



James A Hawkins

July 14, 1930 - August 10, 2020

James (Jim) Hawkins, 92 years old went to be with the Lord on August 10, 2020. He was born on July 14, 1928 to his parents Morris and Gertrude Hawkins in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Jane, and children Jim (Liz), Teresa, Mary (Steve). Grandchildren Clinton, Sami Jo, Steven, Christopher, Mykela, Megan and Jordan, Great Grandchildren Hudson and Hadley. And his beloved dog Max.

Jim joined the Marine Corps in 1944 and served on Iwo Jima and in Korea. He earned a Silver Star, The Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts among numerous other honors. During his service he carried a small black Bible in his front pocket which saved his life when he was shot in his chest. He still has that Bible with the lead in it. After his years in the military, he worked in the Police Force and also became an ordained Minister at the age of 78. Jim went on to become a Chaplin with the Sarasota County Fire Department which he enjoyed dearly. He was a frequent speaker at Veterans events at local schools as well as a practicing Reverend.

A Celebration of life will take place this August 15, 2020 at Faith Baptist Church at 8751 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, Florida at 10:00 AM. Internment with military honors will take place at Sarasota Nation Cemetery, August 28,

2020 at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a local Disabled American Veterans organization.

Arrangements are in the care of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services, 135 N. Lime Ave., Sarasota, FL, 34237, 941.365.1767, www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church
8751 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34240

Burial

AUG 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *James A Hawkins*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *James A Hawkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Jim had such positive impact in so many lives. I'm proud to have had him as part of our life for so many years. He will always be cherished and miss by so many, praying that our Lord give strength to the family in this difficult time.*

Sonia Castillo - August 12, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *I am glad I got to take you to the new Peter in St Pete I am going to miss the laughter's that he would do to get our family laughIng I love you and I will never forget you*



Clinton Hawkins - August 12, 2020 at 12:23 AM



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



August 11, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Clinton Hawkins lit a candle in memory of James A Hawkins*



clinton hawkins - August 11, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *Such an amazing man. We are all blessed to have the Hawkins Family in our lives. May God Bless you all with strength in your memories to get through the upcoming weeks, months and years. Poppy we will miss you. Thank you for all the did you did to make the world a better place. Until we see you again!! Much Love, Dave, Dorothy and Aaron.*



Dorothy - August 11, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Love you 🥹*

clinton hawkins - August 11, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ Jim you were a great man, i learned a lot from you over the years. Your friendship over the last 30 years have meant a lot to me and i will remember all the life lessons. I have a lot of memories though the years. Lets not forget all stories you shared with me about your time in the service.

Tom Giummo - August 11, 2020 at 05:06 PM

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“ Poppy I am glade I got to show you the new pier I will miss the funny jokes. You loved to make us laugh love you poppy I will never forget you 🥹



clinton hawkins - August 11, 2020 at 05:01 PM