



Gary J. Hawkins

June 24, 1946 - August 26, 2022

Gary went home to be with the Lord on August 26, 2022.

He was born in Arab, AL to J.C. and Bertha Hawkins. Gary lived in Lakeland, FL most of his life. After graduation from Kathleen Senior High School, Gary served in the U.S. Army, with a rank of SP5/MP - Fort Hood, TX from 1967 - 1969.

Gary retired from Farmland Industries in 2002 after 33 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and worked as a fish guide for Mosaic. In 2021 Gary celebrated 45 years membership in the Lakeland Bassmaster's Club. He was unanimously voted into the LBM Hall of Fame at the 2021 LBM Annual Banquet.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Delores; sister, Patricia Hawkins.

Visitation will be Sat. Sept. 3rd from 10-11 am, with services to follow at 11 am at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Rd. Lakeland. Interment will be at Oak Hill Burial Park.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary J. Hawkins*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - August 31, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MC

Delores, our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. I have know you and Gary for many, many years. Gary was very gracious every time I visited you at your home and the times he shared you with me for our little outings. He shared his love for fishing with me when we looked over his many prize fish mounts and his other memories. His love for you was always apparent and I'm sure it was a treasure to you. His zeal for his beloved sport of fishing and hunting put that sparkle in his eye and smile on his face. I'm so grateful to have known him. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Melissa Cothron

Melissa Cothron - September 01, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I miss you brother....*

your Sister - October 26, 2022 at 02:06 PM

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Melissa Cothron*

Melissa Cothron - September 11, 2022 at 07:57 AM

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“ Gary, you will be sorely missed as a partner, fierce competitor and most of all a dear friend. Even when I fish today I often think about all the good times we use to have. R.I.P my friend. Love you brother....Carl & Tammy Royer

Carl & Tammy Royer - August 31, 2022 at 09:31 AM

NB

“ I first met Gary when I was I about fourteen. Gary had lost his dad . His family moved into our neighborhood next door to one of my best friends Rivere. Gary, his sister Pat and his wonderful mother. For years we all hung out together. Me my brother Carroll,Rivere,Buster and cousin Spooky. We rode bicycles, horses. We fished and hunted and camped together. Carroll and I had a father who loved to hunt and fish. I think he had an influence on Gary. It seemed to have rubbed off on him. We all had a great deal of fun for those years. Later it was fast cars and of course girls. Gary was lucky enough to have met and married a wonderful girl as did I.Delores I know you are going to miss him is an understatement . Your friends Rod and Nancy Bryant.

Nancy Bryant - August 29, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gary J. Hawkins.



August 28, 2022 at 10:10 PM