



Elmer C. Hawkins

November 13, 1929 - September 1, 2020

Elmer Cecil Hawkins of Decatur passed away at home on September 1, 2020. He is now reunited with his wife Virginia “Ginny” who passed away in 2004.

He was born an only child in Canton, Missouri on Nov. 13, 1929. In 1943, he met Ginny when he moved to Donnelson, Iowa and they were married on Aug. 26, 1951. He graduated from the U of I in 1952 with a degree in Accounting and earned his law degree in 1955. He served in the Army as an auditor until 1957 when they moved to Decatur and he became a founding partner in the law firm of Brown, Hawkins & Basola. He continued to practice law until his death.

During his time in Decatur he was actively involved in the Jaycees, Ambucs, American Trial Lawyers Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Decatur Bar Association, Decatur Illini Club, Landlords Association, First United Methodist Church, volunteered at SCORE, and served on the board of the Cunningham Children’s Home. He taught Accounting and Business Law at Milliken University for 32 years and he was a member of South Side Country Club for over 50 years.

His greatest love was for his family and his life is being celebrated by his surviving children and spouses: Geri McGrath & Tom Lengsfeld, John & Laura Hawkins, Amy & Bill Stice of Chatham; Robert & Susan Hawkins; and Jeff & Mona Hawkins. He also leaves behind his 8 grandchildren: Marni, Jordan, Brynn, Wesley, Austin, Dyllan, Corbin and Avani as well as 9 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services to celebrate Elmer’s life will be at 2:00 PM on September 10, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Decatur with Rev. Dr. Camilla Hempstead officiating. CDC guidelines will be followed. Private burial will be in Mt. Gilead Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a memorial contribution be made to the First United Methodist Church, Decatur.

The family has entrusted Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave.,

Decatur, IL with Elmer's funeral arrangements. Please view his obituary, and share memories and condolences at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>

Cemetery

Mt. Gilead Cemetery

Mt. Gilead Rd.

Decatur, IL, 62521

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

201 West North Street, Decatur, IL, US

Comments



“ Elmer Hawkins was a kind man, always smiling. I worked with him for a short time. He was never in a badd mood just happy.. He will definitely be missed.



Carrie Carter - September 09, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ I have known Elmer and Virginia since I was ten. They were neighbors, family friends, and hired me for my first babysitting job. Through the years, all the Hawkins were like family. Elmer was always kind. I am so sorry for your loss. Joanie Shoemaker Merrill

Joan Merrill - September 09, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ Love, Joel, Jane & famillies, Patty & Paul Johnson purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Elmer C. Hawkins.



Love, Joel, Jane & famillies, Patty & Paul Johnson - September 09, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Elmer was a kind individual who always was quick to smile. In my younger years I had a number of hearings and cases in opposition. He believed that most cases should be settled if possible for all concerned best benefit. I agree with that philosophy. I will miss seeing Elmer in Probate court.

My deepest condolences to Jeff and the rest of the Hawkins family. From the comments made, thank God you have that eternal hope of being reunited for eternity.

Blessings of peace and comfort on all of you.

John GreenLeaf - September 09, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Elmer Hawkins has been my attorney for seventeen years. I have met him on several occasions when I would fly into town. He was always honest, hardworking and generous with his time and professional advice. He was a man to be admired. My condolences to the family and community. Jean Halahan - Halahan Properties

jean halahan - September 09, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ My condolences to Jeri McGrath and her family upon the loss of their loved one.

Barb Bartison

Barbara Bartison - September 12, 2020 at 01:59 AM



“ Fourty Seven years ago, after we moved to St Louis, MO, I called your Dad for a brief conversation regarding my mother living in Niantic. He was always smiling for me and ready to talk. We really appreciated him as a neighbor on Ridge Dr. My wife Ginny and his wife were good friends.

Kenneth Brock - September 14, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Elmer C. Hawkins.



September 08, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Ron Batterham, Jean Canman, and Tom Batterham purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elmer C. Hawkins.



Ron Batterham, Jean Canman, and Tom Batterham - September 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Your Wednesday morning bible study group will certainly miss your knowledge and wisdom. While you were a man of few words, we all knew that when you spoke, we should all listen. May God bless you and keep you until we all meet in heaven.

Troy Swinford - September 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Elmer Hawkins was a great mentor to me when I was working for Woolin, Brown and Hawkins my senior year of high school! He was very kind and pleasant man! My condolences to all the family!

Linda Mathis

Linda Mathis - September 05, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Geri, My sympathy and prayers are with you. I was just thinking about you the other day and wondering how you are. So sorry about your Dad.

June McCormick - September 04, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ I will always remember his visits at the LSA for Grandparent's Day. He was a very gentle soul. Continued prayers for your family.

Ellen Storck - September 04, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ MS Hale lit a candle in memory of Elmer C. Hawkins



MS Hale - September 04, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elmer C. Hawkins.



September 03, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ May you all treasure your wonderful memories of Elmer. He always had a smile and friendly face when we saw him at church. Our world will miss a very kind soul.

Linda and Ralf Henkel - September 02, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Our sincerest sympathy to you all for the loss of your father, grandfather and friend.
John and Joan Stahly

joan stahly - September 02, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Darcy Jones

Darcy Jones - September 02, 2020 at 11:13 AM



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Mark Shoemaker - September 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM



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My heart is shattered with grief. A wonderful mentor, boss and friend for so many years. You brought so much light to my world. To your wonderful family my deepest condolences for your loss of such a great man. Thank you for sharing him. Fly high with your beautiful wife. Job well done thy good and faithful servant.

Cindy - September 01, 2020 at 05:44 PM



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Elmer was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church and held many offices at our church and when I mentioned his name to people working on my project they all knew Elmer and always said wonderful things about him. He helped me and I did appreciate his kindness. Elmer was a lovely Christian man.. Thanks be to God!

Betty Roper - September 02, 2020 at 10:07 PM



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When I was in High School I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Hawkins at the law firm for my Vocational class. I am 56 now and still remember him. He was always very kind to me. I am sorry for your loss...

Tracey Kelly - September 04, 2020 at 02:53 AM