

**Pallbearers*

Nephews and Friends

Floral Bearers

Nieces and Friends

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God has laid you see.
 I took His hand when I heard His call
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found the peace at the close of the day.
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered joys
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much,
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
 God wanted me now; He has set me free.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Retired Sergeant Major James M. Hawkins, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His love, grace, and mercy.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
 1831 Taylor Street
 Columbia, SC 29201
 (803)771-7799

Leevy's
 FUNERAL HOME

Lower Richland Chapel
 9120 Garners Ferry Road
 Hopkins, SC 29061
 (803) 776-6922

I. S. Leevy Johnson
 -Owner & Director-

Chris Leevy Johnson
 -President & Managing Director-

Leverette A. Williams, II
 -General Manager-

*A Celebration
 of Life*

A race well ran for

RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES M. HAWKINS



SUNRISE
 JUNE 17, 1939

SUNSET
 FEBRUARY 2, 2022

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
 9:30 A.M.

LEEVY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
 1831 TAYLOR STREET
 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND A. D. ROBINSON
 -OFFICIATING-

Mil's favorite scriptures and words to live by
Philippians 4:7-11

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

God's Instruction for Men



Celebration of Life

Retired Sergeant Major James M. Hawkins was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina on June 17, 1939, to Mr. Willie and Mrs. Mamie Smith Hawkins. He was the sixth child of eleven children.

James attended the Darlington County Public School System, and graduated from Butler High school in Hartsville, SC in 1958. Upon graduation from high school, he sold insurance for North Carolina Mutual.

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1961. There, he served twenty-three years. During that time, he did two tours in Vietnam, and he was stationed in various places around the world. He cultivated his skills and became a Culinary Chef. He also attended pastry and bakery school. After he retired, he worked for the VA Dorn Hospital for twenty years in administration. He had a total of forty-four years of Government Service.

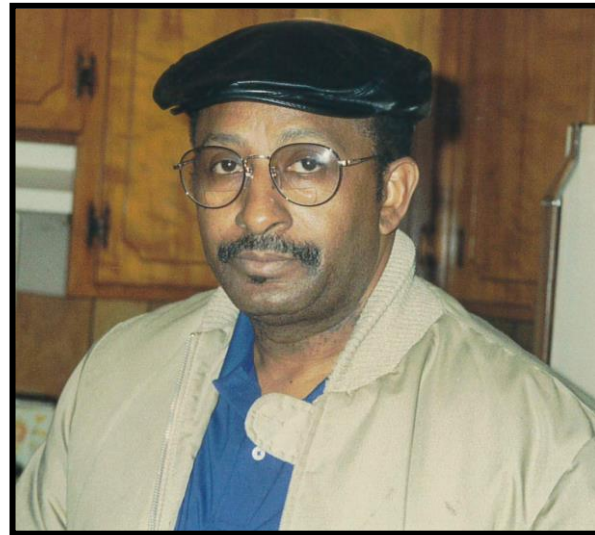
James, also known as Mil, married his wife of 58 years, Mrs. Odessa P. Hawkins. From this union, they had four children: James M. *Del* (Cynthia) Hawkins, Ellis F. *Fitz* (Lisa) Hawkins, Frederick Eugene *Geno* (Bridget) Hawkins and Felicia Hawkins-Daniels all of Columbia, SC.

James accepted Christ at an early age. He was a lifelong member of Ousleydale Baptist Church in Hartsville, SC. After returning to Columbia, SC, he along with his family joined Greenview First Baptist Church, in Columbia, SC. His goal was to carry out our Baptist Covenant to moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word. He served on the Brotherhood, Trustee Board, Ward 10 Outreach. He was ordained as a Deacon at Ousleydale Baptist Church. His service also extended into the community as a member of the DAV, American Legion, Retired Sergeant Major Breakfast Club, Butler High School Alumni Association, New Castle Concerned Citizens, and Reach Out Social Club.

He was preceded in death by: daughter, Jamessetta Lois Williams; grandson, Ellis Fitzgerald Hawkins II; and siblings, Willie N. Hawkins, Dorthy H. Evans, Margree H. Wright, Eugene Q. Hawkins, Roy L. Hawkins, and Helen Hawkins.

Retired Sergeant Major James M. Hawkins is survived by: his wife, Mrs. Odessa P. Hawkins; children, Cecelia A. Hawkins, of New York; Del Hawkins, Fitz Hawkins, Geno Hawkins, and Felicia Hawkins; four siblings, Bernetha Blackwell, Alma Hayes, Lee Ernest Hawkins, and Evelyn Marine; special nephew, Charles Hawkins; nine grandchildren, five great-children; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Johnny C. Owens, Presiding

Prelude.....	Minister Oscar Gregg
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....	“Jesus Is The Best Thing That Ever Happened”.....Ms. Traci Gregg
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Johnny C. Owens
Old Testament.....	Deacon Archie Suber
New Testament.....	Minister Michael Addison
Acknowledgement.....	Ms. Felicia Hawkins-Daniels
Resolution.....	DAV
Video Presentation	
Remarks.....	Deacon Wayman Stover Deacon Dale Thomas Dr. Cecelia A. Hawkins Mr. Frederick E. Hawkins Dr. Del Hawkins Deacon Ellis Hawkins
Musical Selection.....	“I Won’t Complain”.....Ms. Traci Gregg
Words of Comfort	Reverend A. D. Robinson
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

12:00 Noon
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Memories

