



Joe H. Hawkins

February 4, 1935 - March 24, 2006

Joe H. Hawkins, age 71 of Gobles, passed away Friday, March 24, 2006 at his home. Joe was born February 4, 1935 in Porters Falls, West Virginia, the son of Melvin and Zona (Fair) Hawkins. He has lived in the Gobles area all of his life where he graduated from Gobles High School in 1954 and was a proud member of the 1954 Class D Basketball State Champions and a member of the Gobles High School Hall of Fame. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, retired from Rockwell Int. where he worked for 30 years, worked at Alloy Steel, Gobles for 8 years, and was a member of the American Legion Post 89, Allegan and the F.O.E., Allegan. Joe loved to fly, owned his own airplane and also restored an airplane; he enjoyed building model aircraft for his children and grandchildren, loved Harley Davidsons, was a vintage car enthusiast, and enjoyed ice fishing. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and attending his class reunions. Surviving are his wife, Sue; 3 children, Wanda (Paul) Miller of Gobles, Dale (Rhonda) Hawkins of Battle Creek, Carol (Jeff) Welcher of Plainwell; 7 grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, and Thomas Miller, Alyssa Weaver, Lauren Hawkins, Sydney and Ryan Welcher; 1 sister, Sis (Paul) Filip of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers. The family will meet friends on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta. The family suggest memorials to the Wings of Hope Hospice, Allegan.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fort Custer National Cemetery
15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, Mi

Tribute Wall



“ *To all of my family.. I was with you in prayer and I am sad that I wasn't there to be with you all. To my Uncle Joe...I will never forget the laughs or the fun times that we shared. You will forever be remebered in my heart and in my memories!!! I love you..##imported-begin##Amanda Tewell##imported-end##*

March 31, 2006 at 03:04 PM



“ *Hi Carol,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prays are with you and your Family at this time.

Love and God Bless,

Laurie and Terry Brower##imported-begin##Laurie Brower##imported-end##

March 27, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ Carol,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time.

My thoughts and Prayer are with all of you.

It's never easy losing a loved one, it seems like the whole world stops. It doesn't, and that is where you need your family and friends the most. The love that you have for your father will always be in your heart.

We have to trust and have faith in God knowing that he's in control.

There is always a reason for all things that happen in our lives. We may not know what it is now, but someday we will.

I'm glad that I was able to meet your dad even if it was for a short moment. He seem to be a nice, caring loving man.

Stay strong for your Mom, she'll need you even more now. Jeff take care of our Carol she'll need lots of love.

Your Friend Always,

Kim###imported-begin##Kim Christman###imported-end##

March 27, 2006 at 10:36 AM



“ Dale,

I want you to know how very much your visits meant to our family when our mom passed away in 1998 and then recently when our dad died in February. Somehow the comfort that is drawn from old friends and old memories is remarkably healing. I am blessed that the friendship you have shared for so many years with John has spilled over into my life. Please know that you and your mom and the rest of your family are in our prayers. I pray that God's grace and peace will sustain you in the days and months to come, and that the precious memories you have of your dad will be a healing balm.

*In deepest sympathy,
Dan and Lori (Willsea) Miller*

Psalm 34:18a "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted."##imported-begin##Lori Miller##imported-end##

March 26, 2006 at 08:28 PM



“ I have such great memories of being in the Hawkins home during my high school years, up to one thing or another with Dale. I always knew I would need to run the gauntlet of Mr. Hawkins and his ribbing me for buying my little Honda Civic "jap crap" car, especially after it blew an engine. I also remember countless hours spent playing ping pong in the basement and being coached on the games finer points. He was a master, and you knew you were getting better when you could score a good serve, even though winning a game against him was rare.

He was a special man who was deeply faithful to his wife and family. His abiding presence was felt throughout their home. He will be dearly missed.

Our family is praying for you as you walk through your grief. May you say, even as David did in Psalm 16:1, "Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge."

*With all our love,
John Willsea and family##imported-begin##John
Willsea##imported-end##*

March 26, 2006 at 06:49 PM