



Robert G. Hawkins

May 20, 1929 - November 28, 2013

Robert Gherald Hawkins, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, November 28, 2013, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on May 20, 1929 in Alton, IL, the son of Lyle Lee and Goldie Marie (nee Worrell) Hawkins.

On Friday, April 03, 1953, he married Colette Joan Hawkins (nee Wafflard) who survives.

He was a member and held many offices at the First Baptist Church. He was also a member of Missions to the Elderly at church and the Carpenter's Local 1535 of Highland for over 60 years.

Bob was born in Alton, Illinois and graduated from East Alton-Wood River High School in 1948. He served with the US Navy from 1948-52 aboard the US Spangler, a Buckley-class destroyer escort, with duty in the South Pacific. After the service, he returned to attend Carpenter School and was a union carpenter for many years. He retired at age 62. He enjoyed Highland High School sports - basketball, football and track & field. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins wintered for 12 years in Alabama and traveled to Italy, Japan, and Cuba. They also enjoyed an Alaskan cruise together. A highlight of Bob's life was a Tiger Cruise from Hawaii on the US Belleau Wood LHA 3 with with his son-in-law

and grandson in 1988. Bob was an AVID golfer and enjoyed following the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include:

Wife - Colette J. Hawkins, Highland, IL

Daughter - Marsha M. (William "Bill") Ray (twin), Maryville, IL

Daughter - Susan L. (David R.) Potthast (twin), Aledo, IL

Daughter - Rhonda F. (Charles "Chuck") Williams, Hanover, MD

Grandchild - Joshua G. (Christa) Manwaring, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Emma L. (Dr. Corey) Wagner, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Marcus R. (Kristina "Krissey") Manwaring, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Seth D. (Elizabeth "Beth") Potthast, Lebanon, OH

Grandchild - Jeanna C. (Robert "Rob") Swafford, Cudahy, WI

Grandchild - C. Tyson (wife-Melanie Lampert) Williams, Arlington, VA

Grandchild - Jordan L. (Ryan) Zavislak, Catonsville, MD

Step Grandchild - Heather N. (Brian) Tucker, Saint Louis, MO

Step Grandchild - Erica K. (Lonnie III) Land, Saint Peters, MO

Step Grandchild - Joscelyn M. Ray, Saint Louis, MO

Great Grandchildren - 13

Brother - Lyndal L. (Mildred) Hawkins, Cottage Hills, IL

Brother - Darrell W. (Dorothy "Tiny") Hawkins, Palmyra, IL

Sister - Judith A. (Ronald) Wilkinson, Bethalto, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Lyle Lee Hawkins

Mother - Goldie Marie Hawkins

Son In-law - Ricky W. Manwaring (died 1/9/1998)

Brother - Dale Hawkins

Brother - James W. Hawkins

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in

Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 01, 2013, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Monday, December 02, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 02, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Sean Holloway, Pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Gullick Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund-First Baptist Church, Highland Home, or a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the times Bob would play golf with my dad and other people made the foursome. They would play it seemed as if they could not play golf another stroke. Bob was such a kind man, never a harsh word was said about anybody. My prayers are with his family members as they mourn their loss. But know that heaven has gained a true Christian, always looking for the good in people. Bob was one in a million.

Peggy Gallon - January 15, 2014 at 06:35 PM

NA

“ I always remember a world with Bob in it. I had the great fortune to grow up in church with him and Colette. I grew up with his grandkids. He was so kind and always excited to see me when I would come back to visit. He was truly a person who made the world around him better and brighter by loving God and loving his family. What a "ripple" effect he had on the world around him. I want to live my life like that. He and Colette were so kind to my mom always but especially in the years following her accident. He will be greatly missed.

Natalie - December 09, 2013 at 11:18 PM

BC

“ I am so thankful to have had Bob in our family and in our lives. Even though we didn't live close by, Bob kept track of us enough to ask good questions when we were fortunate to be together. He was thoughtful and kind to all of us. He will be missed in this world and left us all better off for having known him. I am so sorry I could not be with the family this week and want you all to know you are in our prayers.

Belinda Heine Conner - December 03, 2013 at 12:29 PM



“ Bob was the kindest man I think I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He made it a point to seek me out anytime I was home (from the military) to remind me he is proud of me and that I'm doing great things. Although he wasn't "family" I always felt as if he was my extra Grandpa. His warm smile and kind words will be truly missed, but never forgotten. As others have said before, he was/is a true saint, and was an angel living among us.

Christopher Freimann - December 02, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ I was one of Bob's Sunday school students at the First Baptist Church in the late 50's and/or early 60's. Bob loved telling Bible stories to the children in his care and he took a personal interest in each one of us. I credit Bob with my decision to be baptized. He not only taught us about God but also showed us, by his example, how to live a spiritual life.

One of my favorite memories of Bob was when I was 16, I asked "Mr. Hawkins" if I could take his twin daughters, Marsha and Susan, out for pizza at the conclusion of the Sunday evening service. For the next 5-10 minutes I listened to Bob telling me how precious his daughters were to him, how I should conduct myself and exactly what time, and not a minute later, I was to have his daughters home. Needless to say I was extremely grateful when he entrusted me with his daughters for the evening.

I am saddened by his passing and offer my condolences to Colette, Marsha, Susan, Rhonda, and his extended family.

Dennis Jose - December 01, 2013 at 11:02 PM

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“ *To the Hawkins family,
We would like to express our sympathy in the loss of Bob. He
remains as a very special
person and friend. Rich & Marge Clayton*

Rich and Marge Clayton - November 30, 2013 at 07:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Robert G. Hawkins.*



November 30, 2013 at 07:08 PM



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November 30, 2013 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Words seem extremely pale when you try to describe who Bob was
as a person. He was a blessing to this world and all those he
encountered in his lifetime. My deepest sympathy to Colette, the
girls, and all those who also loved & knew Bob as their friend.
Sincerely, Dana Steinhoff Hawn*

Dana Hawn - November 30, 2013 at 03:31 PM

RD

“ On hearing of Bob's passing, the words, "Well done good and faithful servant" come to mind. Pam and I will fondly remember Bob's quite humility, grateful heart, and servanthood compassion. Many have been blessed in subtle ways by his presence which will be greatly missed. Bob modeled an integrity of faith and golf! Our thoughts and prayers are with his beloved wife, Colette and his family.

Rev. Tom And Pam Davis

Rev. Tom and Pam Davis - November 30, 2013 at 02:05 PM

MD

“ Bob would be the first in line to argue with this, but whenever my husband and I have talked about Bob, the word "saint" always entered the conversation. Bob Hawkins was one of the most devoted Christians and one of the just plain nicest people we've ever met. He was devoted to his God, his family, and his many friends. Heaven is the richer and the human race the poorer with his passing. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of the Savior he loved and served so well.

Our deepest sympathies go to Colette and his daughters, as well as to the rest of his family.

Manfred & Linda Driesner - November 29, 2013 at 04:56 PM