, playing with him in Second Time Around in 1988 and in 2012. He was one of the "Real" Guitar Heroes... Thanks Bill. God bless and keep you and yours.  
Larry Padilla

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**Larry Padilla** - June 06, 2014 at 09:49 PM

BD

“ *Three words....Scotch and Soda. Rest in peace Bill.*

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**Beth Desrosiers** - June 06, 2014 at 06:58 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William J. Mickelberg.*



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June 06, 2014 at 05:17 PM

CG

“ I'm a guitar and voice student at Hix Bros. A chat with Bill has been a regular part of my Saturday mornings for the last eight years, until Bill got sick.

Two things stand out in my memories of Bill. First, Bill always treated me like I was a part of the family of musicians. Well before I ever thought of myself in that way. It was a small gift he gave me very early on. I suppose he didn't even think about it, it was just his way.

Second, Bill always made a special effort to encourage my daughter Kati when she was a guitar student at Hix Bros. I think because of his own daughters he wanted to be especially supportive of a young girl that was interested in music. My daughter was pretty shy at first but Bill regularly engaged her and eventually they developed a friendship. His encouragement meant more to Kati than Bill probably realized.

I will miss my weekly chat's with Bill. I'm disappointed I was never really good enough to play with Bill in this life. Guess now I'll just keep practicing and improving, and wait until I get to heaven to sit in with him.

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**Chris, Carolyn and Kati Garrity** - June 06, 2014 at 02:28 PM

LF

“ My condolences Gina. So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.

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**Linda Flemming** - June 05, 2014 at 08:20 PM

SH

“ *Stoney & Joan Hulon lit a candle in memory of William J. Mickelberg*



Stoney & Joan Hulon - June 05, 2014 at 06:48 PM

SH

*We will sure miss your picken! Rest in peace my friend... Stoney Hulon.*

Stoney Hulon - June 05, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William J. Mickelberg.*



June 05, 2014 at 06:33 PM

GF

“ *I can remember when my dad passed & Bill told me he wanted to be a Rock Star like Jack....and he was one of the best guys & musicians I've ever known! My Heart goes out to you Gina & Your Family! May He Rest in Peace....*

gay laird fitzpatrick - June 05, 2014 at 05:02 PM

PW

“ Bill has been such a good friend to Paul and I. My favorite memories are when Bill and Second Time Around would come to the hospital and play music while Paul went through his chemo. I know Paul welcomed him to heaven. Gina and girls hold tight to your memories and know he loved you all deeply ??

With love,  
Pat Walker

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**Pat Walker** - June 05, 2014 at 03:22 PM

TM

“ The Hix Brothers Music purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of William J. Mickelberg.



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**The Hix Brothers Music** - June 05, 2014 at 02:44 PM

SR

“ Who knew Facebook connections would inform me of Bill's passing. My condolences to you Gina and Mary Lynn. I remember Bill's great sense of humor and his gentle teasing when I was young. I also remember his musical gift. My condolences to all of the Mickelberg's at this sad time. Sheila Cahill Rutledge

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**Sheila Cahill Rutledge** - June 05, 2014 at 09:04 AM

RZ

“ Rusty Zwart -

*Uncle Bill was like a father to me. He gave me the gift of music. He showed me how to let my guitar playing come out of my soul!*

*Thinking of you always Uncle Bill. My prayers are that see you in Heaven soon. Love you man!*

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**Rusty zwart** - June 05, 2014 at 07:06 AM