



## Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.

September 14, 1938 - September 3, 2017

This world was changed forever on September 14, 1938. John E. Hawkins Jr. was born in Kiomatia, Texas, (Red River County) to John Sr. and Louise Hawkins. Being the first born and having a loving spirit from the beginning made John a favored child of both sets of grandparents, uncles, aunts, and many cousins. John shared a close and loving relationship with both parents. His mother, Louise, raised six sons and one daughter. She was a mother to her grandchildren and many in the community. John's open heart and love for others was home grown.

From an early age, John had to forego a formal education to work and help support his mother and his siblings. However, as the Lord would see fit, John earned several degrees from the University of Life.

The requirements for a bachelor's degree were obtained as he left home at the age of 16, starting out with the love of his life, the former Laura Mae Woods whom he married in 1955. Together, this loving couple raised four daughters and two sons with a strong spiritual foundation. Their homes were always open to many relatives and friends who were in search of new opportunities in the Big City.

John loved to travel, sometime by airplane, but he found his star power through driving. From visiting relatives to traveling with Fairview Baptist Church and Pastor John A. Reed Jr., he has driven across the entire country. Often, he was only given minimal directions, but John was GPS before GPS. John was the "one" who could be counted on to be there for anyone in need

or want. He touched many lives. Big Hawk felt the love when his birthday parties became famous for being attended by more than 200 family members and friends.

The requirements for obtaining his master's degree were met through his employment and volunteer service he provided to the community. After staying in Texas, near their families, John moved his family to Oklahoma City in 1966, after accepting a position with Coke, Inc. Within three years, John gained a position with the Sanitation Department for the City of Oklahoma City. This job provided him the opportunity to better provide for his growing family. There, John made many lifelong friends and gained respect of his supervisors and coworkers. For over 10 years, he worked fulltime for the City and part time for Oklahoma City Public Schools. Eventually, John chose to say goodbye to the City job and began his fulltime career with the OKC Public Schools.

Throughout his more than 35-year career, John received countless accolades, recognitions, accomplishment and milestone awards, and acknowledgements for going above and beyond the job description. Many continued to reach out to him well beyond his retirement. He received the accolades and affection with a gentle spirit and full heart.

He spent a life-time writing his dissertation to earn his doctorate degree. He began this book when he accepted Christ at an early age. Throughout his life, John continued to profess Christ, and he walked the walk as outlined by the word of God. John's guiding scripture was Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

John gave of his time unconditionally through the service rendered to his community. At Fairview Baptist Church, John gave all that he had. A few of the ministries that John was obedient in heeding his call to service are:

Bereavement, Hospitality, Lawn Maintenance, Transportation Chairman and Trustee.

Lastly, let it be known that John was respectful and humble servant whose

heart and countenance were received as genuine and filled with love. People who truly know John have expressed being better for having known him. John's dissertation was approved by the Lord when he called him home on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harvey, Archie, John Henry, and Ricky; grandson, Charles Jr. and great granddaughter, Amari Nicole Hawkins.

He leaves family and friends to cherish his memory. To honor his call to always support each other he leaves, his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Laura, and his legacy--sons Naman and Johnny, daughters- Naomi Hudson, Rose Hawkins, Patricia McCain (Chris), and Alice Hawkins-Shelton (Coleman); 15 grandchildren—Perry Jr., Luberta, Earl, Marvell, Patricia, Danette, Raymond, Candace, Catelyn, Chris Jr., Mario, Alayshia, Johnesha, Donnavan, and Arien. He leaves his uncle Henry, his brothers and sisters: Jimmie, Bill (Anita), Landel (Marilyn), and Beulah (Ray), Darlene, and Carolyn as well as his in-laws- Morris (Susan), Dorothy, Helen, Charmaine, Sharion and Marilyn. He leaves to treasure their time shared with him numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memory Gardens

12813 NE 50th  
Spencer, OK 73084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home  
2936 N.E. 36th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
(405) 424-4136  
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

## Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1700 NE 7th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ *To the family of the late MR JOHN HAWKINS.  
It was a pleasure to meet such a warm,  
pleasant and Godly man of the Fairview  
Baptist Church family. Rest in peace my  
brother in Christ.*

*Elvya L. Kirk  
Sister of Alene Dunlap*



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**Elvya L Kirk** - September 08, 2017 at 11:49 PM

RW

“ *Rest in peace bro Hawkins. You will truly be  
missed.*



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**Ronnie Winters** - September 08, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr..*



