



Edward Jerome Hawkins

November 23, 1939 - February 21, 2025

Edward Jerome Hawkins (Jerry) died on February 21, 2025 at the age of 85, after a long, heart-breaking period of physical and mental decline inflicted on him by Alzheimer's. At 9:02PM he was holding his oldest child's hand, and at 9:03PM, he was whole again & in the arms of Jesus Christ.

Jerry was a life-long resident of Prattville, AL. He only left Prattville to serve his Country. He was stationed in Alaska with the Air Force when Alaska was still a U.S. Territory. He also served in the U.S. Army across 5 continents in a distinguished military career spanning over 24 years. Upon his retirement as a decorated Vietnam Combat Veteran, he returned to Prattville where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Troy University and pursued another successful career with the State of Alabama as an Auditor.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, James Edgar Hawkins, his mother, Rosie Armena Hawkins, and his sister, Betty Jean Hawkins Franklin.

He is survived by his beloved & devoted wife of nearly 50 years, Sonja

Hawkins; his daughter, TerreLynn Hawkins Huston (Mark); his son, Thomas H. Hawkins (Patty); his daughter, Susanne Zimbelman (Troy); his 4 grandchildren - Nicole Hawkins Giordano (Timothy), Dr. Aric

Thomas Hawkins (Michael), Michael Ryan Hawkins, & Dakotah Maria Zimbelman - and his

two great-granddaughters, Mandy Elaine Giordano and Alice Rose Giordano.

Edward J. Hawkins was a child of God. He spent his whole life devoted to carrying out God's

will. He treated each individual with kindness no matter who they were or what they did.

Every day he would pray over his family's meal and read his family Bible, highlighting in yellow the verses he found important. Even after his ability to read escaped him, he consistently showed up to church knowing he still wanted to learn God's purpose in his life. Today

his kindness will be reflected through his family as he dances in heaven, being a guardian

angel to all those he loved

Jerry was a handsome man, though not vain. He had a beautiful singing voice, which he accompanied by playing his guitar - while in the Army he sang in a band & won a Battle of the

Bands contest! Jerry had more 1st cousins than you can count (with a special affinity for his

1st cousin, "Little" Jerry Wright) & a grandmother he adored, Onie Ophelia Hines. He truly

loved his grandchildren. He loved his Auburn Tigers, tailgating, fishing, traveling, cowboy

movies, country music, & his family. His special gift was his gentle nature. He was a gentle,

kind man with an infectious laugh & a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Edward Jerome Hawkins.



February 25, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Jerome Hawkins.

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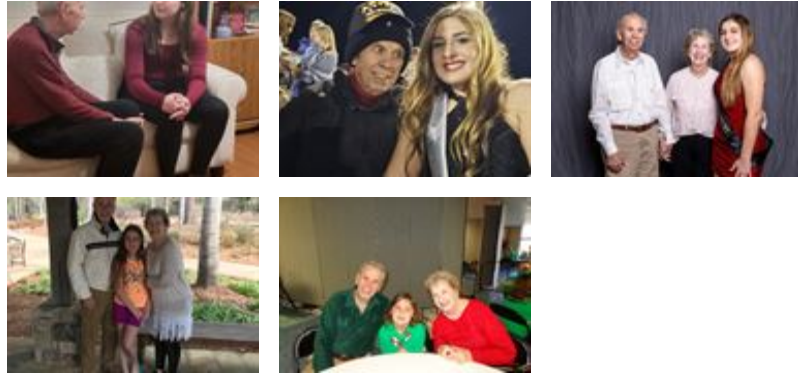
“ *From Mr. Pool* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Edward Jerome Hawkins.



From Mr. Pool - February 25, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens - February 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Edward Jerome Hawkins.



February 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM



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