



## William Lee Hawkins Sr.

March 2, 1937 - February 1, 2023

William Lee Hawkins, Sr., devoted husband to Clarice Hawkins, loving father to children, Rita, Lavonne, and William Jr, proud grandfather to Allegra, Darius, Alexis, Jonathan, Isha, Kenneth, Russell, Alana, and adoring great-grandfather to Parker, transitioned from labor to reward on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at ECU Health Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

William was born in Jackson, North Carolina on March 2, 1937, to the late Robert Sr. and Virgie Lee Boone Hawkins. He attended St. John AME Church and was educated in the Northampton County School System at Willis Hare High School.

William enlisted in the US Air Force after graduating and was stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts, where he served admirably during his four years of service as an airplane mechanic.

After an honorable discharge from the US Air Force, William leveraged his mechanical skills into a lengthy career as an auto mechanic at Pope Motors in Rich Square. An avid supporter of the importance of education, William enrolled in college at Paul D. Camp Community College as an adult learner and earned an associate's degree in auto mechanics. Upon retiring from Pope Motors as the service manager, William opened his own business, Hawkins Auto Service in Murfreesboro. He loved being a business owner and fellowshiping with customers who would come from multiple counties for "Hawk" to work on their vehicles.

In the community, William served as a trustee at Nebo Baptist Church for several years. He was a Past Master of the Leigh Beauty Lodge #58, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NC in Woodland. He enjoyed the brotherhood, community, leadership, social, and philanthropic activities through the organization. Even as his declining health and increasing age limited his ability to participate, he embraced the role of guiding the younger men.

William is survived by his wife of 62 years Clarice Parker Hawkins, children Dr. Willa Merita Hawkins Jerman (Ronald), Millicent Lavonne Hawkins Williams (Gregory) and William Lee Hawkins, Jr. (Ivori), grandchildren, Allegra Jerman Butler (Jerel), Darius Jerman, Alexis Williams, Jonathan Williams, Isha Hawkins, Kenneth Williams, Russell Hawkins, Alana Williams, and one great-granddaughter Parker Rose Butler and sisters Dr. Jeanette H. Evans (Charles) and Maxine H. Reid (Johnny). William was preceded in death by his sister Carol-Ann Heyward followed by his brothers Robert Hawkins and Jerry Hawkins. William enjoyed a full and loving circle of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family requests that you treasure your memories of William and his welcoming smile. We will remember his twinkling eyes, love for family, and easy-going spirit. It is well with our souls with the assurance that he is now at rest in the arms of our Master, Lord, and Savior.

# Cemetery Details

## Nebo Baptist Church

Murfreesboro, NC

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Nebo Baptist Church  
10555 US-258  
Murfreesboro, NC 27855  
(252) 398-5666

# Tribute Wall

WJ

“ Wallace & Susan Monger Jordan lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



Wallace & Susan Monger Jordan - February 07, 2023 at 01:04 PM

EW

“ Edith H. Wood lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



Edith H. Wood - February 07, 2023 at 09:42 AM

VR

“ Victor Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



Victor Ross - February 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM

TF

“ *The Lorenza and Rosalyn Reid Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Lee Hawkins Sr..*



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**The Lorenza and Rosalyn Reid Family** - February 06, 2023 at 10:49 PM

VH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of William Lee Hawkins. May God ease the pain of your broken hearts.*



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**Victor & Elaine Hampton** - February 06, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Lee Hawkins Sr..*



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February 06, 2023 at 09:51 PM

MG

“ Sincere condolences and sympathy are extended to the entire family. Prayerfully, your faith will help you through this time of grief and bereavement.

Sincerely,

Marion Fleetwood Gatling



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Marion Fleetwood Gatling - February 05, 2023 at 08:41 PM

MJ

“ Mildred J Jordan lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



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Mildred J Jordan - February 05, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Lee Hawkins Sr..



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February 04, 2023 at 07:52 PM

RH

“ *Raye Holley lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.*



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**Raye Holley** - February 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM

PF

“ *To the Hawkins family, please accept my deepest condolences you are in my prayers.*



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**Pat Cofield and family** - February 04, 2023 at 03:02 PM

LH

“ *Lillie Highsmith lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.*



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**Lillie Highsmith** - February 04, 2023 at 02:32 PM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the entire, Hawkins family, God bless you all.*



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**JB Woodhouse, Jr.** - February 04, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Lee Hawkins Sr..*



February 04, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Joyce Eley lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.*



**Joyce Eley** - February 04, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *My condolences*



**Westelle Cherry** - February 04, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *PRAYERS & STRENGTH FOR OUR HAWKINS FAMILY. KEEPING YOU ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.GOD BLESS!!! LETIA DICKERSON & THE DICKERSON FAMILY.*



**LETIA DICKERSON** - February 03, 2023 at 09:09 PM

MM

“ Marion Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



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**Marion Mitchell** - February 03, 2023 at 06:06 PM

RT

“ Clarice, Rita, Millicent, William, Jr and the entire Hawkins family, you have my sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, etc.  
May God wrap His loving arms around you during this difficult time.



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**Ruth Toole** - February 03, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MJ

“ Mildred J Jordan lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.



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**Mildred J Jordan** - February 03, 2023 at 05:10 PM

GT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. May GOD BLESS each of you.



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**Gene, Linda, Randy and Rodney Tann.** - February 03, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JW

“ Sending my condolences , prayers and love to the family!!



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**Joyce Wiggins** - February 03, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LS

“ Millicent, please accept my and my family's deepest condolences during this difficult time. If there is anything that we can do for you please let me know as I am happy to help or bridge any gaps that you need bridging. Many thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

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**Lisa Davis Schulstad** - February 03, 2023 at 03:22 PM

RB

*Millicent we are so sorry to hear of passing of your father. If you need anything we are here to support you. We love and care about you sending our love and prayers  
Rose and Bud*

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**Rose Brogli** - February 03, 2023 at 05:10 PM

KP

“ Rita, we offer our sincere condolences to you and your entire family. May the love and peace of God continue to be a comfort to you. We are lifting you up in prayer.

*Henry & Karen Phinazee*

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**Karen Beatty Phinazee** - February 03, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Lee Hawkins Sr..*



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February 03, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Condolences to Clarice and Hawkins Family .  
Sorry for your loss.*

*Clara P. Deloatch and family*



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**Linda Deloatch** - February 03, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Condolences to Rita Jerman and the entire Hawkins family.  
Our God will sustain, comfort, and keep you during your time of  
sorry.*



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**Sandra Hodges** - February 03, 2023 at 10:22 AM



*Sincere Condolences to the Hawkins Family. Velma Guster*

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**Velma Guster** - February 03, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *During this difficult time, may the Lord our God be a source of  
comfort and strength.*

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**Curtis McAffity** - February 03, 2023 at 09:40 AM

KS

“ *Praying for you and your family during this difficult time!*



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**Kevin & Michele Skeen** - February 03, 2023 at 08:29 AM

MD

“ *Marcia A. Daniel lit a candle in memory of William Lee Hawkins Sr.*



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**Marcia A. Daniel** - February 03, 2023 at 08:24 AM