



Ms. Joy Hawkins

July 2, 1932 - December 17, 2023

Joy Winona Morris Hawkins, born to Martha and Wayne Morris, entered this world on July 2, 1932, surrounded by the love of her family. She was the cherished sister of Jacqueline Morris, Pamela Morris, and Jimmy Wayne Morris. On January 19, 1950, she embarked on a lifelong journey with Donald Lee Hawkins, and their love endured for an incredible 73 years.

Joy's life was blessed with the delights of motherhood, and she leaves behind a legacy of love in her children: Martha Jane (Deceased), Patricia Ann (John O'Neal Jr.) of Mulberry, FL, Donald Richard (Julie/Deceased) of Umatilla, FL, and Donna Louise (Deceased). Her family extended to include 5 grandchildren: Shannon Simmons (Scotty) of Mulberry, FL, Heather Fuentes (Greg) of Mulberry, Kelly Box (Dennis) of Summerfield, FL, Travis Cahill (Susan) of Ocklawaha, Brian Hawkins of Lady Lake, FL, and Donald Albritton (Jamie). In addition, she was the beloved great-grandmother of 16 and the proud great-great-grandmother of 4.

Joy devoted her life to creating a warm and loving home as a dedicated housewife. Her hands skillfully crafted delicious meals, and her sewing needle wove threads of love into every piece she created. As a reader, she found solace and pleasure in the pages of books, and her melodious voice filled the air as she sang with passion and love, especially in worship.

Joy shared countless moments of excitement watching football, baseball, and NASCAR races alongside her beloved husband. Her unwavering commitment to her faith was evident through her active participation in church life. Over the years, she generously shared her voice as a member of the church choir, served as a Sunday School teacher, and guided the youth as a sponsor. For approximately 32 years, Joy was a cherished member of Lone Oak Baptist Church, where her faith and love for her community shone brightly.

Joy Hawkins touched the lives of many with her kindness, warmth, and unwavering faith. Let us remember the beautiful tapestry of her life, woven with love, faith, and countless cherished memories. May her memory live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Services to celebrate Joy's life will be held at Lone Oak Baptist Church, 3505 Lone Oak Road, Plant City, on Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 1:00PM. The family will receive friends from 12:00PM until service time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Mrs. Joy to Good Shepherd Hospice, Lakeland.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lone Oak Baptist Church
3505 Lone Oak Road
Plant City, FL 33567

Funeral Service

DEC 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 21, 2023 at 08:58 AM

GA

“ *Greg and Angie purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*



Greg and Angie - December 22, 2023 at 11:36 AM

AN

“ *Ann purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*



Ann - December 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*



December 21, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Dan and Linda Smith. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*

Dan and Linda Smith. - December 19, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*



December 19, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Joy Hawkins.*



December 19, 2023 at 04:31 PM