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September 08, 2017 at 11:15 AM

AD

“ *John, Big Hawk, my dearest friend. I will truly miss the calls and conversations we shared over 40 years. I thank God and you, Laura for sharing such a wonderful, caring, honest person in my life. I will truly miss John. May God Bless the entire family. John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God" trust also in me.*



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**Alene Dunlap** - September 08, 2017 at 12:02 AM

AF

“ *Anne France and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr..*



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**Anne France and Family** - September 07, 2017 at 09:01 PM

NS

“ *(All peaceful moments have come to rest in a nice place of calm light. May your loved one we all knew rest in that peaceful light. Our deepest sympathy Shelton Family)*



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**Nina Shelton** - September 07, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr..*



September 07, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ *TO THE FAMILY MY GOD KEEP YOU STRONG, I LIKE TO SAY HE WAS A VERY NICE MAN HE ALWAYS WOULD GIVE ME A HUG SENSE THE FIRST TIME I JOIN FAIRVIEW CHRUCH AN ALWAYS SMILING. I WILL MISS SEEING HIM AT THAT CHAIR..... GOD BLESS. SARAH D,*



**SARAH Dickerson\_** - September 07, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *He also has another living brother, James Hawkins.*

**Marcus Jackson** - September 07, 2017 at 11:29 AM



*This was posted by Foxye Jackson not Marcus. My apologies for any confusion. Much love and comfort to the family. Ernest McCarty may not have been his brother my blood but he still considered him so. This is a sad occasion.*

**Marcus Jackson** - September 07, 2017 at 11:31 AM



*Let her know James and Ernest were both listed on the printed obituaries, it was missed on this site. SHE and them can get my address from Carolyn, I'll email them one. Their presence at the funeral was missed. Chee*

**Patricia Chee McCain** - September 14, 2017 at 02:02 AM

MB

“ *Maureen Burden lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**Maureen Burden** - September 07, 2017 at 09:52 AM

AH

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Hawkins. I will miss your wonderful smile and funny conversations.*  
*Andrea Harlan (USPS Letter carrier).*

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**Andrea Harlan** - September 06, 2017 at 11:55 PM

TH

“ *Tyreshia Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**Tyreshia Hawkins** - September 06, 2017 at 07:27 PM

ND

“ *Natonya Dean lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**Natonya Dean** - September 06, 2017 at 03:47 PM

JJ

“ *John H. Anglin Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**John H. Anglin Jr.** - September 06, 2017 at 01:38 PM

CM

“ *Cynthia McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**Cynthia McCoy** - September 05, 2017 at 11:25 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Spratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Hawkins Jr.*



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**Joyce Spratt** - September 05, 2017 at 10:07 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Hawkins Memories Album



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**Rolfe Funeral Home** - September 05, 2017 at 04:33 PM

CH

“ *My sweet sweet big brother, oh where does the time go I love you I love you so.*

*I thank God for the cherished moments that we had. The talks and laughs we shared. You are one of the strongest people I know. I miss you so much already. Eventhough I am the little sister you have always given me the room to make my own decisions without fussing at me and for that I thank you. Thanks for being my big brother. I love you so much.*

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**Carolyn Hawkins** - September 05, 2017 at 04:33 PM

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*DADDY HAWK YOUR TRULY GONNA BE MISSED. YOU AND MAMA HAWK ARE THE BEST NEIGHBORS. MY HEART IS SOOOOOOOO HEAVY AND ITS HARD TO ACCEPT THAT YOUR GONE BUT GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES. IM GONNA MISS THE TALKS WE USE TO HAVE. IM GONNA MISS HOW I ALWAYS HAD YOUR LISTEN EAR. BESIDES GOD. WHOSE GONNA WATCH AFTER THE OLD MAN FOR ME? WHOSE GONNA TAKE THE TIME TO TAKE HIM TO THE TRAIN STATION FOR ME AND MAKE SURE HE MAKES IT TO DALLAS AND BACK HOME? NOBODY LIKE DADDY HAWK. THE HOLIDAYS ARE REALLY GONNA BE HARD FOR ME. LORD JESUS HELP ME! I THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH FOR BEING SUCH AN AWESOME NEIGHBOR. REST IN HEAVEN DADDY HAWK! LUV YOU!!!!*

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**NEMESIA MCCARVER HOOKS** - September 05, 2017 at 09:29 PM