



Elwood H Hawkins

September 20, 1942 - July 11, 2022

Elwood H. Hawkins was born on September 20, 1942, to the late Elwood (Honey) Hawkins and Catherine Viola in Ruthsburg, Maryland. He was the third child of four. To the Hawkins, he was Bucky and Hoppy to the Wilmers.

Educated in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, he graduated in the Class of 1961 from Kennard Senior High. Elwood loved machinery, cars, trucks, and motorcycles. He especially loved that Harley. His beginning jobs were mostly at garages but he also worked at Sears & Roebuck in Elsmere, Delaware. He did some black topping and spent eighteen years on the assembly line working at Chrysler Corporation in Newark, Delaware. He retired from Allen Foods in 2005 due to heart failure.

Elwood was a devoted family man. He married (Mary) Arlene Ringgold in 1977. They both brought to this union three children and added two more. He loved that his children participated in school sports (volleyball, basketball and track) and claimed all their talents were inherited through him. As dad and Poppa Bear, he saw to their needs and supported them wholeheartedly. He was their cheerleader with proudness.

Elwood was a believer in Christ. At first, he started with occasional visits to church but he loved Starr homecomings. Always a jokester, Elwood had a serving heart. Not only did he serve homemade ice-cream, giving everyone a

hard time year after year, but it was all was done in love. He truly gave his life to Christ in 2005 and never looked back. Brother Elwood was faithful in attendance, paying his tithes and telling the story. His favorite moments included communion, singing in the men's choir, and giving the Welcome. His signature words were, "YALL KNOW WHAT TO DO."

Elwood was a sick man but kept it private and from everyone. He was given three weeks by doctors, however, being the fighter that he was, God blessed Elwood with four more months. He was well-known in the community as Old Man, Uncle, and most commonly called Pop Pop from his children's friends, the Food Lion Crew, Lockerman Cafeteria Staff, School Bus Drivers, etc. Elwood was truly loved and will be sadly missed.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Elwood and Catherine Hawkins, one sister, Constance Alfreda Spearman and a stepson, William Ringgold.

Left to mourn his passing are: his wife, Arlene Hawkins; five daughters, Lisa Pelt (Terry), Michele Skinner (Donnie), Lainie Rayfield (Leon), Deandra Hawkins (Jermeanne) and Keena Hawkins; two sons, Jeffrey Hawkins (Sharon) and Anthony Ringgold (Missy); two brothers, William Jimmy Hawkins (Yvonne) and Wendall Hawkins (Trish); two special friends, Brother Bill Fisher and Leroy Jones and a host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Abrams and so much extended family including Facebook.

Gone but you'll never be forgotten. You're in God's arms but you'll forever be in our hearts. We love you, Elwood Hawkins.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Abrams Memorial Church
Fourth Street
Denton, MD 21629

Funeral Service

JUL **16.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene (Denton)
10660 Greensboro Road
Denton, MD 21629

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elwood H Hawkins*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - July 18, 2022 at 07:32 AM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elwood H Hawkins*



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SM

“ Words of Comfort:

Words cannot express how deeply we hurt when our love ones depart. Just when we think we've mastered life's lessons; life in the physical is forever changed.. Care-giving has ended but grieving will continue. The cost of your love for Elwood & to each other is admirable. Family embrace the tears shed; laugh openly; treasure all moments. Lean on each other for strength. God will call all of us home so be ready to answer. Elwood knew he was loved & well cared for but God's love is above "ALL" Love.

God called; Elwood obediently follow. He has torn off his earthly garments & crossed into spiritual renewing. Family is God's plan. Take heart in knowing family is our everything. We will see Elwood again. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice. Final words as Elwood would say: Y'all know what to do

Sylvia Mouton - July 18, 2022 at 01:56 PM

AJ

“ *My Prayers for the family .All love him ,but God love him also. Please resin Sweet .Hug Harry and Pat .with love from the Jackson Family in Iowa*

Ann Jackson - July 17, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DH

“ *I love you dad. Growing up you spoiled me TOO MUCH. As an adult I enjoyed doing the same for you:) I'm going to miss our laughs and going to church together but I know you are in a better place and no longer suffering. I have so many awesome memories in my heart and I'll cherish them forever. RIP and we will take good care of mom and continue to walk the Christian walk so we can be together again. I love you pops. Love Deandra*

Deandra Hawkins - July 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM

MM

“ Uncle Elwood...it's your nephew Michael Mouton (Mike & Paul) from Oakland,CA here to tell you you'll be truly missed! I miss your toughness...you showed me I could be short in height but still tall and tough in voice, spirit, and mentality. I'll always remember you, your motorcycle, your bow legged walk, and your big heart for family and kids. I still remember a story about you and a snake you rode over to this very day! I could go on but I know our time is short. You fought a great fight and your prize is well earned. My condolences to the hearts that will forever have a piece missing and the tears that will be shed in silence and dark from time to time in your memory.
Please console them and keep them strong!



Love You Uncle Elwood, Family, & Friends

Let God know we all want to see you again one day!

Michael Mouton - July 15, 2022 at 04:02 PM

WH

“ When we were teens we would go picking string beans in the summer. We would get on Trucks on bus early in the morning. We picked all day. But ELWOOD didn't make much because he could sing like Frankie Lyman and the girls wanted him to sing all day.

William Hawkins - July 15, 2022 at 08:25 AM

VR

“ *Sending my love and deepest condolences to the entire family!* ”



Vernette H Roberts - July 14, 2022 at 09:19 PM

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“ *Rip dad no more pain you are in God's hands.* ”

Lainie Rayfield (daughter) - July 14, 2022 at 05:54 PM