



CSM (Ret) James Michael Hawkins

October 7, 1943 - October 18, 2019

James Michael Hawkins was born October 7, 1943 in Greensboro, North Carolina. He passed away Friday, October 18, 2019 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville having attained the age of 76 years.

In 1961, James entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1991. He had attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major with the 136th Engineering Brigade and earned several awards and commendations; some of which included: National Defense Service Medal - 2, Army Service Ribbon, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Vietnam Service Medal - 4, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Achievement Medal - 1, Army Commendation Medal - 4, Overseas Service Ribbon - 5, Meritorious Service Medal - 4, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon - 5, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal - 9, Sharpshooter Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle, and Bronze Star Medal.

While serving in the military, James met Sun Im Pak and they were united in marriage on February 2, 1968 in Incheon, Korea. They shared over 51 years of marriage together and were blessed with two sons: James and John "Danny".

After retiring from the military, James began working for the State of Missouri

at the Division of Employment Security and retired after several years of faithful service.

In his spare time, James enjoyed watching and attending any level of baseball games. He was also an adventurous man and enjoyed spelunking. He was a member of the VFW. Most importantly, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

James will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Sun Im Hawkins of St. Robert, MO; two sons: James Hawkins of Killeen, TX and John "Danny" Hawkins (Laura) of New Bloomfield, MO; four grandchildren: Isaiah Hawkins of San Antonio, TX, Tija Hawkins of San Antonio, TX, Joe Garwood (Kayla) of Millersburg, MO and Lydia Garwood of Jefferson City, MO; one great grandchild: Alaina Garwood of Millersburg, MO; three brothers: Charles Hawkins (Brenda) of Forest Hills, MD, Junior Brown of Baltimore, MD and David Brown of the state of Florida; two sisters: Mary Dryden of Baltimore, MD and Libby Sen of Baltimore, MD; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

James is preceded in death by his mother: Jessie Elizabeth Putnam; stepfather: Henry Brown; and two brothers: Eric and John Hawkins.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2019 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with Chaplain (CPT) Father Christopher Dorsey officiating. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of CSM (Ret) James

Hawkins and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Graveside Service

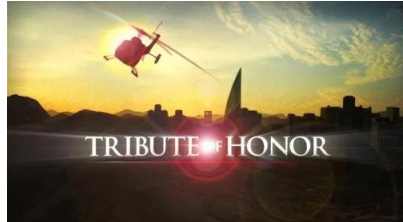
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CSM (Ret) James Michael Hawkins*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 25, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ *CSM (Ret) James Michael Hawkins*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to CSM (Ret) Hawkins family and friends in addition to the many civilians and military members he served with throughout the years. Rest In Peace!*



CSM(R) Harold and Brigitte Bureson - October 21, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) James Michael Hawkins*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - October 21, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 21, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ *James (Jim to me) Hawkins. Great neighbor and friend. Next door neighbors always brother in arms. Rest peacefully and we shall watch over your wife as you will in heaven. Your neighbors and friends Joe and Sun Wilkinson.*



Joe - October 19, 2019 at 11:06 AM