



## William Horace Hawkes

February 24, 1947 - September 17, 2021

William Horace Hawkes answered the Master's Call on Friday, September 17, 2021. He was born to the late Welton and Rosa Brown Hawkes on February 24, 1947, in the Earls community of Amelia County, VA. "Horace", as he was affectionately known, attended the Manassa Hill Elementary, Russell Grove Elementary School and Russell Grove High School. He loved high school where he played baseball, basketball, and was involved in extracurricular organizations including New Farmers of America, Math and Science Club, including being inducted into the National Honor Society.

At an early age, Horace confessed his life to Christ and walked with Christ until he was called home. He was baptized and became a member of the Manassa Hill Baptist Church where he was a devoted member and served in multiple ministries of the church. In July 2011, he and his wife moved their membership to the Mosby Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. Since joining Mosby, he has faithfully served as a trustee, an usher, and member of the Finance Committee, Men's Ministry and Food Service Ministry.

On October 4, 1969, Horace married the former Bessie Crayton. To this union, they were blessed with a daughter, Yolanda. They enjoyed fifty-one years of marriage. During their time together, they worked

together and served together – in the church and in the community. Additionally, they enjoyed traveling to such places as Hawaii, Alaska, Jamaica, Haiti, Canada, Mexico, and The Bahamas.

As a dutiful servant of the community, there was no project too big or too small. Horace was a dedicated member and leader in the Virginia Free & Accepted Masons, Inc, with both Silver Trowel Lodge #267 and Henrico Lodge #041 for over 40 years. He also served in the Eastern Henrico Ruritan Club where he held numerous officer positions. At the state level, he was elected as Zone Governor II and was named “Ruritan of the Year” of 2010. One of his most notable achievements with the Ruritans, was being named a national Tom Downing Fellow in 2012 for unselfish personal effort.

Horace’s love for Amelia County, or “the country”, was demonstrated in his passion for the outdoors where he loved to hunt, farm and fish. As an avid hunter, he loved to go up the country to get out with his dogs during rabbit and deer season. He and his father started the Hideaway Hunt Club which grew to over 20 regular members. When hunting season was over, he would go “down to the river” to see what he could catch, tend to his garden, or spend time doing yardwork. You could take the man out of the country but couldn’t take the country out of the man. In his younger years, you might catch him on the baseball field where he played with the Scott’s Fork Tigers and Richmond Braves.

It was safe to say, he was always busy, whether at work or play. Never one who shied away from an honest day’s work, Horace started his work career immediately after high school at Dollie Madison Industries in Blackstone, VA and then on to Sonoco Products until he moved to Richmond. He began working at Western Electric which

would eventually become a part of AT&T and then Lucent Technologies where he retired. In 1998, he stepped into entrepreneurship with a trash collection business which serviced customers from portions of eastern Henrico and Charles City counties.

Everything he did, he gave 110%.

Horace was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Welton "BoBo" Hawkes. Surviving to cherish the memories of Horace are his devoted wife, Bessie Crayton Hawkes; his beloved daughter, Yolanda Hawkes; his sisters, Rosetta Archie (John) and Katherine Banks; nephew, Robert Archie (Michelle); nieces Johnnell McLamb (Patrick), and Melanie Banks; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins (who were like brothers and sisters), other relatives, and

# Cemetery Details

## Manassa Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **25**. 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Homegoing Celebration with live streaming

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for William Horace Hawkes, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 21, 2021 at 09:34 AM

RA

*Sister Bessie and the Hawkes family. I was saddened to learn of the passing of Trustee Hawkes, but God knew what was best for brother William and lifted him up where he now belongs. As a member of the associate clergy staff at MMBC, I offer my deepest condolences to you and the family. Know that clergy at MMBC have and will continue to keep you and the family in our prayers. Sincerely, Rev. Jacqueline Anderson*

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**Rev Jacqueline Anderson** - September 27, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *William Horace Hawkes*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JH

“ To the Hawkes Family: Just finished watching that beautiful, spirit-filled and uplifting Homegoing and Celebration of Life Service for Horace. Praying that the Message delivered by Rev. Davis will give you peace and comfort and strengthen you when you experience those difficult times as your lives continue with his absence. Just know that he is in Heaven looking down on you and awaiting the time when you will reunite again. Let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.

