



## Dayton Hawkins

February 25, 1939 - October 26, 2024

Dayton Hawkins, 85, Carbondale, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Dayton was born February 25, 1939, in Axtell, Kansas, the son of Fountain and Rachael Rogers Hawkins. He graduated from Axtell High School in 1958. Dayton joined the United States Army in November 1958 and served until November 1960. He married Elinor Porting at St. Michael Catholic Church in Axtell on December 27, 1958. Dayton was an electrical lineman, working for Midwest Line Builders until 1988 and Kansas City Power & Light until retirement in 2000. He was a member of IBEW Local 304, Knights of Columbus, and Christ the King Catholic Church. He enjoyed hunting and woodworking, and when his children were younger, he coached their sports teams. Dayton also loved following his grandchildren's numerous sporting events – there was no bigger fan.

Dayton is survived by his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Elinor, with whom he shared 65 years of marriage. He was a loving and supportive father to his children, Debbie Smith (Greg), Rick Hawkins (Orrie), Julie Talley (Danny), Todd Hawkins (Stacie), and Kim Long (Jim); grandchildren, Danielle Smith, Charmaine Simmons (Shaun), Wayne Hawkins (Amalia), Cole Longstaff (Amber), Morgan Hale, Sheay Jackson (Austin), Lexi Vela (Keanu), Daniel Talley, Garrett Talley (Jenna), Shelby Talley, Taylor Hawkins, Kylie

Hawkins, Josh Long, John Long and Jaycee Long; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Clayton Hawkins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Harold, Norma Lee Hirt, and John Lynn Hawkins.

His children and grandchildren will deeply miss him and cherish the memories of his love, playfulness, gentleness, amazing laugh, and unwavering faith in Christ.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 4, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka, KS 66614. The committal service will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Saint Michael Cemetery in Axtell.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church or Christ the King Catholic Church and sent in the care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Michael Cemetery

30th Road  
Axtell, KS 66403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Rosary

NOV 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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**NOV 4. 10:30 AM (CT)**

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th St  
Topeka, KS 66614-1973  
(785) 273-0710

## **Committal Service**

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**NOV 4. 3:00 PM (CT)**

Saint Michael Cemetery  
30th Road  
Axtell, KS 66403

# Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



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November 04, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ AC Disaster Consulting purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



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**AC Disaster Consulting** - November 03, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ AC Disaster Consulting planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dayton Hawkins.

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**AC Disaster Consulting** - November 03, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



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November 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dayton Hawkins.

November 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ Dave and Cara Clingenpeel purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



Dave and Cara Clingenpeel - November 02, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Lori ,Frank Zeller and Family purchased the Simp ly Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



Lori ,Frank Zeller and Family - November 01, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dayton Hawkins.

November 01, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dayton Hawkins.*



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November 01, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Lauren Davis/Kristy Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dayton Hawkins.*



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**Lauren Davis/Kristy Moore** - October 31, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dayton Hawkins.*



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October 31, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dayton Hawkins.*

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October 31, 2024 at 10:34 AM

MG

“ To the Hawkins family I’m sending prayers and condolences for the passing of Mr Hawkins. I had the blessing to know him while I had his children at Topeka West and the pleasure of working with Kim on the BB court. A wonderful family My thoughts are with you. Mike Goehring

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**mike goehring** - October 30, 2024 at 04:25 PM

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“ Melvin, Linda, Tracie, Rick, Brian & Abby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dayton Hawkins.



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**Melvin, Linda, Tracie, Rick, Brian & Abby** - October 30, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TN

“ Elinor, Debbie and family,

*I'm so very sorry to read about Dayton today. My heart goes out to all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tara Merkel Nicholas*

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**Tara Nicholas** - October 28, 2024 at 01:57 PM



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



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October 28, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dayton Hawkins.*



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October 28, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Your family at BRW Architects planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dayton Hawkins.*

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**Your family at BRW Architects** - October 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Your family at BRW Architects purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dayton Hawkins.*



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**Your family at BRW Architects** - October 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Dayton*

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**Lavon Vossen** - October 28, 2024 at 10:01 AM

BK

*So sorry for your loss.*

*Love Bonny Kester*

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**Bonny Kester** - October 29, 2024 at 12:43 AM