



## Jerry D. Hawkins

January 27, 1934 - August 1, 2019

Jerry D. Hawkins, 85, of Manteno IL, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL.

He was born January 27, 1934 in Chicago, IL, the son of Albert John and Evelyn T. (Ahlberg) Hawkins.

He married Josephine Vallette (Murray) on March 15, 1956 in Chicago.

Jerry was a mechanical design engineer at Continental Can Company for 40 years. He served our country in the US Army. Jerry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manteno and he also worked as a volunteer with Riverside Medical Center – Senior Advantage as a SHIP Counselor. He enjoyed playing golf, reading and working as a handyman.

Surviving are his children Joanne “Jodi” Hawkins (Art Tuveson) of Exeter, RI; William (Clara) Hawkins of Clovis, NM; James (Dana) Hawkins of Manteno; and Janet (Robert) Huber of Hobart, IN; sister Miriam (Gerald) Pignatiello of Manteno; grandchildren Natasha, Carl and Danielle Hawkins; Bobby (fiancée Christina Bredwell), Ryan and Jack Huber; Devon (Maria), Jordan and Paige Burgard; great-grandchildren Zayven, Robert, Ava, Zander and Mia.

Preceding him in death were his wife and parents.

A service will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church at 64 South Walnut Street, Manteno, IL, with the Rev. Chrystal Abbott officiating. Visitation will be at 10:00 am until the service which begins at 11:00 am. There will be a luncheon at the church immediately following the service. Brown-Jensen Funeral home is handling the arrangements. Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon, on a future date.

Memorials may be made to The Cradle Foundation or online at [www.cradle.org](http://www.cradle.org).

Please sign Jerry's online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
64 South Walnut  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry D. Hawkins*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Hawkins.*



August 09, 2019 at 06:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Hawkins.*



August 08, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Jodi,  
We're thinking of you back here in RI. I'm truly sorry for your loss.  
My deepest condolences to you and your family. Please let us know  
if you need anything.  
Joe Wilbur and Courtney Mackey*

**Joe Wilbur** - August 07, 2019 at 04:25 PM

WS

“ I knew Jerry through Senior Advantage where he and I volunteered. He was a very kind man. Family was his main subject of conversation. His love of family was for all to see. It was interesting to hear him tell stories. He will not be forgotten. Deepest sympathy.  
Wendy Skarstad

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**Wendy Skarstad** - August 07, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Hawkins.



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August 07, 2019 at 08:11 AM

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“ The Cobles purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jerry D. Hawkins.



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**The Cobles** - August 06, 2019 at 12:17 PM

MD

“ I can't reminisce about my childhood without thinking of the Hawkins family. When I think about Jerry, I remember all the summer vacations and camping trips our families took together - Paw Paw Lake, Nashville, IN, Greenfield, IN, King's Island, Mammoth Cave, Disney World. Such fond memories of camping and swimming. And the Christmas's we shared! Your living room piled high with gifts for twelve people!

*I remember the slide shows he put together (back in the days before electronics turned digital!) I remember how he DIDN'T yell at me after I broke the dish I was making lemon jello in and it spilled all over and down inside the stove he had just cleaned! I remember cutting my leg pretty badly on one of our camping trips and he decided that I didn't need stitches and bandaged me up. I remember him standing in the camper doorway during a rainstorm, grinning and watching, waiting to see which of us girls in the tent was going to brave the storm to go outside and close the tent flaps!*

*There are so many memories to treasure forever. He will be missed. We were truly blessed for Jerry (and Jo) having been a part of our lives. Love and sympathy to the whole Hawkins clan,*

*Mary Dallmann*

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**Mary Dallmann** - August 05, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Hawkins.



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August 05, 2019 at 03:08 PM

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“ Janet,  
Sending sincere condolences to you, lifting  
your family in prayer. May you find comfort in  
Gods grace during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy Ragon



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**Kathy Ragon** - August 05, 2019 at 10:11 AM