*With Our Deepest Sympathy, Love and Friendship, Herbert and Joyce Hicks*

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**Joyce G Hicks** - September 27, 2021 at 01:04 PM

DP

“ To Bessie and Family: We were saddened to hear of Horace's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Herbert will always remember the fun-filled days playing baseball with Horace and working with him at Sonoco. May God surround you with his loving arms of comfort.

*Herbert and Deborah Pegram, Richmond, VA*

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**Deborah Pegram** - September 25, 2021 at 04:36 PM

RM

To The Hawkes Family. I am Truly Sorry For Your Loss. 🌸 Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all. 🙏  
*Ruth Milner and Family.*

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**Ruth Milner** - September 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM

KJ

*I am so sorry to learn of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are certainly with you and I know the power of an ALL MIGHTY GOD will see you through.*

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**Kacem L. Brazil, Jr** - September 28, 2021 at 10:20 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Booker lit a candle in memory of William Horace Hawkes*



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**barbara booker** - September 24, 2021 at 04:17 PM

BB

*To Bessie, Rosetta, Catherine and the Hawkes family: Our deepest condolences to you and family. Pray Gods strength during this difficult time. Your Sincerely Thomas & Barbara Booker*

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**barbara booker** - September 24, 2021 at 04:25 PM

BB

*Bessie, Rosetta, Catherine & the Hawkes family, Our deepest condolences to you. May God's strength be with you at this difficult time. Sincerely Thomas & Barbara Booker.*

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**barbara booker** - September 24, 2021 at 04:36 PM

PB

*Extending deepest sympathy..  
Find comfort in God our Father .*

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**Phyllis Brown** - September 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *He always gave us a rabbit during hunting season. Love Waverly and Mary Jones*

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**Mary R. Jones** - September 24, 2021 at 06:31 AM

CB

“ Prayers for the family of Mr.Hawkes. I've known him for about 8 years and he made me feel as if I was family. He was a man of his word , hard worker and a great friend. I truly appreciate the time god put you in my life.

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**Cory Baskerville** - September 23, 2021 at 08:21 PM

GB

“ It is with our deepest sympathy to the family for the lost of Mr. Hawkes. Please know that we send our love and condolences to Mrs. Hawkes and their daughter. He will be truly missed at Mosby Memorial Baptist Church.

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**Gerald,Carlise, Germaine and Toni Blakey** - September 23, 2021 at 06:21 PM

CS

“ Chris Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of William Horace Hawkes



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**chris stokes** - September 22, 2021 at 04:01 PM

CS

“ Chris Stokes lit a candle in memory of William Horace Hawkes



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**chris stokes** - September 22, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 20, 2021 at 11:37 AM

CB

*You have my Deepest Condolences. Be Blessed. Classmate,  
Chermine Tyler- Booker*

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**Chermine Booker** - September 21, 2021 at 09:10 AM

CB

*Hawkes Family have my Deepest Condolences*

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**Chermine Booker** - September 21, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JC

*BESSIE, YOU AND THE FAMILY HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY,  
PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE LOVED.*

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**JANICE COVINGTON** - September 22, 2021 at 02:56 PM

AP

*To Bessie, Yolanda, and the Entire Family of Classmate, William  
Horace Hawkes,*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Horace's memory will  
live on in our hearts as we remember him for being a quietly competent  
and very pleasant individual who was always a joy to be around. He  
was definitely one of a kind!*

*We will forever treasure the memories of our sweet classmate and wish  
the very best for you, his family.*

*-Alberta Person, on behalf of the Russell Grove Class of 1965*

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**Alberta Eggleston Person** - September 22, 2021 at 05:46 PM

JH

*Bessie, Yolanda and the Hawkes Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. Look to God for strength and He will provide you with peace, comfort you and give you everything that you stand in need of. May the special memories of all you shared with Horace fill your heart and bring you peace in the days, months and years ahead. With Our Deepest Sympathy and Love, Herbert and Joyce Hicks*

**Joyce G Hicks** - September 26, 2021 at 11:01 PM

MG

*A wonderful Co Worker and friend! Prayers and Condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Horace.*

**Michael Dennis Gray** - September 27, 2021 at 02:55 AM



*Bessie and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we know God will cover you with His love. May the awesome memories of Horace always provide strength and comfort.*

*Sincerely,  
Your 1964 Classmates  
Russell Grove High School*

**Joyce Perkinson** - September 27, 2021 at 10:18 AM