



## Garrett Hickling

June 20, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Garrett Deane Hickling. He was a cherished son, brother, uncle, great uncle, an extreme Wheelchair Rugby player and friend to all he met.

Garrett was born in Mica Creek, B.C. on September 18th, 1970 to Donna and John Hickling. He unexpectedly passed away on June 20th, 2025 in Toronto, Ontario.

Garrett brought light and laughter to those around him with unique spirit and unwavering kindness. He was predeceased by his mom (Donna), brother (Donnie) and nephew in-law (Jasper).

Garrett touched the lives of many with his warmth, strength, gentle charm, and kindness. He leaves behind a family who will cherish his life, always. He is survived by his dad John Hickling (Carolyn), his sisters Jeri-Lynne Hickling and Tobi Byrne (Greg), and uncle to nieces Montana Cardoso (Matthew) and Ariel Anderson (JJ and Riviara).

Garrett, "G" is fondly remembered by his Wheelchair Rugby family and his friends.

A memorial service will be held for Garrett later this summer in Vernon, B.C. In lieu of flowers the family is asking for any donation to be made to Garrett's passion, Ontario Para Wheelchair Rugby and specifically his team the Toronto Titans. [https://onpara.ca/our-sports/wheelchair-rugby-2/wheelchair-rugby-club s/](https://onpara.ca/our-sports/wheelchair-rugby-2/wheelchair-rugby-club-s/)

For more information on some of Garrett' attributes see the links below

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1YXneGmZaz/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14HJs9arByp/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://paralympic.ca/news/wheelchair-rugby-legend-garett-hickling-passes-a-way-at-age-54/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JK375kSHLTA>

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *John - my most sincere condolences to you and your family for this tragic and heartbreaking unimaginable loss.*

Jenny Forst - July 22, 2025 at 01:04 PM

TB

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Tobi Byrne - July 08, 2025 at 02:33 AM

PZ

“ *An end of an era.*

*Garett's passing leaves a void in our Wheelchair Rugby Family. We lost a great player, coach, and friend, and a person who provided leadership to so many athletes. With my most heartfelt condolences to Garett's family.*

*Pawel Zbieranowski*

*First President  
International Wheelchair Rugby Federation*

Pawel Zbieranowski - July 05, 2025 at 09:16 PM

KJ

“ *John my deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

kitrina Jackson - July 04, 2025 at 10:38 AM

JH

“ Miss you so much baby brother💔I showed this video to Rivi & JJ. JJ said I should post it for everyone to see & remember you by. Push💜 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0PEYfd1H9g>

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Jeri-Lynne Hickling - July 03, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JO

“ It is with great sadness to hear of Garret's passing. My condolences to all the Hicking familys. Great memories of Garret at the lake cabin. Rest in peace Garret. Jean Olsen Vernon BC You can now meet up with Kelly. Jean

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jean olsen - July 01, 2025 at 04:32 PM

RI

“ Rest in peace coach, I wouldn't be the player today without you. You will always be in my heart. I will continue your work to teach the next generation of rugby players.

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rio - June 30, 2025 at 04:44 PM