

Cheryl A. Hickmon, a beloved native of Hartford, Connecticut, was born on May 11, 1962, to the late Dr. Ned Hickmon and Consuella Anderson Hickmon. Her journey in Delta Sigma Theta began at South Carolina State University, where she was initiated through the Alpha Xi Chapter in 1982. Her commitment to Delta was apparent early on and led her to become Alpha Xi Chapter President (1983-1984) and South Atlantic Regional Representative (1984-1986). After matriculating at South Carolina State, Soror Hickmon returned to her home of Hartford, where she joined the Hartford Alumnae Chapter and eventually became Chapter President (2009 – 2013).

Her love for Delta was reflected throughout her 39 years of continuous service. Over the years, she held numerous elected and appointed positions at the national, regional, and local levels. Some of these positions include National First Vice President, National Secretary, Eastern Regional Director, South Atlantic Regional Representative, Chair of the National Scholarship and Standards Committee, Co-Chair of the National Leadership Academy, and Co-Chair of the National Documents Review and Revision Task Force. She had the distinction of attending every national convention since her initiation and participating in a total of 107 conventions and conferences throughout her lifetime. Being elected National President and Chair of the National Board of Directors in November 2021 was the culmination of her life's dream as a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

Soror Hickmon was a licensed Clinical Laboratory Technologist and has worked in the Reproductive Medical Laboratory for more than 30 years. She most recently was employed at Montefiore's Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health (Hartsdale, New York), a division of the Montefiore Medical Center and a teaching hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for Andrology and Endocrinology in this role. Cheryl was highly skilled and experienced in the specialties of Andrology and Endocrinology and stated that one of her greatest joys was assisting couples with the gift of children.

She had a thirst for life and lived by the motto, "Don't measure life by the number of breaths you take but by the number of moments that take your breath away." She shared her skills and services to the communities where she lived and served via the NAACP, NCNW, the National Brotherhood of Skiers, and St. Monica's Episcopal Church. She was the recipient of numerous awards and honors throughout her life, including Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievement Award from South Carolina State and the "100 Most Influential African Americans in the State of Connecticut" by the Connecticut Chapters of the NAACP, and the Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. (Tau Iota Chapter).

Soror Hickmon was an ideal Delta. She is remembered not just for being a leader but for being a true sister who embodied integrity, grace, and the noble spirit of fortitude. Our sisterhood has truly been made better, having had her amongst our ranks.

Soror Hickmon is survived by older brothers Ned and David Hickmon and a host of other family and friends.

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