



Alvin R. "Pal" Hawkins

February 22, 1931 - August 7, 2022

On Sunday August 7, 2022, Pal Hawkins went home to be with God and the wife he adored for more than 67 years, Lida Ernestine Miles. Pal loved people and made friends everywhere he went. He raised cattle and catfish, was an avid golfer, and an excellent softball pitcher and batter. He was proud of his 7 hole-in-ones in golf and a .456 batting average at Castle Heights, but his true pride and joy was his family. The highlight for 34 years was the family beach vacation, which included lots of golf and family time.

Born February 22, 1931, Pal was the only child of Dr. Alvin and Mildred Logan Rodeheaver Hawkins. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, but raised in Old Hickory. Pal was a hard worker from a very young age. He worked as a caddy at the golf course, set pins at the bowling alley, and raised pigs on the farm. Pal graduated from DuPont High in 1949 and then spent a year at Castle Heights where he in lettered basketball, baseball, and golf. He attended MTSC before joining the Navy for two years. Upon his return to MTSC, he met Ernestine at a backwards dance and tried to get her to ask him to dance. His initial advances were thwarted, but he saw her in a sewing class the next day and boldly went in to ask her on a date. They were married eleven months later on December 22, 1954, and rarely spent more than a few days apart. Pal fell in love with Ernestine the first time they met, and he loved her more with each passing day.

Pal's home has always been Old Hickory where his roots run deep. He helped with community causes, the children's hospital, and those in need. He was a

president of the Lions Club, American Legion member, OH Country Club board member, and OHUMC Trustee. One day, he passed the Tennessee School for the Blind. With some money in his pocket, he went in and asked what they needed. They replied "love". This spontaneous visit led to Pal organizing a Christmas party for the children for over 50 years; OHUMC shared in this mission. The show of love went both ways!

He is survived by his five sons and family: David (Marjorie) Hawkins, Rody (Vina) Hawkins, Steve Hawkins, Andy (Betty) Hawkins, and Kenny (A.B.) Hawkins; twelve grandchildren: Catherine Hawkins, Kelsey (Samiksha) Hawkins, Kena (William) Newkirk, Kenan Hawkins, Stephen (Hollie) Hawkins, Grace (Michael) Franklin, Ashley Hawkins, Alexis (Zack) Holland, Neal (Esther) Hawkins, Chris (Megan) Hawkins, Matthew Hawkins, Jack Hawkins; two great-grandchildren: Henry Hawkins, Jonah Newkirk. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ernestine.

The family will receive friends at Phillips-Robinson Hadley Chapel, 1700 Hadley Ave. in Old Hickory, on Friday, August 19, 2022, from 4-7 pm and at Old Hickory UMC on Saturday, August 20, from 11 am-Noon, followed by a celebration service. Flowers are appreciated but memorial contributions can be made to Old Hickory UMC. Interment to Follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

PHILLIPS-ROBINSON HADLEY CHAPEL, (615)847-1010.

Cemetery Details

Hermitage Memorial Gardens

535 Shute Ln.
Old Hickory, TN 37138

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Hadley Chapel
1700 Hadley Ave
Old Hickory, TN 37138
(615) 847-1010
info@phillipsrobinson.com
<https://www.phillipsrobinson.com/>

Visitation

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Old Hickory Methodist Church
1216 Hadley Avenue Old Hickory, TN US 37138
Old Hickory, TN 37138

Service

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Alvin R. "Pal" Hawkins

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ Mr and mrs Hawkins were two of the kindest people i have ever met. He was allways telling jokes and mrs Hawkins just would shake her head. The love they held for one another was one only most people could imagine. Raising the family that they did and allways ready to help someone in despair. The world was a much better place with them here. I had the pleasure of working for them for a couple of years and i really miss them. Mr Hawkins loved his cocunut cake, and mrs Hawkins her cherry and peadh cobbler i would make and bring them. Im so s orry to the entire family and may God hold you all close at this time. And to mr and mrs Hawkins love you both, Godbless, untill we meet again.

Lucinda. (Cindy) Davis - August 19, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ Love, Bob and Toni Corbin & Faye Baggett purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Alvin R. "Pal" Hawkins.



Love, Bob and Toni Corbin & Faye Baggett - August 19, 2022 at 01:31 PM

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“ Dear Steve, David, Rody, Andy and Kenny. So sorry to hear about Pal's passing. I'm glad to have so many wonderful memories of him, Ernestine and your whole family. May your memories sustain you. Love you all. Bob and Toni Corbin

Charles Corbin - August 19, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin R. "Pal" Hawkins.



August 18, 2022 at 03:43 PM

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“ Carolina Packers Inc purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alvin R. "Pal" Hawkins.



Carolina Packers Inc - August 16, 2022 at 10:18 AM

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“ Rody, praying for you and your family. Johnny Hayes

Johnny Hayes - August 16, 2022 at 09:47 AM