William (Bill) Hickman was named One of the Top 100 Graduates of Troy State University for their first one hundred years anniversary. His bands won in four national championships competitions during his career including a top ten finish as the National Band Association Championships in Knoxville, Tennessee. William Hickman is a recipient of the Sudler Shield Award. A former director of music education for the Midfield City School System and Enterprise City School Systems in Alabama, Bill Hickman’s "Big Blue Band" of Enterprise, Alabama (over 300 strong) is remembered as a model band of superior quality.