

Harold Allen Hawkins Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Harold Allen Hawkins**, 80, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 1, from the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. **Burial will be in Dodson Branch Cemetery.**

The family will receive friends from 2-9 p.m. today, Sunday, May 31, and from 7 a.m. until time of services on Monday at the funeral home.

Mr. Hawkins died Friday, May 29, 2009, in Bethesda Health Care Center.

He was born July 21, 1928, in Jackson County to the late William Riley and Velma Williams Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins faithfully served God throughout the years as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, music director and pastor. He served as pastor of Dodson Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County and First Baptist Church of Gainesboro. He also served as associate pastor of Scott Avenue Baptist Church. In his later years, he attended Salem Methodist Church in Cookeville.

As a Bi-vocational minister, Mr. Hawkins worked in several capacities over the years. **After graduating from Baxter Seminary**, he attended TPI and received a teaching certificate and taught school in Jackson County. He then worked as a bookkeeper at Cookeville Planing Mill from 1952-1968. He then went into business for himself and became a real estate and land developer and was known as "The Land Man" for many years.

Mr. Hawkins was an avid gospel singer, singing with The Hawkins Family in church choirs, gospel singings and most recently joined in worship with patients of Bethesda Health Care Center.

Mr. Hawkins also found time to create Harvest Time Ministries which was designed to minister to individuals in need in the community. He also organized numerous school reunions for attendees of small rural schools in Jackson County that no longer operate. He was president of the Putnam County Singing Convention and led fund raising efforts for the American Heart Association.

Family was important to Mr. Hawkins. He was an avid genealogist and co-authored two books, The Hawkins Family Journal and Echoes of Spring Creek.

The family of Mr. Hawkins would like to thank the staff of Bethesda Health Care Center, especially those on 100 Hall, for their loving care of a dear husband, father, grandfather and brother.

His family includes **his wife, Elaine Hawkins** of Cookeville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jere and Sherree Hawkins of Cookeville; a stepson, Gary Green of Cookeville; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Larry Elrod of Durham, N.C.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rev. Doug and Cynthia Hawkins of Rossville, Ga., and Robert and Len Hawkins of Cookeville; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Emily Fields of Mason, Ohio, Sylvia Trisdale and Linda and Jack Phann, all of Cookeville, and Faye and Mickey Phipps of Gallatin; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Hawkins Wright of Knoxville, Chad Hawkins of Nashville and Jennifer Elrod Lilje and husband Peter and Brandon Elrod, all of Durham; and two great-grandchildren, Hannah Racheal and Emma Grace Lilje, both of Durham.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ada Sue Lynn Hawkins, and a sister, Virginia Ann Mabrey.

Pallbearers will be Lynn and Donald Bullock, Daniel, Kyle and Phillip Hawkins, Tony Palk, Marion Wright, Eric Augustson and David Judd.

Rev. J. Douglas Hawkins and Pastor Rick Cross will officiate at the services.

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A Genealogy of the Hawkins Family and Related Families of Jackson County and the Surrounding Area

By Harold Allen Hawkins and Janice Hawkins Elrod

About the Authors:

Harold Allen Hawkins has been interested in genealogy for most of his adult life. It has been one of his great loves. But those who know him best know it isn't the facts and dates and lists of descendants which interest him. It is the People he cares about. He has always loved people. In fact, his life has been a ministry to people. During his many years as a preacher, teacher, and singer of the gospel of Christ and as a respected real estate broker, he has touched the lives of many, many souls. This book is merely the latest example of the many ways he has sought to minister to others. The information in this book is largely the result of the many years of research that Harold has done. Countless hours of dedicated effort – talking in person and by phone, traveling, writing and reading and copying correspondence and other documents, puzzling out lines of genealogy, and just plain old hard work – have been distilled in this book. The book represents the culmination of an astonishing amount of information gathered meticulously during an enormous investment in time and energy over many years. Current and future generation of the Hawkins family and related families will treasure this book and will doubtless appreciate the years of hard work that led to its publication. But one thing is certain. This book is not the end. As long as there is breath in his body, we may be sure that Harold Hawkins will continue to invest himself in the lives of people. Harold has two children and four grandchildren. He presently lives with his wife, Elaine, in Cookeville, Tennessee.



Janice Hawkins Elrod also has a great love for people. Like father, like daughter. She has invested untold hours in meticulously organizing information on over 5,400 people during the development of this book. She has also contributed a substantial amount of original research to this work and has gathered many photographs, documents, etc. which help the book literally come to life with historical significance. Her expertise with computer applications has enabled the enormous amount of data gathered by her father and herself to at last be put together in a coherent form. Janice's love for people has particularly been expressed in a great love for children. She has worked with children for many years and is presently the Director of Gorman Early Learning Center at Gorman Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. Janice has two grown children and presently lives with her

husband, Larry, in Durham.