



Robert Hawkins

October 8, 1960 - May 21, 2025

Robert Hawkins, 64, of Chattanooga, passed away, Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in a local hospital. He was born on October 8, 1960, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to James Matz, Sr. and Anna Hawkins. He attended Brainerd High School and graduated from Chattanooga City High in 1979. Robert went on to obtain an Associate's Degree in Administration at McKenzie College. He was employed by the Hamilton County Department of Education, where he worked at East Ridge Middle School as an Education Assistant/Special Education teacher. Robert also enlisted in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge at the end of his service time. Robert was a member of Greater Friendship Primitive Baptist Church and a member of the Clergy Koinonia.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Hawkins; father, James Matz, Sr.; brother, Jack Melvin; and grandparents, Clester and Elmer Hawkins.

Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Samantha Reid-Hawkins; stepsons, Tyrel Patton, Sr., Tyler Patton, and Tyree Patton, all of Chattanooga; grandson, Tyrel Patton, Jr.; 5 grandchildren; sisters, Anna Asberry (Wendell) of Chattanooga and CPT USAR Carmen Coburn of Cleveland, OH; aunt, Jean Cox of Chattanooga; mother-in-law, Leola Phelps of Chattanooga; and cousin, Jermaine Cox of Huntsville, AL; several other relatives and friends.

Robert will lie-in-state on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my prayers 🙏



Angela Thomas - June 12, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CT

“ Cynthia Byrd Thomas lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins



Cynthia Byrd Thomas - June 12, 2025 at 01:37 PM

RH

“ Reginia D Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins



Reginia D Hamilton - June 06, 2025 at 12:47 AM

VT

“ Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins



Vickie Thornhill - June 05, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Hawkins.*



June 04, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ *TO MY EXTENDED FAMILY YOUR CALLS
WILL NEVER GO UNANSWERED NO
MATTER HOW NEAR OR FAR IF I CAN'T
MAKE IT I WILL SEND SOMEONE IN MY
PLACE ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT'S
WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR* 🌹❤️🌹❤️🌹❤️



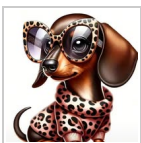
Karen Williams - June 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Millerjoshua lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Millerjoshua - June 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *“He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.”
Psalms 147:3 CSB
We are praying you guys and sending virtual hugs. Steve & Tammy Sanders*



Tammy Sanders - June 01, 2025 at 07:58 PM

SS

“ *Sonya Stiggers sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Sonya Stiggers - June 01, 2025 at 03:44 PM

VA

“ *Praying for the Hawkins family.*



virgia adamson - June 01, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer Swoopes lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Jennifer Swoopes - June 01, 2025 at 09:47 AM

KM

“ *Its So Many Things I Can Say About Robert Very Humble He Always Call Me His Lil Sis And To Me He Was My Big Brother Always Had A Kind Words And He Gave Me Word Of Encouragement He Prayed With Me When My So Died And I Received It I Will Miss Him I Will Always Be His Katie Mae Thank You For Bringing My Friend Your Sister Back To Me Samantha Hawkins You Had A Awesome Husband And He Love His Wife Until We Meet Again Rest My Brother And Tell Ms.Ann And Jack Take Care My Baby Boy*

Kay Martin - May 31, 2025 at 10:15 PM

SC

“ *Rest in Peace Robert, you were such a good person with a smile on your face. May God comfort the family. Robert will be missed and forever loved.*



Sheila Claggett - May 29, 2025 at 04:46 PM

PB

“ *To Samantha and the family my condolences and prayers for you all, he will be missed.*

Pamela Berry - May 29, 2025 at 09:52 AM

WH

“ *Robert, words can't express my life without you right now. I love you, and happy you're released from your struggles. God rest your soul. Jr love you and miss you as well. Until we meet again, peace be with us 🙏❤️
Love, your wife, Samantha your sweetie-pies*

Wife Samantha Reid Hawkins - May 29, 2025 at 12:20 AM

UN

*Robert, it's been 5 months and it seems like just yesterday I lost you. You're always in my thoughts and always in my heart ❤️. Miss you so much I can't explain it. God be with us.
Love your wife Samantha ❤️*

Underthebloodof@yahoo.com. - October 27, 2025 at 03:38 PM

GM

“ Prayers and condolences to the entire family.

Ben & Glenda Morgan



Glenda Morgan - May 27, 2025 at 06:18 PM

RW

“ Robert was a kind man, a true friend and a loving husband. He will be truly missed. Samantha you are forever in our thoughts and prayers..Bill and Raquetta Williams



Raquetta and Bill Williams - May 27, 2025 at 06:16 PM

WH

“ Robert was a very kind man. His poetry, preaching, and cooking will be missed. He had a loving ❤️ spirit, a kind word, and a helping hand for those in need. He just beat us running this race but HE will not be crown until we all get there. Love to all, Rev. Wilhemenia Hogg



Wilhemenia Hogg - May 27, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MM

“ *Mary Matthews lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Mary Matthews - May 27, 2025 at 02:22 PM

MM

My prayers are with you my sweet niece and I know God is with you in your time of sorrow.Auntie

Mary Matthews - May 27, 2025 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ *Tongeia Farmer lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Tongeia Farmer - May 27, 2025 at 11:39 AM

WW

“ *Willa Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Willa Williams - May 27, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CG

“ *Connie Gates lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Connie Gates - May 26, 2025 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ *Sam. You are in my prayers
I am so sorry for your loss.*



Marcia Smith - May 25, 2025 at 05:45 PM

CF

“ *My Dear Sweet Samantha, I'm praying for your peace and comfort as you mourn the loss of your Beloved Robert. I love you all sooo much. Now Robert has gained his Heavenly Crown... "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal" Love, Lady Claraniece*



Claraniece Hogan- Ferguson - May 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Marva Taylor - May 24, 2025 at 06:36 AM

SS

“ *Sonya Stiggers2 lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Sonya Stiggers2 - May 24, 2025 at 01:19 AM

AN

“ *Angela Neblett lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins*



Angela Neblett - May 23, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Min. Samantha Reid Hawkins and your entire family in the passing of your husband. Praise God for his complete healing now. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Jean Pickens - May 23, 2025 at 03:36 PM

AS

“ *Condolence to the family of Mr. Robert Hawkins just know God is walking with you*



Apostle Connie Shelton - May 23, 2025 at 10:48 AM

LT

“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to you, Minister Samantha, and your entire family. I am profoundly sorry for the passing of your husband, Robert Hawkins. May the peace of God provide you with comfort and strength during this difficult time.

LaWanda Turner

LaWanda Turner - May 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM



SW

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Minister Samantha and the entire family.. May the peace of God bring comfort and strength to each of you during this season.. 🙏💕🙏
Christopher and Sharon Walton..
Rest in God's love Rev. Hawkins🕊️💕🕊️🙏

Sharon Walton - May 23, 2025 at 09:29 AM



MS

“ Min.Rosalyn Smedley lit a candle in memory of Robert Hawkins

Min.Rosalyn Smedley - May 23, 2025 at 08:46 AM



CP

“ *Meet you on the other side*
Rev C Powell



Corine Powell Powell - May 22, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MI

Condolences to the Hawkins family, love ones and friend 🙏🙏

Millerjoshua - June 02, 2025 at 10:42 PM