



Reverend T.H. Hawkins

September 30, 1918 - February 13, 2011

Seneca, SC—Reverend Thomas Houston Hawkins, of 426 Old Clemson Hwy, Seneca, SC, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 13, 2011.

He was the widower of the late Mary Elaine Moore Hawkins and the son of the late Silas Drayton and Rular Mckee Hawkins. Preacher Hawkins was born September 30, 1918 at Cateechee, SC., but spent most of his life in Oconee County after moving to Newry, SC in 1926. A veteran of WWII, he served in the US Navy aboard the YMS363 and participated in several invasions in the Pacific Theatre. In 1951, he was ordained a Baptist minister at Corinth Church in Seneca and in 1952 was called to minister at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. Preacher Hawkins served the church for over 28 years until his retirement. He was Pastor Emeritus at the time of his death. Love of the Lord, family and church were his passions. Fervor and steadfastness were his strengths. The devotion to his wife of 65 years during her long illness was admired by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Dewey and Olin Hawkins; sister, Estelle Russell and great-grandson, James Christian Erpenbeck.

Preacher Hawkins is survived by sons, Terry Hawkins (Martha) of Los Alamos, NM, Roger Hawkins (Marcia) of Walhalla, SC; and daughter, Rachel Bolt

(Ben) of Pendleton, SC; brothers, Ralph and Alton Hawkins; sisters, Lucille Sanders, Ruth Ann Chapman and Jean Roper. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 8 step great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2011, from Poplar Springs Baptist Church with burial to follow in Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Davenport Funeral Home.

The family is at 160 Redland Ranch Road, Walhalla, SC.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 458, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend T.H. Hawkins*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Roger and Family,*
It was such an honor to have known such a good and sweet man. The devotion he gave to Mary I will never see again anywhere. The times Tellie and I had talking with him were some of the best times we had at Lila Doyle. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.
Patty Holcombe##imported-begin##Patty Holcombe##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 11:17 PM



“ *Reverend Hawkins was a "true" man of God and an angel, on this earth.*
He was a wonderful friend to all who knew him and loved him, and that is many, many people.

Your Dad will surely be missed !

God bless and comfort you all,

Annette D. Leroy
Viola G. Duncan & "Gwen" P. tucker##imported-begin##Annette D. Leroy##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Hawkins family. I have very fond memories of Preacher Hawkins as a child. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Lisa Green Arnold##imported-end##

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“ My prayers go out to the family, I always enjoyed hearing him preach.##imported-begin##Sabrina wilbanks Blackwell##imported-end##

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“ Terry & Martha nad the Hawkins family so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. He was a great person and I enjoyed knowing him most of my life he and your Mother were extremetly great people. He was a great pastor also. I know he will be greatly missed. My Prayers are with you all may God strengthen and comfort you all in this time of sorry your friend always Trena Love you##imported-begin##Trena Clayton Riska##imported-end##

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“ Preacher Hawkins was an angel that was sent down to earth by God. I will always remember how hard he preached to get God's word across in Church and it all came from his heart. When I called him at home to see how he was doing, he never had a negative word, he was always happy and asking about how our family was doing. The Lord has called our angel home because his duties here on earth are done and now he will reunite with his beloved wife, Mary. I will miss calling him at home but I know that he would tell me not to be sad because that was his temporary home and God has his final beautiful home waiting for him as he promised. May the family find comfort and peace with God's Light leading the way.##imported-begin##Gailyn D. Housley##imported-end##

February 15, 2011 at 03:57 AM



“ Whenever he would come to Lydia Baptist to visit after retirement, he would sit on the front pew & would always be called upon to lead in prayer. When He prayed in his booming baritone, you knew his Lord and Savior heard every word. We will miss seeing him in his fishing hat driving his old blue truck. Praying for you all while rejoicing in his homegoing.##imported-begin##Tannery Family##imported-end##

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“ Preacher Hawkins has been my inspiration for many years and has been a precious brother in Christ. I loved to hear sing that song about "Heaven". He has had a longing to go home since Mary went home to be with the Lord. He will be greatly missed at church and in the choir. May God bless and comfort his family. Randy & Ruby##imported-begin##Randy & Ruby White##imported-end##

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“ A great man of God went home to be with his Lord.##imported-begin##Wayne Barrett##imported-end##

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“ I loved Preacher Hawkins, as I know many, many people did. He was a very special man to my family, and I have very fond memories of him. I had'nt seen him for many many years, and saw him recently, and he knew exactly who I was. "That little blonde Spearman girl", he called me. Prayers and love to all his family.##imported-begin##Lisa Spearman Driver##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the Hawkins family. You will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##The Rholetters'##imported-end##

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