



# *James "Jimmy" Hawkins*

**Feb. 1, 1953 - Jan. 10, 2026**

James "Jimmy" Hawkins, 72, of Morganton, NC, passed away Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Born in Lawndale, NC on February 1, 1953, he was the son of the late John Sidney Hawkins and Faye Prewitt Hawkins

Jimmy was a member of Mt. Home Baptist Church. He loved family, his church, and his church family. Mr. Hawkins enjoyed working, fishing, cars, and old hotrods. He also enjoyed cruising through the country, checking out vehicles and finding good spots to eat.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Kathy Banks Hawkins; sons, Josh Hawkins (Nikki) and Brandon Hawkins (Sarah); daughter, Wendy Hawkins Mull (Michael); and grandchildren, Sidney, Zion, Xander, and Sabella.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, January 18, 2026 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Revs. Ethan Cromer and Rocky Hartman officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the

arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



Jimmy and my husband Dean were best friends for years. When Helene hit our area, we had so much damage it was overwhelming. Jimmy brought equipment to pick up fallen timber around our house. Dean was so relieved to see him that he almost cried. Dean passed away on July 12, 2025. Every Wednesday, I would get a call from Jimmy asking if there was anything I needed done. I know Dean and Jimmy are together now.

—Donna Gouge

Our sincerest condolences go out to Jimmy's family. We know he will be sorely missed. We have known Jimmy for many years, having worked with him, and been close friends for all of those years. Jimmy has been faithful to call and check on us almost weekly since our declining health. He has always been faithful to pray for us and put us on his church's prayer list. He has worked for us on many occasions and always told us if he was needed to just give him a call. Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart." Our prayers will be with the family. Ralph and Joy Keaton

—Ralph and Joy Keaton

To Josh and Wendy, my sincere sympathies to you and your families. I know this has been so difficult to accept when it wasn't expected. Never easy for anyone no matter what the circumstances are. Please know that all the many memories you

have with your dad in time will help you to accept what you weren't able to change. Love you and will pray for you at this time. Your friend, Karen Brown

—Karen Brown



RIP

—Anonymous

Jimmy was so much fun. Jack and I always enjoyed our time with him through the years. Love and sympathy to all his dear family. He will certainly be missed!  
Guinn Huffman

—Guinn Huffman

Praying for the family in the days ahead .. May Gods loving arms wrap you in comfort and peace ..we all Graduated from Salem 1971.. Steve Diane Duckworth Rhodes

—Diane Steve Rhodes



—Richard Branch



Our prayers are with you through this trying time. May God's grace see you through. We love you.

—Benny & Barbara Childers

Extending my condolences. May God Bless the family

—Cecelia Surratt



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To the Family we are so sorry may God give you peace and comfort during this time . We went to Salem High graduating 1971. Another lost to our class . And to your Family .. I know his Sweet Mom and Dad are rejoicing! Steve Diane Duckworth Rhodes

—Diane Steve Rhodes

So sorry for your loss prayers for your family

—Kimberly Smart Benfield



—Edna Suttles

Praying for comfort and peace for this sweet family during this difficult time!!  
May God wrap his arms around each family member!! He will truly be missed by all !!

—Carolyn Stamey

I just saw Jimmy a few weeks ago, and we chatted about being old, etc. I cannot believe he's gone. He was a huge part of the Salem High School class of 1971, and he will be missed. Josh, Wendy and Brandon I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Kathy please accept my deepest condolences.

—Sheila Roberts



Prayers to each of you during this difficult time. Jimmy was a good person, willing to help anyone he could in any way. I know he is walking among the angels today.

—Pat Simpson



To the family of Jimmy Hawkins I m sorry for your loss man he was a good one he was just over at the house the other day sitting under the shed with me and my uncle Eddie johnson we talked and mane this hit hard and shocked us all I give my sincerely thought s and prayer for this family gona miss Jimmy him driven a a different vehicle every time he came over I would be like Jimmy what u driven today we laughed and cut up alot under that shed Eddie johnson is gona miss him as we all are praying for the family sorry for your loss praying

—Ashley Johnson



I am one of Jimmy's many cousins, I am so sorry to hear of



his passing. We went to school together at Salem and worked together at J Iverson Riddle Center. He had a contagious laugh and we had many good times at work. May God comfort you now and in the coming days. Rama Jean and Bruce Franklin

—Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin



Family, Our hearts are so broken to hear of the passing of Jimmy & for all of you! He was a forever best friend that we loved very much and will be so missed. May God put his arms around you all and give you strength, peace and comfort that only he can give. You all are in our thoughts & prayers. We love you all. Jimmy this is not goodbye it's see ya later.

—Chris & Kim Mace & Family